

Friday 5th October

Dear all,

We have had a super week at St Joseph's. Thank you to everyone who has attended the parent activity sessions over the last two weeks. The children have loved showing you what they do in school and I hope you found the sessions enjoyable and informative.

We had our Harvest festival celebration in school this morning. It was a lovely service and thank you so much for all the fantastic food donations. All of them are going to the Exmouth Foodbank to support people in the local community.

Cross Country

Well done to the 30 runners from years 3 - 6 who competed on Tuesday in the Cross country race at Bicton Arena. They all made St Joseph's proud as they ran a brave race on a challenging, hilly, bumpy grass field! Special mention to our medal winner, Jack T, who achieved 3rd place in the Year 3 & 4 boy's race. He was chased the whole way round the course by Freddie C, who finished 4th! Well done boys!

Other runners who finished the race in fantastic places were: Indigo, Lola S, Maddison, Freddy W and Rafa. For many runners, especially those from Cherry class, it was their first ever cross country race and we are so proud of all of them for completing the course. We are already looking forward to the next race!!!

Playground works

The two new water tanks are being installed today and we are hoping that the playground will be back in action by the beginning of next week. Thank you for bearing with us while the repairs take place. On the plus side, the children have loved seeing the digger in the playground, although one child was very disappointed as he thought I was building a swimming pool out there!

School disco

Don't forget the school disco is on tonight. 6 – 7pm for FSU & KS1 and 7.15 – 8.15pm for KS2. If your child is in nursery and wants to attend that is fine but please stay with your child to supervise them. Tickets can be purchased on the door.

Uniform sale –

Our lovely PTA will be running a uniform sale in the school hall on Thursday 11th Oct at 3.30pm. They have lots of second hand clothes available priced at around £1.

E-Safety

Our monthly e-safety newsletter was sent out today with the newsletter. It is also on our website under parents – e-safety. This month we have covered topics including parental controls, Facebook, Instagram and the app TikTok.

Parent support sessions

Being a parent isn't easy. Children don't come with instruction manuals and knowing how to support their sometimes challenging behaviour can be difficult. Next Friday (12th Oct) the information session at Withycombe is called 'Challenging Behaviour.' Experienced practitioner, Claire Hollingsworth will run the session called - The explosive child! She will talk about practical ideas and ways to understand, sense and change disruptive behaviour. It is free to attend and no booking is required. She is running two sessions 1:30 - 3pm and 3:30 - 5pm.

Secondary school places

Just a reminder to all year 6 parents that you need to apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October. If your child is going to Exmouth Community College please do not leave it until after the deadline assuming that as it is a big school your child will automatically get a place. In recent years they have had a lot of children applying and late applications have caused a lot of problems and places cannot be guaranteed.

Upcoming dates:

Monday & Tuesday 8/9th October – The Book fair is still available in the school corridor - 3.30 – 4.00pm.

Monday 15th – Friday 19th October – Beech Class residential

Tuesday 16th October – Maple Class to Go Ape.

Tuesday 16th October – Willow Class, Power Up theatre workshops all day

Friday 19th October – 19th October – Cherry and Willow Class to Kent's Cavern

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Award: Rowan – Emily, Harry, Gemma, William, Lydia, Maria, Emma, Willow – Mischa

Gospel Value awards: Bronze Certificates - Willow – Kobi and George

Stars of the week: These will roll into next week due to Harvest Festival celebrations today.

Breakfast Club star of the week: Quinn