

June 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**Dear all,**

I hope you all had a lovely half term. It seems a long time ago now!

Thank you to all of you who could join us for the music festival on the last day of half term. I'm sure you will agree the children sang beautifully and a huge thank you to Fay Nelmes who is sorting out all these great music opportunities for us.

This week Class 2 went on a visit to the estuary. They had a wonderful learning experience and were very lucky with the weather. They discovered some fantastic creatures in the mud followed by fun in the playpark – I think Mrs Ellis particularly enjoyed the swing with Emmie and Isabella!

Class 2 and 3 had Exeter Museum in for a Roman day looking at Roman artefacts and meeting a 'Roman soldier!' On Tuesday I had the pleasure of taking a group of children to do gardening in Manor Gardens as part of Exmouth in Bloom. We planted a whole flower bed at the far side of the gardens which will hopefully have a plaque on with our name so you can see the flowers continue to grow down there. The children were complimented on their great behaviour as well as their 'green fingers!'

Class 5 visited the Community College this week for a Maths trail which involved solving maths problems around the campus. A huge well done to Poppie, Sophie and Evelyn who were the first children ever to complete it! The College was very impressed. Well done also to Connor who was praised by the College staff for his excellent leadership skills. Great work Class 5!

**After school club**

I am very sorry to say that we have been let down by the company FISH. I have been liaising with them since last October about running an After School club here at St Joseph's. It looked all set to go ahead and then last week they have said they will not be able to continue due to their staffing issues and so have pulled out. This is very frustrating for us but I will continue to investigate other avenues. If you have any ideas please let me know!

**Parking**

A reminder about parking – I have contacted the council again about doing checks on parking around the school as people are still continuing to stop on the yellow lines or over the crossings. For the safety of all the children please do not do this. I know everyone is in a rush but I'm sure you will agree our children's safety is worth an extra minute's walk parking further away.

**Dinner money**

To let you know in advance - from September school dinners will go up to £2.20 a day.

**Next week:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June: NSPCC workouts for all classes

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Swimming restarts for Class 3

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Class 5 and 6 Mass in the Outdoor Classroom

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June: New children to visit FS2 in readiness for September

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Class 5 and 6 NSPCC workshops

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Class 6 at 'Hit the Surf' at Exmouth Beach

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Public Speaking competition 6pm

**Best wishes and thank you for your continued support****Mrs Taylor-Bashford****Well done to:****Headteacher's Awards:** Yr 2 – Alfie, Emmie, George, Yr 3 – Izzy, Yr 5 - Tom**Bronze certificates:** Yr 2 – Nell, Ayaan, Piran, Yr 5 – Carmela, Charlie, Louie, Oliver**Silver certificates:** Yr 1 – Mischa, Declan, Yr 2 – Emmie, Isabella, Halley, Yr 5 - Henry**Stars of the Week:** FSU - Amelia , Yr 1 - Mischa, Yr 2 - Nell, Yr 3 - George, Yr 4 - Felix, Y5 - Charlie, Yr 6 – Harri.

If you know anyone looking for school places, please let them know as we still have spaces available in some classes. They can contact the Office for more information or to book a tour.

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