

Dear all,

The end of the term is getting nearer but the children are still busy learning and taking part in lots of sporting activities. This week Mrs Turner took approx. 40 children up to Exeter Arena. They all had great fun racing on the track and trying out the long jump. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a full size arena and track. Many thanks to all the helpers Mrs Brooking, Mrs Jones, Mrs Hallett, Mrs Burgess and Mr Cannon for making it possible.

This afternoon is St Joseph's Got Talent, which is always one of my favourite events. It is fantastic seeing some of the children's, often unexpected, talents! They always show such confidence and enthusiasm – I can't wait! Then this evening it is the Yr 6 church sleepover. Since we started it two years ago, the children are always excited but also slightly nervous about sleeping in the Church! But once they are in there, they love it! Seeing them all settling down and chatting quietly around the altar and in the aisles is really special and sleeping in the Church with the rest of their class creates a lasting memory for them like no other. Although, getting the class of rather tired Yr 6 children down to the beach for fish at 6am is always a bit more of an effort! Thank you to Father, Jane, Mrs Jukes, Mrs Ertle, Mrs Turner and Mrs Greenway for giving up time over the weekend to give the children this opportunity.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair last week was a great success. There were lots of activities for the children to have a go at and stalls to buy things from. The Police Van and Fire Engine were a particular hit with the children, as was the bouncy slide and football target. The Fair made an impressive £579.50 profit and many thanks to the PTA and all the staff and helpers who set up, ran stalls and helped tidy afterwards!

New Classes

Next Tuesday is class swap morning. They are to register with their usual teachers and will swap after that. Unfortunately, Miss Christopher is not available next week so instead spent yesterday afternoon with her new class and met some of the parents. Next Tuesday her class will spend the morning with Miss O'Sullivan doing fun activities. Next Wednesday after school (see timings below) all parents are invited in to listen to a brief talk about expectations for next year and to have an opportunity to ask any questions. Miss Rowe will be giving the Year 3 talk as well as the Year 2 talk as Miss Christopher is not available.

Forest School

Next year is looking to be really exciting as we have Melinda from Exmouth Forest School coming in to work with the children. She will work with a class every Monday afternoon, starting with Class 5 and 6 in the Autumn term. The children will take part in different Forest School activities such as den building and wood art, all on the school grounds in our sensory area. I think it will be a really excellent addition for St Joseph's and create great learning opportunities and experiences for the children.

Collecting at the end of the day

If someone different is picking up your child at the end of the day it is essential you let the class teacher and/or the Office know. We have spent a lot of time this week ringing parents to check that their children can go home with different adults as we have not been informed.

Library books

Please can you ensure all school library books are returned by next Friday 20th. This is so we can re-label and order books as necessary over the holidays.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 17th July – Children spend the morning with new class teachers.

Tuesday 17th July – Guitar Club (date change, instead of Wednesday 18th)

Wednesday 18th July – Parents to meet new teachers: Yr 1&2 - 3.45-4.15, Yr 3&4 - 4.15-4.45, Yr 5&6 - 4.45-5.15

Thursday 19th July – Maple Class beach trip

Thursday 19th July – Willow and Cherry Class sleepover

Friday 20th July – End of Year Awards 2.15pm

Monday 23rd July – Yr 6 leavers assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 24th July – Leavers Mass in school

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: FSU - Gemma, Sycamore - Annie W, Bella E, Charlie Ha, Charlie Hi, Gina, Holly, Mason

Gold Award: FSU - Emily, William, Gemma, Jacob, Sycamore - Mason, Charlie Ha, Maple - Cameron, Beech - Oliver

Silver Award: FSU - Skylar, Willow - Lola S

Bronze Award: Rowan - Azi, Willow - Jaydn, Maple - Scarlett, Freddy

Star of the Week: Willow - Aiden, Beech - Jack S

Breakfast Club Star of the Week: Freddie