

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 27

30 April 2018



In Class this Week

St Anthony –

English – Y1 - sounds recap (or, aw, oi, igh and air).

Reception – go over initial sounds. Use 'and' to link phrases in our writing
Maths – Addition sentences, weight and weighing ingredients for cooking

RE – Recognising parts of the Easter story & Christian symbols

St Aldhelm –

Writing – Reading a range of information books about bees and writing book reviews

Maths – Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers by partitioning

RE – To retell the Easter story from the perspective of Peter

St Lawrence –

English - Journals about rivers

Maths – Finding the fraction of a number/equivalent fractions

RE – Easter

St Francis –

English – Creating characters for fantasy stories

Maths – Fractions and percentages

RE – Easter - The Resurrection

St Scholastica - English - Formal writing and SATs revision

Maths – SATs revision

RE – Easter

Summer Uniform

We are working on the basis that summer has arrived and we encourage all our children to wear their summer school uniform. Boys: Short sleeved white shirt (not polo shirt), dark grey shorts, school V-neck jumper, dark socks, plain sandals/shoes. Girls: Green checked/striped dress, school cardigan, white or green socks/tights, plain sandals/shoes.

Coats

Some children's outdoor coats/jackets are deemed unsuitable and inappropriate for school. The children concerned are being spoken to individually and being asked if they can keep these coats/jackets for leisure time only. Please ensure your child wears a sensible coat for school.

As we hope to be using the land at lunchtimes when the weather is fine and for other activities during the summer term, please can we ask that all children bring coats into school every day. As always in the summer when the weather is sunny, please ensure your child has a sunhat/cap and has had protective sun-cream applied before they come to school.

Attendance Rate

There will be extra golden time at the end of term for the class with the best attendance.

St Anthony	95.5%
St Aldhelm	95.6%
St Lawrence	95.2%
St Francis	97.0%
St Scholastica	97.4%

After School Clubs

If anyone is interested in joining a sports club, please contact Mr Dawson. They all run 3.30-4.30pm.

Monday - Dance (Y1-Y6)

Tuesday - Gymnastics (Y4, Y5, Y6)

Tuesday - Football (Y5, Y6)

Wednesday - Netball (Y5, Y6)

Thursday - Football (Y2, Y3, Y4)

Thursday - Dodgeball (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)

Friday - Multi-sports (Y1, Y2)

Friday - Hockey (Y4, Y5, Y6)

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY AT 4.30pm.

Monday - Fine Art Club (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) until 4.30pm.

Modern Jazz Dance Club

Classes run every Tuesday lunchtime and the 10 week course is £22.50. Please contact Nikki Purkess if you would like more details: purkessc@aol.com or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

Braeside Residential Y3

Our Y3 children are all looking forward to their Residential Trip: Wednesday 23rd May - Friday 24th May. The final balance is due no later than Monday 7th May. Please speak to the office if you need to check your payments.

School Trips

All school trip letters and medical forms can be downloaded from the website under Parents tab.
St Scholastica - 'WhereTheWall' Bristol - 21st May.
Whole School - Bowood House & Gardens - 29th June.
Other trips/workshops being booked - letters out soon.
If you are unaware of any trip/activity for your child please download the information from the school website under the Parent Tab.

Class Topics

Class Topic Plans are available for parents to view on the Classes tab on the website.

Amethyst Power

This term's learning gem is Amethyst, which represents the value of co-operation. We are learning how to listen to others respectfully and to share with each other, not only with our resources, but with our thoughts and ideas.

PE Kits

Please be reminded that children need to have their PE Kits in school at all times. All items need to be NAMED. Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and that it fits!! Children who have swimming lessons also need correct kit - swimsuit/trunks, towel and swim hat.

Tuck Shop

In response to the school council, children are now running a healthy tuck shop each Friday at morning break as part of KS2 Maths intervention. Children may bring a maximum of 50p into school to purchase their snack.

Car Parking Outside School

A member of the public who drives every day to work up Holloway Hill has reported with great concern that there are some cars who regularly park and drop children off outside school and across the road. This is a DANGER to children trying to cross the road and other road-users, so please may we request that you park in the carpark and walk your child round to school. The only vehicles should be K&S Childcare, disabled visitors/children & deliveries.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for this term are for Year 2 pupils in St Aldhelm Class. Letters were emailed to parents but if you haven't received one please collect a copy from the school office or download from the website (under parents tab/trips). Please pay ASAP if you have not done so already, as we have to pay the Activity Zone. If anyone is available to walk with the children to and from the Activity Zone please let us know - thank you.

Parent Support Advisor

Our Parent Support Advisor, Terry Jones, can offer support and advice on any parenting issues you may be having difficulty with at home or at school. This service is FREE to parents. Terry can meet parents in school, home or elsewhere. Parents can contact Terry on 07876 201021 or terryjones@malmesbury-pri.wilts.sch.uk.

End of Term Arrangements

The school will close at the end of the summer term on **Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 1pm**. Please arrange pick up or alternative child-care from this time.

Milk Bottle Tops

A BIG thank you to those of you who collected bottle tops to help raise money to train Guide Dogs for the Blind. Our first guide dog is doing well with her new family. Our new dog, Poppy, is over half-way through her training and is also doing very well. Regretfully we are no longer able to collect bottle tops as the company we use to take for recycling place can no longer assist us. Thank you once again for your help. Mrs Suzanne Jones & Jacob Jones.

Dance & Gymnastics Show

Children who attend Miss Emma's after-school Gymnastics and Dance clubs will be putting on a show to demonstrate the work they have been doing. This will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday 10th July in the school hall. Parents of these children are welcome to come and watch - arrive at 2pm.

Whole School Trip

We are delighted to be able to tell you that as a celebration of the children's hard work this year, there will be a whole school trip to Bowood House and Gardens on Friday 29th June 2018. (More details to follow.)

Summer Fete

Please put the date in your diary! If you think you might be interested in helping beforehand or on the day, please contact someone on the PFA. It's always a very fun day!

Diary Dates

May 2018 1 May – Choir to sing at Athelstan House

14-17 May – Year 6 SATs

16 May – May procession 2pm

21 May – St Scholastica trip to Bristol (street art)

21 May – Orienteering Festival Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 (RE-SCHEDULED DATE) (was 30th April)

23-25 May – Y3 Braeside residential

28 May – 1 June – Half Term holiday

June 2018 5 June – School Photographer (classes)

13 June – Y6 Leavers Mass, Clifton Cathedral, Bristol

19 June – KS2 Swim Gala 1.30-3.30pm Activity Zone

Saturday 23 June – Summer Fete at school

27 June – New Reception Picnic and visit

27 June – Reception parents meeting – 6pm

29 June – Whole School Trip Bowood House/Gardens

July 2018 Sunday 1 July – First Holy Communion Y3

3, 4 July – Y6 Induction Malmesbury School

3 July – New reception day visit

5 July – End of term reports home to parents

6 July – Sports day + early finish 1pm

10 July 2.15pm Dance/Gymnastics Show arrive 2pm