

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Another great week at St Joseph's and this week really does feel like it has flown by.

**Marine Litter Workshop**

Beech Class responded passionately to the Marine Litter Workshop on Monday - such an important subject, especially as we live so close to the beach! The good news is that Exmouth beach is now unusual as it has so much less plastic waste compared to many other beaches, thanks to organisations like Plastic Free Exmouth and the beach cleans they organise. If you want to get involved, organised beach cleans take place every Sunday morning, or you can go and do your own using the beach clean equipment available next to Hangtime Cafe.

**Eden Project**

Next week Sycamore class and Maple class are visiting the Eden Project in Cornwall. Maple class's Geography topic is Rainforests and Sycamore are learning about hot and cold climates. We know that giving the children the experience of visiting a real rainforest where they will take part in workshops will greatly enhance their learning. We are all very excited!

**Rowan class**

The children are learning about Transport in the past. They made a fire engine and a police car for the role play area. They also had some very busy mechanics who are able to fix any vehicle in need!

**World Book Day**

Wow what amazing costumes we have seen at school today! All children have enjoyed a variety of activities including sharing their favourite stories, making bookmarks and writing book reviews. Every child will bring home a £1 book voucher so they can experience choosing one of these books for FREE from their nearest bookseller. Your local bookseller might be on a high street or could be a supermarket. The book tokens are valid from Thursday 16 February to Sunday 26 March 2023.

**Upcoming performance**

This week, Years 3 and 4 have been practising for their production of Roald Dahl's version of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The performances will be to parents/carers on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. More details will follow next week.

**Mental Wellbeing - Important resources for parents and carers**

Place2Be Parenting Smart site (<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>) is filled with a number of resources for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. Their latest articles are on supporting healthy gaming habits, developing a child's talent and safe social media for younger children which can all be read or watched in under ten minutes. These are perfect for those with limited time.

Save the date - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - coffee, tea and chat. For all families at 9am in the hall with Mrs Monks.

**Next week's Gospel Value – Integrity**

This week, we have been thinking about when we might need courage e.g. When our learning may provide challenges or we see someone being unkind. We have to draw on our inner strength to help us just like Jesus did in the desert. Next week, our Gospel Value is Integrity.

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Stephens

**Diary dates:**

10<sup>th</sup> March: Eden Project Years 2 & 4

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March: Two day strike of all schools in England and Wales.

28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3 & Year 4 Performance of 'The Three Little Pigs'

29<sup>th</sup> March: Reports out

**Headteacher Awards:** Oak Class – Halle, Rowan Class – Jaime, Art

**Gold Awards:** Sycamore Class – Catriona, Kenny

**Bronze Award:** Sycamore Class - Adam

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Sophie, Rowan Class – Anna, Sycamore Class – Brandon, Cherry Class – Charlie, Maple Class – Gabriel, Beech Class – Jacob

