

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th January 2019

**Headteacher’s awards:** Rowan – Daisy, Jacob, James, Cherry – Jaydon, Brooke, Maple – Lola N, Izzy H

**Gospel Value Bronze Awards:** Oak – Daisy, Barney, Quinlan, Arthur, Tilly, Rowan – Lydia, Sycamore – Ella, Lucy, Nicholas, Owen, Cherry – Declan, Justas, Patrycja, Phoebe, Mason, Lewis, Charlie Hi, Aleksy, Ben, Willow – Silva, Maple – Oliver, Beech – Alfie, Hannah, Cameron, Archie.

**Silver Awards:** Sycamore – Alfie, Willow - Max

**Star of the Week Awards**: Oak - Indigo, Rowan – Chloe, Sycamore - Maddison, Cherry – Phoebe, Willow - Silva, Maple – Chloe, Beech - Charlotte.

**Breakfast club Award:** Maddison C

Dear all,

The children have had a lovely week in school. Many thanks to Charlie A who managed to get us the planters in the playground from EDDC for free! The FSU children had a wonderful time watching the tractor squeezing through the gates onto the playground and then moving backwards and forwards to put the planters where we needed them! They will look lovely with plants or vegetables in.

**Topic help**

FSU are learning about the emergency services for their topic. They have the fire service coming to visit and they are going to the lifeboat station but if anyone knows, or is a policeman/woman or a paramedic and they would be willing to come in and talk to the children please can you let us know. It would be much appreciated.

**Gum shields**

All children in KS2 are required to have a gum shield for their PE lessons this term. Please can you ensure your child has their gum shield in school by 28th Jan at the latest. The gum shields are on sale from the school office for £1. Once you have bought them, they need to be moulded at home, named and then sent to school where they will be kept by Mrs Turner in the classroom. This is to avoid them being left at home and the children not being able to take part in the PE lesson.

**E-Safety magazine**

The latest edition of DITTO the e-safety magazine has come out. This edition includes really useful information about: What is Captology? Parents - scare or prepare? Reporting harmful content, secrets, Internet safety at pre-school, passwords and Fortnite scams. There is a copy on our website under parents, e-safety.

**Drop off in the morning**

Please can I remind parents of children in yr. 4 and below to bring their children into the playground and wait with them until the bell goes. This is for the children’s safety as the gates are open and there are lots of people about. Please do not drop your child off from your car or from the top gate and let them come in alone. Also if your child is arriving after the bell has gone at 8.55am you need to come into the office to sign them in. Please do not send them in through the office alone. I’m sure you appreciate all of this is for your child’s safety. Thank you.

**Parents evening**

This week an appointment for you to have a meeting with your child’s teacher will have come home. If you cannot attend the meeting please let your child’s teacher know so they are not sat waiting for you to arrive. Also, I have told the teachers they cannot offer appointments after 6 O’clock. Whilst I am aware many of us as parents often work until gone six, it is not fair for the teachers to be asked to stay past that time. The teachers work very hard and in order for them to plan for the next day and have time to see their own family they need to leave at a sensible time. I am aware appointments sometimes run past 6 O’clock and this cannot be helped but please do not ask the teachers for an appointment to start after 6pm. If you cannot make a time before then it may be possible to arrange for a telephone appointment. Thank you

**Upcoming dates:**

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

Tuesday 22nd January – Fire service workshop for Yr 2 and 5.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 22nd-24th January – Parent’s evening. See information above

Wednesday 23rd January – Mass in school for the new school year.

Thursday 24th January - Kids Exeter City Sports at Exeter University – Team from Beech Class

Friday 25th January - Athletics event at ECC – Team from Maple Class

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**