

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome you all back after a very wet Easter break. I hope that you all managed to get out and about and enjoy your family time.

School Uniform

It is great that the weather is improving, I would just like to remind you of the uniform code for summer:

Green gingham dress/playsuit, Grey shorts, White T-Shirt, green school cardigan/jumper and black sensible shoes.

On PE days green PE top with black shorts/joggers and trainers.

Children are welcome to bring in a suitable hat for sunny breaks and lunchtimes. Please make sure your child's name is written in any items of clothing.

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 has started and 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.

World Earth Day

Monday 22nd April is Earth Day and each class will be doing something to recognise that we all have a part to play in caring for our planet. This year's theme is Planet vs Plastics. What could you do this week to reduce your reliance on plastic? Maybe you could think about the packaging in your lunchboxes! If we all took a small action this week, we could make a big difference!

Year 4 Science

To begin our new Science topic of Sound, Year 4 have been on a sound walk around the school grounds. We discovered a range of sounds and discussed where they came from and how they were changing.

Lifeguard Assembly

On Wednesday 24th April the life guards are coming to school to talk the KS2 children about beach and water safety.

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.

Exciting news

Miss Thompson is having a baby! We are all excited about this news. The little bundle of joy is due in October. I am sure you will join us in Congratulating Miss Thompson and her partner.

Gospel Value: Forgiveness

We have been looking at the ways you have to be courageous to be one of Jesus' witnesses.

Have a peaceful and restful weekend. I hope the sun shines.

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 **Oak Class**

Diary dates:

Monday 22nd April – World Earth Day

Monday 6th May – Early Spring Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May – Break up for half-term

Monday 17th June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle, live on ParentPay

Wednesday 24th April – KS2 Lifeguard Assembly

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May – year 6 SAT's

Tuesday 4th June – Children return to school

Reading Awards: Oaks Class – 50- **Maddison**, 75 – **Dexter**, 100 - **Luca**, 125 – **Alyssia & Sophia**, 150 – **Aila**, 200 – **Gracie, Edie, Cosette & Michael**.

Bronze Awards: Maple Class – **Evelyn, Isla, Roman**.

Silver Awards: Oaks Class – **Bella, Isaac, Willow**. Sycamore Class – **Arnie**. Maple Class – **Jessi**.

Gold Awards: Rowan Class – **Aredhel, Murphy, Mya, Halle**. Willow Class – **Melissa**.

Stars of the Week: Oak – **Cara**. Rowan – **Ned**. Sycamore - **Emily**. Cherry – **Flossie**. Maple – **Jessi**. Willow – **Gabe**. Beech – **William**.