

November 10th 2017**Dear all,**

In FSU the children learnt all about Guy Fawkes and the reasons behind bonfire night. To follow on from this they then lit a fire and toasted marshmallows!! First they went out onto the field to search for sticks. Mrs Keeping then used these along with other (slightly more dry wood!) to light a crackling fire. The children enjoyed the sights, sounds and smells of a real wood fire and patiently toasted their marshmallows before enjoying a sweet and gooey treat!

Safety was clearly a major factor with this activity - The children were ALL absolutely fantastic. Everybody listened very carefully and followed our safety rules.

Cherry class have been using torches to investigate how light travels in straight lines. They have also been making props for their role play area – which is a covered area which is dark until you add the glowing, twinkly lights, stars and torches etc.

Rowan and Sycamore class have been learning about healthy eating and using that in their role play areas, including outside under their new canopy. The children are loving their new canopy so on 24th November they are inviting the PTA in to say thank you for raising the money for it.

The children took part in a minutes silence today for remembrance day.

Children in Need

Children in Need day is just around the corner, Friday 17th November!

Once again we are hoping to raise money for this important charity so we invite you all to donate £1 and come to school dressed in your own clothes – spotty clothes if possible! Let's have some fun together. We are also having the ever popular cake sale, so please support this worthy cause by bringing along cakes to sell and of course some money to buy them with!

Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week. At St Joseph's we take any form of bullying very seriously and always investigate any incidents fully. Every child should feel safe at home and at school and the children regularly have assemblies and lessons talking about what bullying is, what to do if you are being bullied or are bullying someone. Next week we will be having a focus week on anti-bullying, starting with workshops run by Big Foot Arts on Monday. Please see myself or Mrs Keeping straight away if you have any concerns about bullying.

The Big Swim

This week the children from Willow and Cherry class were meant to be taking part in the Big Swim at The Cranford Sports Club. Unfortunately the pool had to be closed for repairs, it has been rearranged for Wednesday 15th November. If any parents are available to help walk the children there and back please could you let the office or Mrs Turner know.

Nursery parents

We are one of the few places in Exmouth offering the 30hrs free places.

If you are claiming your 30hrs please remember you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months on the government website - <https://gov.uk/childcareaccount>

If you are not claiming at present but think you may now be eligible please go to:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Christmas nativities

If anyone has any white material they could donate that we can make into costumes we would be most grateful. Please hand in to the office or Mrs Robertson.

Best wishes and thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Sycamore – Elliott, Willow – Laila E, Frank, Maple – Hannah,

Bronze certificates: Oak – James, Cherry – Nicole, Orla, Isabella, Nell

Stars of the week:

Oak – Archie, Sycamore – Elliott, Rowan – Alicia C, Cherry – Silva, Willow – Thomas, Maple – Evan, Beech - Bethany

Breakfast Club Superstar: Freddie