

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Joseph's Day

Tuesday 19th March is St Joseph's Day. We will be celebrating with Mass at 2:30pm with Father Philip which you are all invited to attend.

The children will be taking part in activities throughout the day about St Joseph.

Careers fair

Just to remind you that our termly Careers Days for our children at St Joseph's is Friday 22nd March 2024 (1.30-3.30). We know that we have a wealth of talent amongst our parents as well as a broad and diverse workforce. We would be extremely grateful if you are able to offer your services to our children at St Joseph's through coming into school and talking to them about your role so that they can be inspired. We will try to match each role to our curriculum so that our children are ready for the next stage of their education. Please can you let us know if this is something that you would be interested in or if you would like to find out more about it please email admin@stjo.uk.

Times Table Talk

Year 4 Parents/Carers are invited to join us for a talk about Times Tables. This will take place on Thursday 28th March at 3pm in the hall.

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.

Exmouth Food Bank Easter 2024 Opening times

See attached flyer. This will also be on the notice board.

Lent 2024

Lent is a time to think about how our small acts of kindness and giving can have a big impact on others. With this in mind, during Lent we are collecting donations for the Exmouth Foodbank. There is a box for donations in the entrance porch. Typical items required by the Foodbank are: tinned goods - fruit, soup, vegetables, baked beans/spaghetti hoops/macaroni cheese and cold meat. Jam, peanut butter, tomato sauce/mayonnaise. Packet soup/instant mash. Easter eggs and chocolates are also needed to give to families at Easter. If you can help in any small way it will make a real difference. Thank you.

Gospel Value: Kindness

This week, we have been thinking about how little acts of kindness can make a big difference. Think about a time when someone was kind to you. How did it make you feel?

Have a lovely weekend.

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 is **Rowan Class**

Diary dates:

Friday 22nd March – Careers Day

Wednesday 27th March – Yrs. 1 & 2 Buckfast Abbey

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

Thursday 28th March – Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April – Children return to school

Monday 17th June – Yr. 1 Powderham Castle

Reading Awards: Oak – 50 - Rupert. 150 – Evie. 175 – Edie, Gracie. **Rowan** – 50 – Sophie. 150 – Joseph. 175 – Bea.

Willow – 100 – Suki, Bea, Daisy, Brooke, Layla. 125 – Ethan, Amelia. 175 – Jonah, Barney.

Beech – 100 - Daisy, Archie. 125 – Chloe, Emma, Amelie. 175 – Elliott, Lydia, Gemma, Finlay, Fraser.

Bronze Awards: Sycamore – Alfie. **Maple** – Charlie.

Silver Awards: Oaks – Alyssia. **Rowan** – Albert. **Cherry** – Jude. **Willow** – Oliver.

Gold Awards: Rowan – Iza. **Willow** – Barney.

Star of the Week: Oak – Finlay. **Rowan** – Aredhel. **Sycamore** – Arnie. **Cherry** – Jack. **Maple** – Oto. **Willow** – Oliver. **Beech** – Chloe.