

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

March 24th 2017

**Dear all,**

Time is flying by and I can’t believe there is only one week left before the holidays! The year 2 class had a great time at Powderham yesterday. They came back excited and enthusiastic about everything they had learnt including the cleaning!

**Grapes**

If you have a child in FSU and you send them in with grapes for a snack please can you ensure they are cut in half. Grapes present a significant choking hazard to children and we want to do everything possible to reduce this risk.

**Local school’s Orchestra**

Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to be part of a fun and exciting music group? Then come and join the Orchestra!

Rehearsals are on Mondays, 3:45- 4:45pm, at Marpool Primary School, Moorfield *Road, EX8 3QW.*

It is led by Miss Ruth Smit (BMus, PGCE), an Exmouth-based music teacher and musician.

So, if your child has been learning any instrument for over three months, or has a keen desire to play percussion, just come along to the rehearsals and they’ll sign you up. There is a small cost of £10 per term.

For more information, contact Miss Smit at [r.smit@marpoolprimary.co.uk](mailto:r.smit@marpoolprimary.co.uk)

**Messages from Father Phillip:**

**Parish of the Holy Family Lenten Alms Fundraising Appeal 2017**

This year, our parish focus for fundraising during Lent is the charity ‘Mercy Ships’.  The **Africa Mercy** is the world’s largest charitable floating hospital. The hospital ship, can reach people who live with little or no health care, in some of the poorest areas of the world. The ship has five operating theatres and all the facilities needed to carry out life changing treatments.

As a school we are asked to promote a culture of mercy. We support the children with their understanding and awareness of the needs of others and how we are able to help. Next week some of the children will be collecting donations in the playground before and after school each day. Please look out for them and give generously. Our giving could finance treatments such as: dental care, cleft lip surgery, supply kits or eye tests.

We shall pass all the money collected to the ‘Mercy Ships’ charity.

Thank you for your support.

**Church Mother Days invitation**

You are warmly invited to the Holy Ghost Church on Sunday 26th March for Laetare and Mothering Sunday to celebrate with the parish family. It is at 11.00 am.

Coffee will be served in the parish hall afterwards.

**Next week:**

Monday: Group from Class 3 and 4 Tag Rugby tournament

Wednesday: After school Summer uniform sale 3.00pm-4.00pm outside Class 6 all at 50p

Tuesday: FSU parents meetings

Thursday: FSU parents meetings

Friday: Last day of term

Tuesday 18th April: Children return to school

**Best wishes and thank you for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Well done to:**

**Headteacher’s Awards:**

FSU – Maria, Yr 4 – Oliver, Archie, Yr 5 – Connor, Grace

**Bronze certificates:** Yr 5 - Grace, Kai, Anthony

**Silver certificates:** Yr 6 - Will

**Stars of the Week:** FSU – Lola, Yr 1 – Declan, Yr 2 – Vince, Yr 3 – Nathan, Yr 4 – Out on trip, Yr 5 – Bethany, Yr 6 – Luca



If you know anyone looking for school places, please let them know as we still have spaces available in some classes. They can contact the Office for more information or to book a tour.

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