

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2018**Don't forget the School Disco tonight!****FSU/KS1 6pm - 7pm, KS2 7.15 - 8.15pm****Dear all,**

The children have had a fun week learning at St Joseph's. Mr Gumpy came to visit Oak and Acorn! The children have been reading the story so had a great time asking him lots of questions. Rowan and Sycamore have been designing and making robots to write stories about. Cherry class have been making Roman pots out of clay and Willow have been designing and making bird feeders – I'm sure the birds will find the mealworms more appealing than Mrs Owens did! Maple class has been writing Macbeth playscripts whilst Beech class have delighted in learning about Tudor torture!

**Maternity Cover**

As you are aware Mrs Robertson is pregnant and this week we finalised her maternity leave cover. We are really pleased to say that Mrs Edwards and Mrs Handley will be taking over as the new Sycamore teachers. Mrs Edwards, as many of you will already know, regularly does supply for us and Mrs Handley is an experienced KS1/FSU teacher who we think will be an excellent addition to the team. Mrs Handley will be teaching 2 days a week and Mrs Edwards will be teaching 3 days. We are booking in time where both teachers will come in and spend time with Mrs Robertson and the class to ensure a smooth transition. We will also book in a time for Yr 1/2 parents to come in and meet the new teachers. We will send out the date and time next week.

**E-Safety**

There is a very useful government site called Net Aware that keeps up to date with the latest apps, games and social networks children use. It gives simple advice and information on what's new in social networking. It reviews privacy settings, suitable ages for different sites and appropriate content for over 50 sites. You can also download this as a free app: [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

**New Samba club**

After half term we are changing the focus of our after school music provision on a Monday with Mrs Nelmes from Primary Music & Education. Instead of Choir Club, where numbers had started to dwindle, we are delighted to be able to offer a Samba club for pupils in Years 3-6 initially. There is an upper limit of 28 places available in the club so please do book your child in promptly at the office in order to reserve them a space. The cost of the club will be £2 per session which needs to be paid in advance for the half term (6 sessions). This is guaranteed to be a popular club and we have been loaned a fabulous set of instruments for the children to play.

**Next week:**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Team from Yrs 3&4 - Quick Sticks hockey tournament at ECC 4-5.30pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Book fair in school 3.30pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Book fair in school 3.30pm (final day)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Beech class to ECC for English session, all morning.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Father Stephen in to visit Maple Class

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 2 SATs talk for parents - 2.45pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas in Church Yr 1-4 - 9.30am

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

**Mrs Tavlör-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** Sycamore - Gina, Rowan - Nicholas, Alfie, Hamish, Maizie & Max, Willow - Izzy, Maple - Evan

**Bronze Award:** Sycamore - Maddison, Owen & Elliott, Rowan - Justas, Willow - Laila, George, Ralph, Beech - Henry

**Stars of the Week:** Oak - Finley F, Sycamore - Aleksy, Rowan - Ellie, Cherry - Jack, Willow - Bart, Maple - Maddison, Beech - Henry