

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that we are saying Goodbye to Mrs Arthur today. Mrs Arthur has worked at St Joseph's for 13 years, she has been a valued member of the team. I am sure you will join us in saying a big thank you for all your hard work, and for helping our children grow. We will all miss you.

Buckfast Abbey

Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful Easter experience when they visited Buckfast Abbey yesterday. They listened carefully to the Easter story where they each received a cuddly donkey toy. They made stained glass crosses and Easter cards before playing in the beautiful gardens and exploring inside the Abbey. The children were a credit to the school.



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 starts the first week in April 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.

SAT's year 6 and year 4 MTC meeting

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the meetings. These are always very informative and give you, the parent, an insight into the methods used and how you can support your child at home.

Lent Foodbank Appeal

Many thanks to those of you who have placed items in the box. Contributions will be taken to the Foodbank this week. If you haven't donated at school, please remember you can always take items direct to the Foodbank in the Salvation Army Hall in Shepherds Row, Exmouth. Your small act of kindness could make a huge difference to someone in need.

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.

World Book Day costumes - If you have any that are too small for your child please donate them to school so we can raise funds next year for the library. Please bring all donations to reception. Thank you.

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Friday 19 April, 2.30-3.30pm

Hear updates from the PTA and school, elect the new team and share your ideas for the summer term. If you can make it, please let us know by emailing pta@stjo.uk, or let Kay in the office know. If you can't make it but would like to find out more, or have any questions, please let us know. Hope to see you there!

Holy Ghost Church

On Good Friday at 11am at Holy Ghost Church there will be Stations of the Cross especially for children. Children and parents will be invited to walk in procession around the church remembering the 'Way of the Cross' experienced by Jesus. A lovely opportunity to walk with Jesus to be the best we can be. It should take no longer than 30 minutes. At the conclusion children will be invited to light a candle. All are welcome.

Gospel Value: Forgiveness

Have a peaceful and restful Easter break.
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 **Willow Class**

Diary dates:

Thursday 28th March – Yr. 4 Times Table talk @ 3pm

Monday 15th April – Children return to school

Friday 19th April – PTA AGM @ 2.30pm

Thursday 28th March – Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 17th June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle

Reading Awards: Oak – 150- Isaac

Stars of the Term: Oak – **Madison & Luca**. Rowan – **Mya & Joseph**. Sycamore – **Penelope & Rueben**.

Cherry – **Eleanor & Louie**. Maple – **Thea & Harry**. Willow – **Amelia & Louie**. Beech – **Chloe & Teddy**.