

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Tesco Stronger Starts and our School Breakfast Club

Please don't forget to vote for St Joseph's when shopping at Tesco stores in Exmouth. Voting continues until the end of June. The more votes we get the better our chances will be of securing funding. This will help to support Breakfast Club and buy new resources and equipment for the children. Please encourage your family and friends to vote for us too.

### Lifeguard Assembly

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April the life guards came to school to talk the KS2 children about beach and water safety. Some of the children tried out the equipment. It was very educational and informative.

### Earth Day

This Monday, on Earth day, Year 1 each planted a sunflower seed. The children thought about the importance of looking after our world and planting new nature. They are aiming to enter the Exmouth in Bloom sunflower competition. The children are carefully watering and talking to their plants daily to encourage them to grow!

### FSU

We have some very exciting visitors in FSU - Caterpillars! The children are enjoying learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. They are all looking forward to seeing how the caterpillars grow, how they make their cocoons and they are especially excited about seeing them turn into butterflies just like the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' did.

### Exciting news

Miss Baker, yr. 5 teacher, is going to Exeter university today to talk to the current English specialist cohort of trainee teachers about effective phonics teaching and intervention strategies as well as how to make the most of the ECT year. We are very proud of all that Miss Baker has achieved in her short time at St Josephs.

### Sports Day

This year we will be holding Sports day over 2 days. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, the children will take part in activities during the morning. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, the children will be taking part in sports activities on the field during the afternoon, all Parents and Carers are welcome to come and join us. Further details will follow. We have also reserved the afternoon of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, just in case the weather is not on our side on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Sports Club

After half term, the Sports clubs that we have been running on Tuesday's and Thursday's will be charged through Primary Sports Education. I will let you have more information regarding payments nearer the time.

### Donations

We would like some cushions and blankets for our Well Being Areas in the classrooms. If you have any spare, we would be very grateful for them. FSU - They would like some metal kitchen utensils for their new mud kitchen. This may be large utensils such as metal serving spoons, fish/egg slice, mashers, ladles etc. or maybe smaller utensils such as forks, knives, spoons etc. Please bring all donations to reception. Thank you.

### Gospel Value: Peace

We have been thinking of how we can be Peaceful with one another.

Have a peaceful and restful weekend.

Mrs Stephens

### This Year's academic Attendance

Our aspiration target is **97%**

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives. The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success!

The class with the highest attendance this week was **Rowan Class**

### Diary dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Early Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half-term

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (morning) – Staff & Children

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle, live on ParentPay

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – year 6 SAT's

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day (afternoon) – Parents welcome

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Yr.4 Lyme Regis, live on ParentPay

**Reading Awards:** Oaks 175 – Isaac, Willow. 200 – Sienna.

Willow 125 – Brooke. 150 – Hollie, Bea & Amelia. 175 – Quinlan. 200 – Barney & Jonah.

**Headteacher's Award:** Sycamore – Archie & Bella. Willow – Demi.

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan – Teddy.

**Silver Awards:** Cherry – Noah, Liam. Maple – Harry, Emily.

**Gold Awards:** Cherry - Gabriel. Rowan – Sofia.

**Platinum Awards:** Rowan – Oskar. Maple – Poppy Jackson,

**Stars of the Week:** Oak – Aila. Rowan – Aredhel. Sycamore – Samuel. Cherry – Brandon. Maple – Chloe. Willow – Hollie.

Beech – Jacob.