

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been enjoying starting their Advent calendars this week. We have been hearing lots about them and what has been in them! They have also started their Spread the Happiness calendars in school which is bringing lots of smiles and discussions about helping one another.

FSU performed their Nativity this week. I have never had to miss a performance before so I was really disappointed to have missed it this week but I hear the children were amazing and loved taking part in it. I am really pleased that we managed to have the parents in for it and feel very lucky as I know many other schools have had to cancel theirs. Thank you so much to Mrs Keeping and all the staff in FSU for making it possible. Organising a nativity with lots of little people is always tricky but to try and do it when there has been lots of child and staff absence I know has been extremely challenging so well done FSU! Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Cook for standing in my place in my absence.

Next week is the KS1 performance. If you are coming to watch please only come to the selected performance as numbers are limited and split over the two shows. Please also remember to wear a mask and only come if you are completely well.

This week year 6 have taken part in Bikeability. Again we were very pleased this could still go ahead and thank you to the instructors for still coming in. The children have been fantastic and have shown great perseverance over the week.

Maple Class have completed their super Christmas Lanterns. They have been a bit of a labour of love, proving to be rather tricky and fiddly to complete but the end results are super! It would be really lovely to have lots of St Joseph's children there at the parade in town on Saturday. We will meet at Holy Trinity Church, 2 Rolle Rd, Exmouth EX8 2AB, at 5.15pm on Saturday.

Miss Rowe is looking forward to seeing your advent wreaths – please see last week's Newsletter or Home Learning for further information.

The final session for swimming this term for the group in Maple and Beech class is today.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Nelmes. Mrs Nelmes has taught music at St Joseph's over the last five years and I'm sure you will agree she has been amazing. We are very sorry to see her go but wish her lots of luck in her next ventures.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lantern parade in town

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm and 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm. Parents information session for children in year 3 and 4 about the statutory Multiplication test. The session will be on zoom and recorded for any that cannot attend.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper over their school uniform. £1.00 donation by ParentPay only please

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas mufti in aid of the PTA. Children can come to school in mufti/Christmas mufti. £1.00 donation by cash only please.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – KS2 Christmas Service in Church

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school for Spring term

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Flu vaccine. Email with link to book has been sent out.

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class – Kenny, Sycamore Class – Poppy W

**Silver Awards:** Rowan Class – Lincoln, Lenny, Liam, Aurelia, Catriona,

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan Class – Alfie, Ralph, Cherry Class – Melissa, Maple Class - William

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class - Jaime, Rowan Class - Alfie, Sycamore Class – Oto, Cherry Class - Beatrice, Maple Class – Harrv Ha. Beech Class – Brooke.