

Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a busy and blustery week in school. Luckily, they still managed to get outside for most of their learning and playtimes despite the weather.

Sports festival

This week a group of children from KS2 took part in a Sports festival at the Tennis Centre. The children had a super time and demonstrated some fantastic skills completing activities like playing bowls and parachute games. Many thanks to Mrs Hallett for coordinating the event and the parent helper and staff who made it possible.

Goodbyes and welcome

Sadly, next Friday we say goodbye to Becky in the office and Kay, one of our super MTAs and After School Club staff. We thank them for everything they have done at St Joseph's and wish them all the very best with their next ventures.

This means in the office Rosie will be taking over as Senior Administrator and we are advertising for a full time administrator. If you know anyone who might be interested please see the website for further information.

We are really pleased to announce that from January Mrs Thompson will be teaching 5/6 on a Friday. Mrs Thompson has been working for us tutoring in school and as supply for a long time now so is very familiar with the school and children.

School budgets

You may have seen in the news that two thirds of schools will be in deficit by the end of this financial year. Costs are rising and funding is lower than it was a decade ago. The current funding increase and energy bill relief scheme will not be enough to prevent further cut-backs in every school. Please sign and share this petition to get this crisis debated in parliament - <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/627130>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Tuesday 15th November - Bags2School collection

Tuesday 15th November – Animals Southwest in Rowan Class.

Wednesday 16th November – Assembly and workshops from Bullies Out for Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 16th November – Bedtime Stories event 5-6pm

Friday 18th November – Mufti day for Children in Need. £1 suggested donation

Monday 21st November – Wow project, eco council workshops

Tuesday 22nd November – Rowan Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Thursday 24th November – FSU parent activity session, 2.15pm

Monday 28th November - Maple and Beech Class parent activity sessions, 2.15pm

Week beginning 28th November – Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 30th November 10am – FSU and KS1 Nativity first showing

Wednesday 30th November - Sycamore Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Thursday 1st December 2pm – FSU and KS1 Nativity repeated performance

Thursday 1st December - Cherry Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Friday 2nd December – PTA Present room

Saturday 3rd December – Exmouth Town Lantern parade. Cherry and Maple Class making the lanterns to take

Tuesday 6th December – KS2 Advent Service in Church 6pm

Headteacher Award: Beech Class – Daisy

Bronze Gospel Value Awards: Rowan Class – Ruben, Zara, Sycamore Class – Jude, Kenny, Cherry Class – Olivia, Evelyn

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Sienna, Rowan Class – Ruben, Sycamore Class – Alfie, Cherry Class - Gene, Maple Class – Louie, Beech Class – Archie and Effie