

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear all,

We have had a super week at St Joseph's.

Cherry and Willow did their performance of Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood yesterday and they were amazing! The whole production was super and the transition between scenes was seamless, the way the lines were said so clearly and loudly was brilliant and acting was definitely academy award worthy! As for the singing I couldn't believe just two classes could sing so loudly and beautifully, all singing different parts and with harmonies. A very big well done to all the children and a huge thank you to Mrs Owens and Miss Christopher for all their hard work.

Sycamore and Rowan Classes had a great Victorian day on Wednesday. The children looked super in their costumes and they had lots of fun doing things such as making Victorian scones and shoebox houses as well as learning about dusting and polishing!

Our group of children from Maple Class completed their Mental Health Ambassador training with their final session being at Bowhill School in Exeter today. Well done to all of them, I'm sure they will continue to develop their role and be great Ambassadors in the school.

**Healthy Weight Declaration survey from Devon County Council**

We have been asked by Richard Merrifield, a DCC Advanced Public Health Practitioner, to bring to the attention of parents and carers a survey which seeks to obtain the view of families on food choices. The food choices we make are influenced by where we live, work and play. Please tell them what would help you make healthier food choices by completing their survey: <https://tinyurl.com/ybrdrqgz>

**Internet safety - Gaming and age ratings**

Gaming and what can be appropriate for children is a huge area and different parents have different thoughts and opinions. Equally, parents can feel pressurised by their child because 'everybody else is playing it'. To help parents make a decision Common Sense Media is a one-stop-shop for parents and there is also a nice app dedicated to the PEGI ratings that parents can use. More information can be found at

<https://www.common sense media.org/>

**Reminders:**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, it will be a Non Uniform day as part of the Exmouth wide Deaf Awareness day. All schools within Exmouth will be supporting the Deaf Academy in trying to raise funds. A donation of £1 would be gratefully received and can be brought into school on the day; alternatively you can donate directly with the Deaf School at <https://newdeafacademy.org.uk/> Two leaders from the Deaf Academy are coming in on Monday to give an assembly to the children so they have a full understanding of what the money is going towards.

Please pay any outstanding amounts on ParentPay as a matter of urgency; we still have a considerable amount of money owing on a number of accounts.

**Upcoming dates:**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Cherry and Willow Classes, Egyptian dress up day with an 'Egyptian Museum' open to parents from 3.30-4.30pm.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Yr 2 parents SATs talk 2.40pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – SEND festival for a group of children from years 2-6

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Mufti day to raise money for the Deaf School – see above.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term before the Easter holidays

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Children return to school for Summer term.

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

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's awards:** FSU – Amelia, Daisy, Lusi, Beech – Laura, Alfie

**Gold:** Beech - Evan

**Silver Awards:** Rowan – Gemma, William, Jacob, Archie, Cherry – Mischa, Brooke, Maple – Laila, Beech - Archie

**Bronze Awards:** Maple – Bart, Indigo, Aiah, Thomas, Angela, Olivia, Jasmyne, Jaydn, George, Edan, Charlie A

**Star of the Week Awards:** Oak - Sukie, Rowan – Jacob, Sycamore - Max, Cherry – Bella E, Willow - Vince, Maple – Charlie A, Beech – Billy

**Breakfast club Award:** Cherry - Freddie