

Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear all,

Spring has arrived and I can't believe the term seems to be rushing ahead so quickly! We had a lovely day on Tuesday for St Joseph's day. Father and the children led a beautiful Mass in school first thing and then the governors spent the day in and around classes. It was very rewarding that the governors were very impressed with all the learning they saw in school. Part of the feedback was 'Children in all classes from FSU to Yr 6 were engaged and absorbed in their learning. A variety of activities were seen all presented in interesting ways such as: acting out the journey of Lent involving foot prints and washing, painting Alms giving and children expressing their ideas through sketching. Children were thinking deeply about their activities, trying to problem solve some really important and deep questions.'

Our Mental Health Ambassadors went to their next session at Topsham School this week. They had a super time and came back with more ideas to share with the school.

Parent governors needed

If anybody is interested in being a parent governor please see me. It is a really interesting and rewarding job where you get to have a real insight and say in the school's development.

Hugo Swire meeting

This afternoon I am going to meet with Hugo Swire, the Conservative MP for East Devon. If you remember I met with him over a year ago to hand over your parent petition about funding. Sadly, funding is still a huge concern for all schools and I am meeting with him to discuss the very real impact government funding cuts are having in our schools. Wish me luck!

Parent volunteers needed for visit

Mrs Turner is taking the children over to the Church for sessions on 'The Stations of the Cross' during the last week of term. She has led these before and the children have really enjoyed the sessions and learnt a lot from them. To be able to walk the children over to Church and back Mrs Turner needs at least two parent helpers. If you are able to help with any of the sessions please let the office or class teacher know. The sessions are:

Tuesday 2nd April - Year 3, 1.15 – 2.15pm then Yr 4, 2.15 – 3.30pm

Wed 3rd April - Year 5, 1.15 – 2.15pm then Yr 6, 2.15 – 3.30pm

Thursday 4th - Year 1, 1.15 – 2.15pm then Yr 2, 2.15 – 3.30pm

First Holy Communion group

Father Philip has asked me to remind parents of children hoping to prepare for First Sacraments about the meeting this Sunday at 5.00 pm. If parents have not contacted Father and do not attend on Sunday he will assume that your child will not be joining the group this year and you prefer to wait until next year.

Spanish Club

Please can I remind parents that if your child has Spanish Club after school on a Monday and they are not in the 3.30pm session, then your child needs an adult with them supervising them until their session starts. They cannot be left unattended in school waiting for the club to start. Antonia is running the club and so cannot supervise children waiting for the next class. We have had instances where the children have been left and are running around outside unsupervised or have been in and out of classes scribbling on resources.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 27th March – Rowan and Sycamore Class Victorian day in school

Thursday 28th March – Cherry and Willow performance 2pm and 6pm. Tickets already brought in advance.

Friday 29th March - Mental Health Ambassador training – group from Yr 5

Friday 5th April – Last day of term. Mufti day to raise money for the Deaf School.

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**Mrs Taylor-Bashford****Headteacher's Awards:** FSU – Jake, Rowan – Lydia, Daisy, Ellis, Teddy, Cherry – Ellis, Maple - Thomas**Platinum Awards:** Beech - Laura**Silver Awards:** Maple – Ralph, Lola N, Beech – Maddison, Cameron, Alfie, Billy**Bronze Awards:** Maple – Lola S, Beech - Oliver**Star of the Week Awards:** Oak - Amelia, Rowan – Chloe, Sycamore - Maizie , Cherry – Charlie Ha, Willow - Patrycja, Maple – Jaydn, Beech – Felix**Breakfast Club Award:** Cherry – Annie