

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2019

Dear all,

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday.

It is great to have the children back in school; it is always very strange being in school during the holidays and there are no children!

**Emailing rather than paper copies**

As a school we have started our topic ‘Laudato Si’ which is all about caring for our common home, looking at what we can do to make the world a better place, reduce pollution, recycle etc.

To fit in with caring for the environment we will not be sending any paper copies of letters home unless absolutely necessary, such as if they have a reply slip attached or are reports. We started reducing them last year and from now on will email them and put a copy of the newsletter in the noticeboard by the front gate each week. Next week we will be emailing class letters home and this means it is really important to make sure that the office has your correct email address. If you have difficulties accessing your emails please see the office. We have given a paper copy of this first newsletter to ensure everyone has seen this information.

**Aldi stickers**

We are taking part in the Aldi promotion. Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you’ll receive a Team GB sticker. Please bring your stickers to school and put them in the pot at the office. This helps to complete our Aldi poster. Once we complete the poster with 300 stickers we receive an exclusive sports kit and a chance to win £20,000.

**Time for chat**

Sarah Keeping is running a parenting group, starting on Thursday 26th September, 1.45 – 3.15pm. It is a chance for parents to get together and chat about the joys and difficulties of being a parent or carer whilst enjoying coffee and cake! A poster has been emailed to you about it. Please see Sarah or the office if you would like more information.

**Forest School help needed**

We are really pleased that Mrs Turner will be running Forest School from now on. She has been working hard over the holidays to get the forest area ready and has ordered some lovely new resources for the children. However, we really need your help to get the forest area ready for the children. On Saturday 14th September from 10-12noon we are asking for volunteers to come and help us, children are welcome to come with their parents. We need people to help us with general gardening, clearing areas, brick laying skills and with cars to do tip runs as necessary. We have limited tools in school so if you do have any you can bring with you that would be much appreciated.

**Clubs**

We have emailed out information about clubs that are running this term.

**ParentPay**

Please can you make sure you login to your account to activate it and make sure it is working. We are going cashless from now on (except for things like mufti day donations) so it is important your account is working. ParentPay is also the way emails from the school are accessed. Please see the office if you need another activation letter.

**Choir for classes 5 and 6**

Exmouth Community College transition choir, SHOUT, will start at ECC on Tuesday 10th September. This choir is open to children in years 5 and 6 and is held in the Hitchings Building (room 255) in the Music Department every Tuesday from 3.45pm until 4.45pm. It is run by Mrs Kate Lees. There is no need to book.

**This term’s diary dates have been emailed. A further set will be sent out in a few weeks when more dates are added.**

**Next week:**

Monday 9th September – Self-defence presentation in assembly

Monday 9th September – Violin lessons and Spanish Club starts

Friday 13th September – PTA Summer Fayre, 3.30pm on the field if weather is good, in the hall if it’s raining.

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

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**