



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

19th October 2018

Stars of the Week

is an opportunity to celebrate our Learning Stars.

Congratulations to:

★ Logan Steer	★ Lily-Mae Gould
★ Imogen Voisey	★ Isla McKinley
★ Freya Barry	★ Joseph Ritchie
★ Paige Duval	★ William Stackhouse
★ Preslee Seymour	★ Maria Warren

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements out of school during Prayer and Praise.

Congratulations to **Isla Hoskin** for receiving an **outstanding achievement award** for Dance.

Please bring your certificates and awards to the office.

Thank you to Mrs Woods for running Choir Club on Thursday lunchtimes. The children sound amazing.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the classes with the highest weekly attendance:

5th-11th Oct	WOODPECKER	97.4%
12th-18th Oct	WOODPECKER	99%

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Dates

Dates for the term are on the school website.

29th Oct	Non pupil day
31st Oct	Last day for Y6 Secondary School applications
31st Oct	Y3/4 Tag Rugby Event
1st Nov	All Saints Mass (school) 2.00pm
2nd Nov	No Prayer and Praise (due to whole school Mass on 1st)
9th Nov	Non pupil day
16th Nov	Children in Need/Diabetes Day



It's not always easy to ask for donations these days, so we have started using easyfundraising, a really clever website that turns your online purchases into free donations, at no extra cost to you. Yes really, something for nothing! The businesses make the donation every time you shop online, not you.

It means you can help us raise much needed funds really easily – simply shop with any of over 3,300 online retailers including Amazon, Argos, Asda, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Lego, Next, Currys, M&S and so many more, and when you make a purchase, the retailer will send us a free donation. It's as simple as that!

Please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostjopsna/> and click 'support us'. It's quick and easy to register and once registered even easier to raise money. If you're thinking of starting your Christmas shopping early to get ahead of the rush, sign up now and start making money for your child's school. Thank you!

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Operation Christmas Child



Leaflets have been sent home today with details of how you can help support this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal.

Choose whether your box is for a boy or girl, decide which age group, and have fun choosing exciting gifts: colouring pens, a notepad, a soft toy, a ball, a puzzle, a toy car, hair clips, gloves, toothpaste and toothbrush, wrapped soap, and so much more.

We understand that filling a whole shoe box is expensive, so you are welcome to donate individual gifts too. Visit our website for more information. We will be collecting your shoeboxes and gifts until Tuesday 13th November.

Be a Chorister for a Day

Exeter Cathedral Choristers taster day
1st December. Ages 7-9.

Application forms are available from:
www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/sing



One Million Children Praying the Rosary—18th October

Yesterday, St Joseph's pupils joined one million children in thirty eight countries around the world in praying the Holy Rosary.

We prayed particularly for personal peace and family peace, as well as unity and peace throughout the world.

The word "rosary" originally meant "crown of roses," which is a symbol of the Virgin Mary. A rosary is a string of beads divided into five groups of ten beads by one bead, with a strand of five beads and a crucifix that hang from the bottom. Each bead has prayers that go along with it. These prayers focus on the life of Jesus.

We thank our parish friends for joining us and sharing their personal experiences of praying the Rosary.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available in school for a donation to the appeal after half term.



Packed Lunches

We have recently become concerned about the amount of food waste collected from packed lunches. Our concern is two fold:

1. Children are not eating the lunch that their parents have prepared. This means that they may be going into class without the benefit of a healthy and nutritious lunch to see them through the afternoon's learning. It is also a waste of parents' money and time.
2. The amount of waste the school is creating is avoidable and can be reduced. This supports our pupils' work on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, a profound invitation to everyone on the planet to care for our common home.

For these reason we will ensure that all uneaten food and waste, within reason, will be kept in the lunchbox and returned home with the child so that parents are able to monitor their child's food consumption.



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School Council 2018/19

We were happy to announce our School Council Representatives for this academic year at assembly on Friday 19th October. The following are the proud representatives elected by their class:-

KINGFISHER	Jack Slatter
	Freya Barry
WOODPECKER	Cormac Malone
	Carla East
SWALLOW	Sophia Phillips
	Ellie East

We wish them well in their new roles.

House Captains 2018/19

We were delighted to receive applications for the position of House Captain. We wish our new House Captains a successful year:

Bradley	Maria Warren
Ingsdon	Ellie East
	Laurel Mann
Forde	Owen Steer
	Sophia Phillips
	Lacey Hibble
Ugbrooke	Autumn Avery
	Ruby Slatter
	William Stackhouse

We look forward to working with you.

BBC Children in Need and World Diabetes Day

Friday 16th November

This year we will be combining Children in Need with World Diabetes Day, so we are asking children to donate £1 and come in to school dressed as a **superhero** or wearing their **spots**.



Harvest Festival 2018

A big thank you to all those who brought in food and other items for our Harvest Festival on Friday 12th October. The HITs charity are very grateful for your kindness and generosity.



