

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear all,

St Joseph's Great British Bake Off

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Bake Off. The bakes were amazing! We were blown away by the effort and creativity that had gone into them. The day was a great success, with lots of bakes being made in school as well as sent in. It was really hard having to judge them as they all deserved a prize but eventually we decided that the winners were: For the Showstopper – Katy, the Signature Bake – Evan, the Technical – George K, the Most Spring Inspired – Dean and the Judges Favourite – Mylo & Jonah.

Lots of money was raised for SU2C. I will let you know the total when I have it. Many thanks to our judges: Award winning baker - Debbie from Bumble and Bee, Clive one of our lovely Governors and the wonderful Nev! A big thank you also to George, Alfie and their Mum for organising the day – well done on Radio Devon, you were great! Many thanks to the Bethell family who also raised £70.70 for SU2C by selling Candy Floss outside their house.

E-Safety

I have put on the website the latest information about 10 of the apps that parents should be aware of. It is about 10 commonly used apps which have features like letting users hide photos or send secret messages which could be utilised by people with harmful intentions.

Breakfast Club

On some days at Breakfast Club we have now reached full capacity. This means you cannot be guaranteed a place if you do not book in advance. Please book at the Office. If you arrive without booking you will be turned away if we already have the maximum number of children.

Mrs Robertson

Congratulations to Mrs Robertson who had a baby boy this week, Henry James. We wish her and the baby lots of love and best wishes and can't wait to see them both.

Parent activity sessions

Our termly parent activity sessions start again next week. This term's activity session will be slightly different in that they will be run by Lorna Devenish from Water Shed. As a school, we are taking part in a long term community scheme looking at harvesting our rainwater. Excess rainwater is a very real problem, with Exmouth particularly prone to flooding. South West Water is investing £4million in Exmouth to prevent sewer flooding, reduce storm water overflows and cope with new housing developments.

The WaterShed project is part of this investment. By capturing and reusing rainwater from our site, this can help reduce flooding lower down in the town. I want the children to be involved as much as possible so at the sessions our children will help design their own ideas for rainwater capture, with the best ideas going forward for construction outside the classrooms. Then, in the Summer holidays, we will hopefully have a rainwater harvesting system installed. This will store water from the roof which will be pumped back into the school to flush the toilets. This should help reduce our water bills as well as reducing run-off from the site.

A planning application is also going to be submitted shortly to East Devon District Council to construct 'raingardens' on the land outside the school. The raingardens will be landscaped and planted with plants that are tolerant of water. The plans will not affect the parking areas. At the workshops, the children will learn more about all the elements of the project. If you have any questions about the project, please email lorna@kloudkeeper.co.uk, who is working on behalf of South West

Next week:

Monday 30th – Wednesday 2nd – Maple Class residential to Magdalen.

Monday 30th April – Willow Class parent activity session 1.30 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 1st May - Rowan Class parent activity session 1.30 – 3.00pm

Wednesday 2nd May - Sycamore Class parent activity session 1.30 – 3.00pm

Thursday 3rd May – PTA meeting 9.10am

Thursday 3rd May - Cherry Class parent activity session 1.30 – 3.00pm

Friday 4th May – Non-pupil day for staff training

Saturday 5th May – Confirmation at Church 6pm

See you at the school disco later!

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Oak - Daisy, Skylar, Maria, Finlay F, Mia, Lydia, Chloe, Harry, Emma, Sycamore - Ella, Aleksy, Owen, Maddison, Cherry - Irys, Max, Lewis, Willow - Charlie S, Maple - Jeff, Erin, Archie, Beech - Jack W

Gold Award: Sycamore - Ella

Silver Award: Oak - Emily, Emma, Sycamore - Holly, Felix, Willow - Evie, Beech - Poppy

Star of the week: FSU - Maria, Sycamore - Harry, Rowan - Maizie, Cherry - Emmie, Willow - Arianah, Maple - Jack, Beech - George

Breakfast Club Star of the Week: Arthur