

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 29

### 14 May 2018



### In Class this Week

#### St Anthony –

English – Y1: er, est and ing ending words, descriptive writing.

Reception: recap digraphs, ch, sh, th, wh and qu.

Maths – 1 more and 1 less, writing numbers and bar graphs.

RE – Symbols for the Resurrection

#### St Aldhelm –

Writing – non-fiction - finding out how a mini beast's appearance can help it avoid being eaten.

Maths – Measurement – tell and write the time to five minutes past and to the hour.

RE – Easter – to be able to state the meaning the Easter story holds for Christians.

**Class assembly is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30pm – parents welcome.**

#### St Lawrence –

English – debate about flood plains (carrying on from last week)

Maths – comparing, ordering fractions and tenths and hundredths as decimals.

RE – Easter.

#### St Francis -

English – writing science fiction stories.

Maths – perimeter and length.

RE – The Road to Emmaus.

**Parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm for our class SCIENCE FAIR.**

#### St Scholastica –

English – SATs    Maths – SATs    RE – Easter

**Y6 Leavers' Mass, Clifton Cathedral – a letter to parents will be given to the Y6s this week – please ensure you read this.**

### PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting is tomorrow - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - at 8pm at The Old Bell. This will mainly be about organising the summer fete.

### Summer Fete - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Please put the date in your diary - it's always a very enjoyable school event!

### Jewellery

There were a number of cases last week where children were asked to remove bracelets or cover up ear-rings. Please refer to the school handbook which clearly sets out what is acceptable and what is not. Thank you.

### Attendance Rate

St Anthony	95.7%
St Aldhelm	96.0 %
St Lawrence	96.3%
St Francis	97.0%
St Scholastica	97.1%

### 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 costs £22.50. Please contact Nikki Purkess if you would like more details: [purkessc@aol.com](mailto:purkessc@aol.com) or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

### Sunny Weather

As always during the summer months, may we remind parents to ensure their child has had sun-cream applied and brings a sunhat/cap in for protection from the sun.

### School Trips

St Scholastica	WhereTheWall, Bristol	21st May
Y3 StLawrence	Braeside Residential	23-25 May
St Lawrence	WhereTheWall, Bristol	5 <sup>th</sup> June
St Aldhelm	Pirates - Bristol Harbour	7th June
St Anthony	Samba Drumming/Dance (and 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> )	7th June
St Francis	Allotment Visit	7th June
Y6 leavers	Mass, Clifton Cathedral	13 <sup>th</sup> June
Whole School	Bowood House & Gardens	29th June

If needed, school trip letters and medical forms can be downloaded from the website under the Parents 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.

## Mobile Phones & iPods

May we please remind you that the children are **not allowed** to have mobile phones or iPods in school. We have had a number of children bringing in such devices, which we have had to take off them and put in the safe until the end of the day. Safeguarding your children is of paramount importance, therefore **under no circumstances**, should children have access to their phones during the day. If there are extenuating circumstances why your child will need a phone, please put this in writing to the school and if deemed appropriate, we will ensure the correct permissions and consents are in place.

## Dangerous Car Parking Outside School

A member of the public has reported with great concern that there are some cars who regularly park and drop children off outside school. This is a **DANGER** to children trying to cross the road and other road-users, so we request that you park in the carpark and walk your child to/from 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. This is an important life skill for all children. Any outstanding payments should be paid ASAP, as we have to pay the Activity Zone. The cost this term is £40 per child. Please contact the office or Mrs Green if you are able to help walk the children to and from the pool. Children need correct named kit - swimsuit/trunks, towel, swimming cap.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1pm**. Please arrange pick up or alternative child-care from this time.

## Good Luck Year 6!

You have all worked so hard in preparing for your SATs this week and are more than ready for them! We know you will take them in your stride - and remember, we are all with you every step of the way. Good Luck - as if you need it!!

## Red, White & Blue Day!

In honour of the Royal Wedding on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we are inviting all children and staff to come to school wearing red, white and blue on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Each class will be linking some of their learning and activities to this historic event and will communicate their activities to you all via Class Dojo. We are keen to raise money to help support one of the charities chosen by the Royal couple and therefore would be really grateful if everyone brought in an appropriate donation - thank you.

## Coats & PE Kits

Children should bring coats into school every day as we are now using the land at lunchtimes and for other activities. PE kits need to be in school at all times.

## Diary Dates

**May 2018** 15 May – PFA Meeting, 8pm, The Old Bell

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 30<sup>th</sup> April)

23-25 May – Y3 Braeside residential

28 May – 1 June – Half Term holiday

**June 2018** 5 June – School Photographer (Y6 & R)

5 June – St Lawrence Trip to Bristol (street art)

7 June – St Anthony Samba Drumming & Dance

Workshop: Dance Workshops 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June

7 June – St Aldhelm Trip – Bristol Harbour

7 June – St Francis Allotment Visit - Malmesbury

13 June – Y6 Leavers Mass, Clifton Cathedral, Bristol

14 June – 2.45pm Modern Jazz Dance Show (parents of children in Nikki Purkess' group only: arrive 2.40)

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

Saturday 23 June – School Summer Fete

27 June – New Reception Picnic and visit

27 June – Reception parents meeting – 6pm

29 June – Whole School Trip Bowood House

**July 2018** Sunday 1 July – First Holy Communion Y3

3, 4 July – Y6 Induction Malmesbury School

5 July – End of term reports home to parents

6 July – Sports day + early finish 1pm

10 July 2.15pm Dance/Gymnastics Show - School (parents of children Miss Emma's groups: arrive 2.05)