

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I can't believe how quickly this half term has flown by. It's been a great half term and the children have all worked extremely hard.

**Educational Visit to Paignton Zoo**

We took the whole school to the zoo on Wednesday and we had an amazing time despite the weather. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs O'Mahony for planning the whole school educational visit and for all the staff who also worked hard to make it happen. I would also like to thank the parent helpers that made this visit possible – thank you!

**Pupil Questionnaire**

Last Term, the GIFT team worked with Miss Rowe to devise some questions for the pupil questionnaire. At the beginning of this term, our children completed the questionnaire and I have included some of the results from the questionnaire below.

	Yes
I know of trusted adults I can talk to if I need to.	99%
My teachers encourage me to reach my full potential (to be the best that I can be).	99%
The children at St Joseph's know how to live out the Gospel Values and Virtues of the school.	99%
My school teaches me how to be safe online.	99%
I have the opportunity to go on school trips.	99%

We have listened to our children and we will be working to improve the school using their suggestions and I will keep you updated.

**Parent Questionnaire**

On Wednesday we sent out a link for our parent questionnaire. We would love to hear your views and encourage you to fill out the survey please. Thank you for your continued support.

**Gospel Value - Integrity**

'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12

We have been reflecting on this scripture to think about how our actions affect others.

**Exmouth Food Bank Harvest Festival**

We celebrated Harvest this morning. It was a lovely celebration. Thank you to all the parents who came to celebrate with us, and for all your kind donations. The Food Bank collected this morning and were very pleased. Thank you.

**All Saints Day Mass**

On the 1st of November, Key Stage 2 will be attending Mass for All Saints Day. We are inviting the whole school to dress up as a Saint. Father Phillip will be coming into school to speak to the Key Stage 1 Children about their Saints.

**Scholastic Book Fayre**

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fayre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. This will be located outside reception under the canopy.

**Spanish Club and Art and Craft Afterschool Clubs**

These clubs will soon be live on ParentPay. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

Many thanks

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!

This week - the class with the highest attendance is Willow 98.8%  
 The term – the class with the highest attendance is Rowan 96.3%

**Diary dates:**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> November Scholastic Book Fayre              | 1 <sup>st</sup> November KS2 Mass for All Saints Day                        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November Year 6 class assembly 3pm                            | 10 <sup>th</sup> November Careers afternoon                                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November Children in Need day (details to follow)            | 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Year 5 class assembly 3pm                         |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> November FSU Nativity (details to follow) | 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity (details to follow) |

**Headteacher Awards:** Rowan Class – Arnie, Zara, Aidan; Beech Class - Ellis

**Bronze Awards:** Sycamore class – Lily, Ava; Maple class – Evie; Willow class – Shiloh.

**Stars of the week:** Oak class - Rupert; Rowan class – Halle; Sycamore class –Jaime; Cherry class – Rozella; Maple class – Jessi; Willows – Jonah; Beech class – Gemma.