St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a lovely week learning and the school is looking very festive with the Christmas decorations now in place. I could never have imagined so much tinsel could fit on one tree!

On Monday as part of the Wow project year 5/6 made paper and the eco-council analysed the results of our waste audit looking at ways we can reduce our waste in school.

Yesterday some of our KS1 took part in a multi sports festival at the Tennis Centre. The children were fantastic and demonstrated some excellent skills. Many thanks to Mrs Hallett, the staff and parents for making it possible.

Today the Governors presented a tree to the school. The tree was bought from the voucher the Governors gave to the school in summer 2021 to say thank-you to everyone in school for handling the lockdowns etc. It is a beautiful tree that is now planted round the side of FSU. It has vibrant red leaves and will be lovely to look at all year round. Many thanks to our governors for this kind gift.

Thank you to those of you who could make the parent activity sessions that have run this week. Rowan Class had a great time with theirs investigating different aspects of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. FSU had a lot of fun being product testers and learning about which materials made the best bubble snake. Next week we have the remaining parent activity sessions (see diary dates below).

Grounds

Many thanks to the parents who have said they would be happy to volunteer to help sweep up leaves in the playground. As much as we love having so many trees and bushes in school when the leaves start to fall it is always difficult. As you can imagine our caretaker spends a lot of time sweeping the leaves for them to then all reappear the next day. If you are available to help the session will be on Saturday 3rd December from 9.30-10.30am. Please bring a gardening broom if you have one! Please let us know by Wednesday 30th November if you are able to come and help as if this date isn't suitable we will cancel and rearrange for a different time. I am aware the run up to Christmas is busy for everyone.

Poppies

Many thanks to everyone who donated money for the Poppy Appeal. It raised £163.22 for The Royal British Legion which helps to support the Armed Forces community past and present.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:

Monday 28th November - Maple and Beech Class parent activity sessions, 2.15pm

Week beginning 28th November – Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 30th November 10am – FSU and KS1 Nativity first showing

Wednesday 30th November - Sycamore Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Thursday 1st December 2pm – FSU and KS1 Nativity repeated performance

Thursday 1st December - Cherry Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Friday 2nd December – PTA Present room – information on ParentPay

Saturday 3rd December – Exmouth Town Lantern parade. Cherry and Maple Class making the lanterns to take

Tuesday 6th December – KS2 Advent Service in Church 6pm

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 13th December – First aid workshops for all children FSU – Yr 6.

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December – Last day of Autumn Term

Gold Award: Cherry Class – Evie K **Silver Award:** Cherry Class - Jessi

Bronze Awards: Rowan Class – Rudy, Brooklyn, Penelope, Anna, Dominic, Remy, Cherry Class – Isabelle, Isla, Evelyn,

Connor, Rory, Gene

Stars of the week: Oak Class – Murphy, Rowan Class – Laicee, Sycamore Class - Noah, Cherry Class - Thea, Maple

Class - Shiloh, Beech Class - Emma and Evie.