

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had another busy week and I can't believe how fast this half term has flown by with only one week left until we break up for Easter.

**St Joseph's Day**

This week, we celebrated St Joseph's Day. We had a whole school Liturgy where we reflected on St Joseph as a very important role model for us as a school and how he is an excellent example, for many reasons. We have particularly looked at the compassion that he showed throughout his life as Jesus' Father on Earth. We use St Joseph as our role model every day and we ask him for his help when we say our school prayer. We would like to thank all of the Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Governors that attended. It was so lovely to share it with you.

**Buckfast Abbey Visit**

Maple and Cherry class had a wonderful time at Buckfast Abbey this week. They went on a journey around the Abbey learning the Easter story. As they travelled, they collected beads representing each stage of the story to create a souvenir which they were able to keep. They took part in Easter crafts and even made their own miniature stained glass cross inspired by the incredible stained glass windows which filled the Abbey. They explored the beautiful gardens and immersed themselves in the tranquillity of this special place. They all had an amazing day. Thank you to the parent volunteers, staff and governors who came along.

**Parent Coffee and drop in**

We warmly invite parents to join our coffee and drop in session on Wednesday 29th March at 9am. We have Heads Up Mental Health and Well Being joining us to help support with any concerns regarding anxiety and wellbeing. This is open to all parents as we love to connect with you. Younger siblings welcome.

**Parental Support** - Is your child struggling with daily routines, excessive screen time, eating, sleep or behaviour. Join us on Wednesday 29th from 9.30 after coffee morning to meet our parent specialist Sarah and arrange a time to help support you.

**The Big Exeter Sleep-Out**

Before half term, we had a visitor from Julian House who came into school to speak to our children about homelessness in Exeter and the Southwest. Following this, Lydia and her father took part in 'The Big Exeter Sleep-Out' on Friday and raised over a **WHOPPING £600** for the charity! Lydia was the top fundraiser for the whole event! We are so incredibly proud of Lydia – she exemplifies our school values and virtues.

Her participation has contributed enormously to raising awareness about homelessness in Exeter and the Southwest. Every penny she has raised will go towards helping those most vulnerable in our local area

**Eco- Champions**

Our Y6 Eco-Champions have been working hard to reduce our waste in school. Recently, they wrote a persuasive letter to EDDC to ask if the recycling truck could collect our fruit waste weekly. They have agreed and this week have delivered our very own food waste caddies! Mr McClure from EDDC said: *"It's a breath of fresh air hearing about your efforts as a school community to help the environment – thank you and please tell the eco-team to keep up the good work! You must be very proud of them!"*

**Jays Aim**

Please see link for information on their amazing charity <https://www.jaysaim.co.uk/> They are kindly offering FREE defib training for children (year 6 and above) on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 – 3.30pm at Seachange

**Year 3 and Year 4 Performance**

A reminder that next week Y3 and Y4 are performing the 'Three Little Pigs' on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday is at 10am and Thursday at 2pm. Due to limited space, 2 seats per family please. No tickets needed, just turn up. We are all looking forward to seeing our children perform.

**This week's Gospel Values – Justice and Compassion**

In the Gospel this week, we hear how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift of sight to see all the wonderful things that he has made in our world. But we also need to open our eyes to things that are wrong and try to do what we can to change them. We have asked the children to think about what matters to them and where they see in justice in the world.

Hope you all have a relaxing and peaceful weekend!

Mrs Stephens

**Diary dates:**

27<sup>th</sup> March: Childhood Measurement Programme

29th March: Reports out

31<sup>st</sup> March: Last day of Spring Term

17<sup>th</sup> April: Children return for Summer Term

**Headteacher Awards:** Sycamore Class – Joseph,

**Silver Awards:** Rowan Class – Bella, Sycamore Class - Gabriel

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Ned, Rowan Class – Art, Sycamore Class – Jack, Cherry Class - Freddie, Maple Class – Arthur, Beech Class – Harry T