



Newsletter



14/7/16

Reports

You should have received your child's report today. If you wish to clarify any matters within the report teachers will be available from 3.45 - 5.00 pm on Wednesday 19th July. If you have any N marks on your child's attendance certificate could you please inform the office of the reason for your child's absence that day.

Friends of St Joseph's

The Summer Fair was a great success despite the rain towards the beginning of the event. A profit of £900 was made, thanks to all of those who made the event possible. The Friends have spent some of the money on microphones and stands for use in the hall.

Sports Day

Thank you to the hundreds of family and friends who came along to support the children on Sports Day last week. The overall winning team was St Peter's (blues) however most children enjoyed the thrill of winning at least one race but lost in others. Not many schools follow our competitive format but we feel it is important for the children to know how to win, and lose, graciously and that did happen last week.

Debts

A number of parents still owe money on their School Money accounts, mainly to do with breakfast club or school lunches. Please pay your balance by the end of next week. Parents with sizeable debts have been informed that if their child comes to school without a packed lunch they will not be offered the lunch option of a hot school meal but only a school packed lunch will be provided, the cost of which will be added to the debt. We do not want any children to be put in that situation so please pay for meals in advance.

Could parents whose children are going to PGL in September 2018 please ensure that they keep up with the payment schedule. We had some parents last year who left things till the last minute and struggled to find the remaining amount at short notice meaning their children were in danger of not going on the trip.

Moving up Morning

The children were all very excited this morning to be spending the morning with their new teachers. We are lucky that our new teachers Mrs Knowles, Mr Langley and Miss Elder have all been able to spend many days in school this term getting to know our systems and, more importantly, the children they will be teaching next year.

Leavers' Mass

The Leavers' Mass for the year 6 children, and staff, leaving us will be held in St Joseph's Church at 11.00 on Thursday 20th July. Please join us if you can. On the Friday morning year 6 will be leading a 'Leavers' Assembly' which will undoubtedly encompass a whole range of emotions. Due to limited capacity in the hall only family and friends of the year 6 children can attend. That will be the last day of term and the last day ever for our year 6 children who will be leaving a little early that day. If you want to come and wave the year 6s off they will be leaving at 3pm that day.

One person that we thought would be leaving for the last time that day is actually staying on for a little longer. Mrs Yuill will still be on maternity leave in September and so Mrs Way is going to stay on for three days a week in year 1 until Mrs Yuill returns after the half term holiday.

Times Tables Challenge

This will be the tenth year that we have run this competition. Each year more and more children get through to the later rounds which is the main purpose of the competition. We do end up with a winner in each year group with a trophy for the Foundation Stage winner and the Key Stage 1 & 2 winners. It is interesting to read the names that have been engraved on the trophies since 2008. On some occasions the Key Stage 1 winner has come from year 1 and the Key Stage 2 winner from year 5. With the way that some children have been flying through their one-minute challenges and times tables travels we are expecting this year's competition to be tighter than ever.

Library Reading Challenge

From tomorrow (Sat 15th) children can enrol on the Library Reading Challenge. They need to read 6 books before school starts again in September. In Devonport Library, on Wednesdays, there will be special events and free packed lunches available. Please encourage your child to complete the challenge.