



## OFSTED

The Ofsted inspectors have been and gone now. We are eagerly awaiting their report which should be published in two to three weeks. Many thanks to the parents who completed the ParentView questionnaire, the responses on there were very positive. In 8 out of the 12 statements 100% of the 27 respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement. Thanks also to the parents who spoke with the inspectors in the playground. A very favourable impression was gained from those conversations also.

## Half Term

We are only a week away now from the half term holiday. The last day in school for the children is **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**, returning on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please remember that **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> November** is an extra training day for teachers so **the school will not be open for children on that day**. In that first week back we will have our first parents' evenings of the year. Please fill in and return the slip below to book your appointment.

## Key Dates

Dates for your diary for next half term are –

Oct 31st	Back to school
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Evenings
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Extra day off for children
Nov 11th	Bishop Mark to visit school
Nov 14th	Beginning of Anti-Bullying Week
Nov 17th	Flu vaccinations (yrs 1,2&3)
Dec 8th	International Christmas Market
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play 6pm
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.10 am
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Nativity Play 6 pm
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation Nativity Play 9.10 am
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6pm
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner and party
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Grotto ( Friends of St Joseph's)
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
Jan 4th	Back to school

## Parents' Evenings

The Open Evenings for all classes will take place on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We would like to see all parents with their children on one of these evenings. If both dates are impossible for you please contact the class teacher directly to arrange another appointment.

Please take this opportunity to come in and look at your child's books, discuss his/her learning with his/her teacher and agree targets for improvement over the coming months. We are changing the booking process so that you can book your appointment electronically. A letter explaining the process should accompany this newsletter.

## Cross Country

The children all had the opportunity today to take part in our Inter-House Cross Country competition. The races for Key Stage 2 children doubled up as trials to be selected for the Plymouth Schools Cross Country Championships which will be held at Staddiscombe next Thursday. Twenty Four children were selected to race in our new sports kit. Hopefully most of their competitors will see the St Joseph's name on the back of the shirts because our athletes have just run past them !