



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



15th November 2019

## Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Eliza Avery	Gracie Clegg
Theo Drinkwater	Logan Steer
Heidi Long	Jessica Kneeshaw
Keiran Robinson	Charlie Bullock
Freya Byrne	Paige Duval

## SCHOOL AND PARISH BARN DANCE Friday 22nd November at 6.30 pm

Please join us for this fundraiser which promises to be an evening of fun and dancing.

This is the first time we have organised a dance jointly between the school and parish. The children will be 'rehearsing' some of the dances in school before the evening. Please come along and give them a chance to show off their new skills.

Tickets are £2 each and will be sold at the entrance.



The event is a 'Shared Meal' and we ask everyone to bring a plate to share at the buffet. Tea, coffee and squash will be provided.

## Dates

19th Nov	Stingray swimming lesson
21st Nov	<b>Reception/Dolphin Forest School</b>
21st Nov	Turtle Exeter trip
22nd Nov	<b>Stingray/ Starfish Library Visit</b>
22nd Nov	Parish and School Barn Dance
26th Nov	<b>Stingray swimming lesson</b>
27th Nov	KS2 Romans and Celts Day
28th Nov	<b>Reception/Dolphin Forest School</b>
29th Nov	Friends' Bake Sale

**20/21 term dates are now on the school website.**

## School Clubs

Below are the clubs that are running this term, the finishing time and the adult responsible for the club.

<b>Monday</b>	Football for KS1 - Mr Vile (4.30) Marvellous Maths - Mrs Sharman (4.15) Y3/4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Netball - Mrs Hobart (4.30)
<b>Thursday</b>	KS2 Football (Paid club) Y6 Civic Award club - Mrs Soby (4.30) <b>No Choir Club on 21st Nov</b> Gardening KS2 - Mrs Harrison (Paid club)

**ATTENDANCE** Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

1st Nov - 7th Nov	<b>TURTLE</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
8th Nov - 14th Nov	<b>TURTLE</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Coombeshead Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 1PT Tel: 01626 352559

Email: [admin@sjna.uk](mailto:admin@sjna.uk)

Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne

Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Governor for Child Protection: Sophie Scagell

## Youth Club at St Joseph's Church Hall

A new **Youth Club** will be starting for **Young People** in **Year 5 to Year 11**.

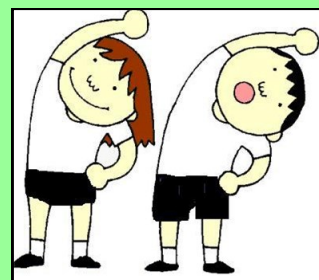
Meeting every fortnight from 6.30pm to 8pm.

**Starting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<b>Games</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Quiz nights</b>
<b>Crafts</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Discussions</b>	



Please help your child with their learning in Physical Education by ensuring that they have the correct PE kit in school every day of the week.



**Navy blue shorts**

**White t-shirt or polo shirt**

**Suitable trainers**

**Navy blue tracksuits or jogging bottoms may be worn in the winter**

It is essential that they all children are achieving and making progress in this important area of learning by being fully involved in their lessons.

### Attendance

Attendance is one of our highest priorities at St Joseph's. Attendance which is even slightly low can impact on your child's learning and social skills as well as whole school outcomes.



Attendance below 95% is too low and below 90% is known as 'Persistent Absence'. This can lead to Local Authority intervention. Coughs and colds are very common in school, but should not be a reason to keep your child at home. It is better to send them into school - we will always call home if your child is very unwell.

Evidence shows that pupils with good attendance are both more academically and socially secure. Getting to school on time also means that pupils are settled in class and don't miss the start of their learning.

### St Joseph's Friends Events

#### 29th November - Bake Sale

Please help to make this event a success by sending in your baked donations in the morning and making sure that your children have 50p to spend at the sale.



#### 16th December KS1 Disco 4.30 - 5.30 pm

#### KS2 Disco 6.00 - 7.00 pm

More details will follow nearer to the events.

#### 20th December Chocolate Raffle

In December we will be asking for donations of chocolate to support this event. Raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday 16th December.



## FREE personalised advice from fully trained advisers on:

- Energy debt
- Energy savings
- Switching suppliers

We can come to your community group or arrange 1-2-1 consultations.



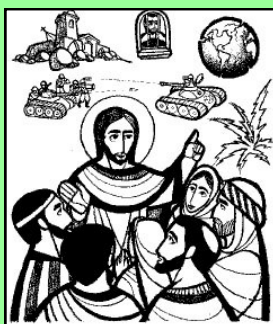
Contact:  
martin@devoncommunities.org.uk  
aggie@devoncommunities.org.uk  
01392 248919  
www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/big-energy-saving-network



1 in 10 households in Devon are classed as 'fuel poor'. Help us support communities to fight fuel poverty this winter.

*Dear Lord,  
We pray for  
Christians  
and people of  
other faiths who are  
persecuted and encounter  
troubles for their beliefs.  
May they be protected  
and given all the help  
that they need.*

*Amen*



## Accelerated Reader

Over the last couple of years we have been using Accelerated Reading (AR) as a tool to support our teaching of reading. AR is not our only tool in the teaching of reading, and neither is it our only way of assessing children's reading.

As you would expect, we are constantly reviewing our teaching and pupils' learning to ensure we are confident that children are enjoying their reading, making good progress and achieving well.

Encouraging a love for reading is key to children reading widely and often, with fluency and comprehension, and our monitoring tells us that our children's love for reading could be better developed. As a result, we are reviewing our approach to the use of AR to ensure that it is as effective as possible in supporting our teaching of reading. Feedback from pupils tells us that the quizzing has become more important to them than the reading, and the love of reading is coming second to the love of quizzing, with children often picking short books so that they can quiz more often. Quizzing does not teach children, it just gives an indication of their comprehension of what they are reading, and there are many ways that teachers can get this information.

All children currently using AR will continue to do so. Teachers complete STAR tests at intervals over the year as one way to measure progress. All children completed a STAR test at the beginning of the school year and will take another one over the next couple of weeks. After their second STAR test, quizzing will be suspended until the third STAR test is taken in the Spring Term. Children will continue to read within their ZPD range, and class teachers will continue to teach reading through class and guided reading lessons. This will all be explained to the children by their teachers in the coming weeks.

During the period of quizzing being suspended, we will continue to work with pupils to promote a love of reading and ensure that good progress and achievement is secured. We will make a decision about the possible re-launch of quizzing in the Spring Term. If you have any concerns about your child's reading, their love of reading, or their achievement, please see your child's class teacher.