

November 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Reminder – Parents E-Safety talk**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6.30-7.30pm**

**Dear all,**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need last week, including the school council who organised the day. The children had a lovely time and it raised £290 for the charity which is great.

Christmas is gradually starting at St Joseph's with costumes appearing around school and children humming songs they have been learning! Please keep checking the diary dates at the bottom of the newsletters to ensure you don't miss anything.

Beech class this week have been learning how to write stories with suspense. They are doing really well and have been producing some great ideas. I've no doubt the final results will be really scary! Cherry class have been producing some very high level non-chronological reports. They chose their own topics which included things like dolphins, violins and Exmouth. Sycamore class have been to the beach this week to inspire their writing about 'Disgusting sandwiches!' They had a wonderful time and were very enthusiastic about what they could write when they returned!

With the performances we will be offering coffee and mince pies afterwards so if anyone would be able to donate mince pies for these we would be very grateful. Please hand them in at the office or to class teachers.

I am also pleased to say we had an advisor in this week who commented on the great many changes and improvements across the school since she visited in April 2016. She also commented on how good our data from last July was. It was well above average compared to other Devon schools as well as nationally. Our reading and maths progress score was the highest across the local community which is brilliant. One of the biggest achievements was the number of our children who didn't just reach the expected standard but achieved the higher standard at our school. We will continue to work hard to challenge and stretch our children so they can achieve their very best.

**Next week:**

**Wednesday 29th November** – FSU dress rehearsal 11am

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November/Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Please bring in any donations for the PTA Christmas Fair

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents E-Safety talk in the hall at 6.30pm. This is not suitable for children but children can stay in the library/classroom if necessary.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – FSU nativity 10am. Parents are welcome to stay at 9am and have coffee, provided by the PTA in the staff room, before the performance starts.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Assembly at 1.25pm. Everyone is invited to come to our whole school assembly where the PTA will be handing out the class Christmas presents!

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Patio party at 3pm. KS1 are inviting everyone in to say thank you for raising money for their new canopy.

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

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** Oak – Daisy, Harry, Finlay, Emma, Jacob, Cherry – Nicole, Maple – Katy, Beech – Harry, Brandon, Poppy, Maisie-Rae

**Bronze certificates:** Oak – Chloe, Rowan – Niamh, Cherry – Shanel, Willow – Indigo, Beech – George

**Gold certificates:** Aariah, Jasmyne

**Stars of the week:** Oak – Teddy, Sycamore – Charlie, Rowan – Nicholas, Cherry – Lewis, Willow – Jack, Maple – Scarlett, Beech – Harry

**Breakfast Club Superstar:** Phoebe