

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware we had to close our Reception and Nursery bubble yesterday due to a positive Lateral Flow test. Fortunately, the PCR test came back negative so we were able to open again today.

There are still a growing number of cases in the community and with the 10 day isolation period in place it is starting to affect staffing, both at school and then in local businesses when parents have to take time off to isolate for themselves or their children. Early identification is still key to reducing transmission so please ensure you isolate and book a PCR test at a test site as soon as any symptoms start. Everyone is also entitled to the free lateral flow tests. These are key for picking up positive cases where there are no symptoms present. They can be collected from the Maer carpark or ordered online.

**Reports**

Reports will be sent home today in book bags. FSU's will come home on Monday. Please check your child's book bag for their report. We will post ones as necessary.

**Presentation at Raleigh Manor Care Home**

After we won the competition for naming the communities in the new care home in Drakes Avenue I went today to officially open it. Raleigh Manor very kindly presented us with a hamper of books, which is amazing!

**Library reading challenge**

This year's summer reading challenge starts on Saturday.

There is more information on the library website or on their Facebook page. It is a great challenge and really encourages the children to keep reading over the summer. Continuing to read over the summer is so important especially after the disrupted year we have had.

<https://www.facebook.com/ExmouthLibrary>

**PTA AGM**

The PTA AGM is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. There is a letter attached and a printed copy will come home next week. If you are attending please ensure you send back the completed slip or email [pta@stjo.uk](mailto:pta@stjo.uk) This is vital to ensure we can monitor the numbers attending and check it is safe to go ahead and also for track and trace.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Every Friday afternoon – Cedar Class swimming lessons

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 Bowling at Ocean

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Sycamore Class Estuary trip

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Cedar Class Greek Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Maple Class to Phear Park

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the new teacher session

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 Watersports

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 party on the field (evening)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 trip to the Maer

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm PTA AGM

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Rowan Class Estuary trip

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of the Summer Term

**Headteacher Awards:** Oak Class – Aurelia, Catriona, Arthur, Louie E, Lily, Lincoln, Kenny, Issy, Maple Class - Joshua

**Diamond Awards:** Rowan Class – Isla, Cedar Class - Emma

**Platinum Awards:** Cedar Class – Elliott, Alfie

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class – Theo, Cedar Class – Fraser, Maple Class - Amelie

**Silver Awards:** Cedar Class – Finlay, Maple Class - Brooke

**Bronze Award:** Beech Class - Patrycja

**Star of the week:** Oak Class – Molly, Rowan Class – Thea, Sycamore Class – Sukie, Cedar Class – Ellis, Lydia, Maple Class – Joshua, Beech Class – Liam