Plymouth CAST

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 25th January 2019

Dear all,

The children have had a lovely week at school.

We started off on Monday with an assembly about 'Growth Mindset'. I talked to the children about the importance of believing that the more you practise a skill the better you will become. Sometimes children can have a very 'Fixed Mindset' where they believe they can never be good at something such as tennis or they'll never be able to learn their times tables. I talked about how everybody, if they work really hard and practise a skill, can achieve highly. I also talked about the need to persevere and be resilient when things are hard and maybe not going their way. We also discussed the need to challenge themselves – not settle for the easiest tasks or doing as little as possible but striving to be the best they can be. It would be good if you could talk to your children about this at home and challenge any 'Fixed Mindsets'!

Parents evening

Many thanks to all of you who made your appointments this week. I hope you found the meetings informative and you had a chance to ask any questions. As always, if you have any queries or questions regarding your child, please see your child's class teacher. They are at the classroom door at the beginning and end of the day if you have a quick question or you can ask to make an appointment if you need a longer chat. If you still have any questions or concerns after seeing the class teacher please come in and see me.

Exmouth in Bloom

As I put in last week's newsletter, we were lucky enough to get some free planters for our playground. There are photos of them and some of the children on the Exmouth in Bloom website. Please see: http://www.exmouthinbloom.org.uk/recycling-of-magnolia-centre-planters-part-2/

Yr 6 Football team

Well done to our Yr 6 footballers who took part in the Exeter City Kids Cup at Exeter University yesterday. Our children tried really hard and reached the quarter finals but unfortunately were knocked out in a sudden death penalty shot out. This was a very dramatic ending but our children handled the defeat well and went on to enjoy a friendly match against another team. Many thanks to Mrs Turner, Mr Webber and Mr Kingston-Banks for accompanying the children to the event. It wouldn't be possible without the parent helpers.

Today we have some children taking part in an Athletics event at Exmouth Community College. I look forward to hearing how they got on later today.

Upcoming dates:

Diary dates for this term have also been sent out with this newsletter.

Thursday 31st January – vision screening for Reception children.

Friday 1st February – Cherry and Willow Class to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet day

Friday 8th February – Aesthetics festival KS1 team – morning

Friday 8th February – Dance festival – KS2 team - afternoon

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's awards: FSU - Damian, Quinlan, Rowan - Harry, Ellis, Chloe

Gospel Value Bronze Awards: FSU - Jonah, Hollie, Rowan - James, Sycamore - Esmee, Maizie,

Maddison, Queenie, Cherry - Mason Maple - Laila, Lola N, Beech - Maddison

Gospel Value Silver Awards: Beech - Radina, Jeff

Star of the Week Awards: Oak - Isla, Rowan - Harry, Sycamore - Ella, Cherry - Aleksy, Willow - Kobi,

Maple – Charlie S, Beech - Erin **Breakfast club Award:** Gemma