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Top Quizzing Results

Kayla Quainoo	98%
Maria Warren	97.8%
Annie McKinley	97.1%
Ruby Slatter	96%
Harry Leeper	95.3%

Class Quizzing Averages

Swallow	82.6%
Woodpecker	81.7%
Kingfisher	85.8%
Puffin	88%

Have a lovely holiday.

See you on Tuesday 30th October.

All newsletters are available to view on the school website.

www.st-josephs-primary.devon.sch.uk

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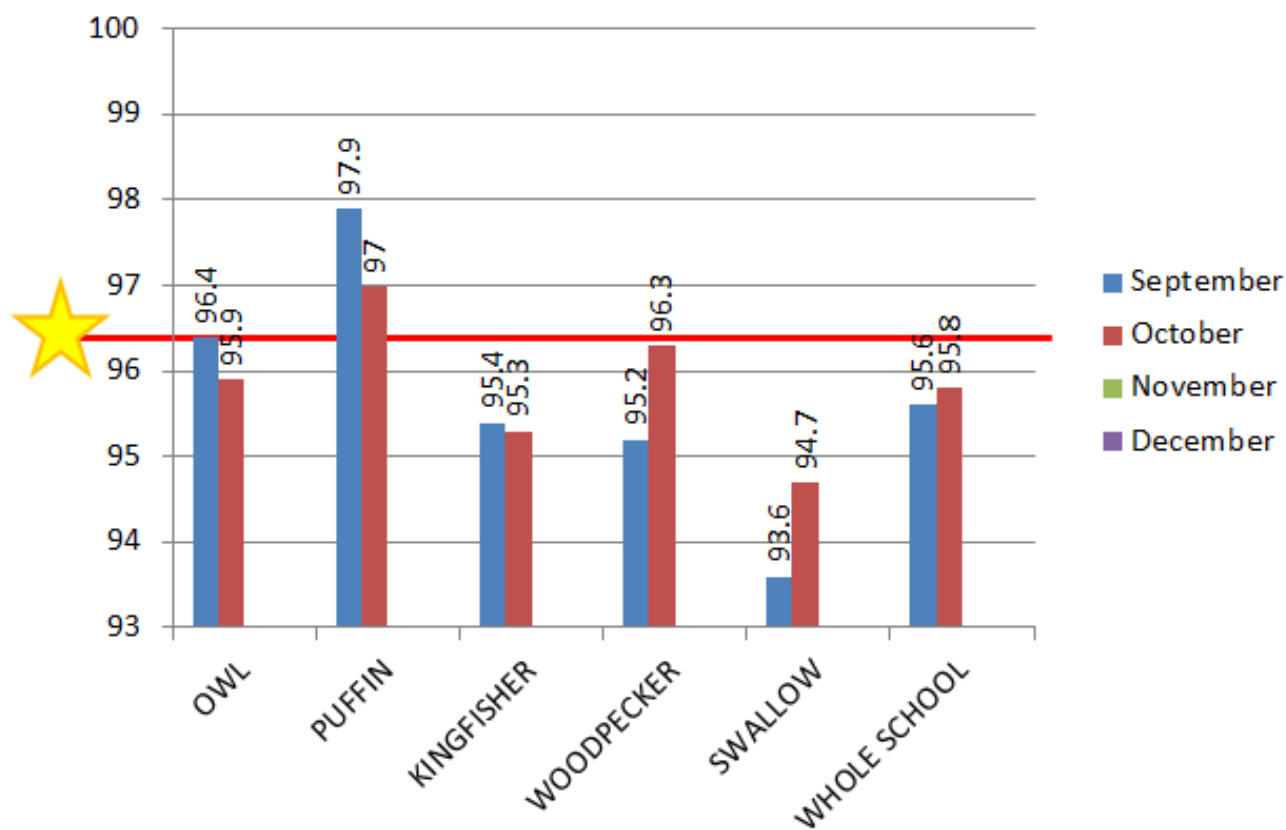


Attendance is monitored carefully by the school and Devon.

So what do we look out for?

- Lateness
- Broken weeks - odd days of illness
- Holidays in term time
- Children with attendance falling below 95%
- Persistent absentees - children with attendance below 90%

MONTHLY CLASS ATTENDANCE LEAGUE



This half-term: 1 day absent = 97%; 2 days absent = 94%; 3 days absent = 91%; **4 days absent = 88%**
 If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please talk to Mrs Wilson.



*May the wisdom of God inform our thinking.
 May the love of Jesus warm our hearts.
 May the joy of the Spirit bring lightness to our steps.
 May we be Christ-bearers to our world,
 and may the blessing of God's wisdom,
 love and joy be with us and among us
 now and always. Amen*

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Kelly Dunne: Headteacher

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Kelly Dunne Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Tim Van Kroonenburg