

September 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**Dear all,**

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely restful summer.

I would like to welcome all the new children and families that have started across the school this week and hope you have a very happy and successful time at St Joseph's.

The children have all had a lovely first week back. They have started their topics which all sound very exciting – We have 'Monsters from the deep', 'The Wild West' and 'Roar' to name but a few. I have been in and out of classes and seen lots of great drama and role play going on, Mrs Turner has started with some wonderful Sherborne movement lessons in PE and the classes have been producing some lovely art work – the dinosaurs covered in pasta are a real highlight!

**Break times**

We encourage the children to have a snack at break time to 'keep them going'. As a healthy school, snacks must be fruit please not crisps or chocolate. KS1 and FSU children receive a piece of fruit free every day.

Can I also remind you that we are a 'Nut free school' as we have children with severe allergies to nuts.

Please do not send your child in with any nut based foods.

**Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club continues to run every morning from 7.45-8.55am. Marie and Carla provide the children with a choice of breakfast and then play games with the children before taking them outside to join the rest of the children at 8.55am. Breakfast club currently has some spaces so if you are interested in your child joining breakfast club please see the office for more details.

**After School Club**

I am currently in talks with another provider about setting up an After School Club at St Joseph's, so fingers crossed we can get a club up and running in the near future. I will keep you informed when I have more information.

**Guitar Club**

The lunchtime guitar class is back! Run by teacher and professional musician Mark Knight, the lunchtime guitar class is an opportunity for your child to learn and play guitar in a relaxed environment.

The class runs every week on a Wednesday lunchtime in school at a cost of £5 per week and is suitable for both beginners and those that have played before.

If your child is interested then please contact Mark via email or text message.

Email: [markknightbass@gmail.com](mailto:markknightbass@gmail.com) Text: 07772905944

**Science Club**

We still have some spaces in our excellent Science Club which runs every Monday after school. Please contact the office or [yates.claire@btopenworld.com](mailto:yates.claire@btopenworld.com) for more information.

**Uniform**

St Jo's Wardrobe..... Nearly New Uniform. Thank you for all the new donations. We have a nice big selection of all uniform, including girls dresses, along with tights, jumpers and coats etc. We will be holding a sale next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> in the playground (weather permitting) from 3.00pm to 4.00pm so if you are in need of any uniform please write your order in the book at Reception or catch me in the playground next week. ALL ITEMS ARE £1.00 – Tania PTA.

**Commando Challenge**

Nev Weston (Our Caretaker), Jason Edmunds (Teacher), Sarah Briggs (Teaching Assistant), Sarah Strode (PTA Chair) and Ben Findel-Hawkins (Parent) are taking part in the Commando challenge in October. The Commando challenge raises money for the Devon Air Ambulance and the Royal Marines. If you would like to sponsor them there is a form at the Office.

I will send out all the diary dates next week with details of parent activity sessions, parent's evenings etc.

**Best wishes**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's awards:** Sycamore - Elliot, Owen, Amelia. Cherry Class - Irys