

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 31

4 June 2018



In Class this Week

St Anthony –

Writing/Phonics – Yr 1 Homophones; Reception CVC sentences

Maths – Halving; counting in tens

RE – Exploring the story of Pentecost

St Aldhelm –

Writing – Writing stories about boats

Maths – Comparing & measuring the mass of objects using scales

RE – Pentecost – describing aspects of the coming of the Spirit as told in John's Gospel

St Lawrence –

English - Leaflets

Maths – Perimeter & area

RE - Pentecost

St Francis -

English – Features of information texts - websites

Maths – Money and decimal value

RE – Pentecost

St Scholastica –

English – Formal/informal writing

Maths – Times tables revision

RE – Pentecost

Clubs cancelled

Please be advised that Fine Art Club and Minecraft Club with Isaac Owen will be cancelled w/c 2nd July. Please therefore arrange pick up of your child at the usual time. Parents will be reimbursed for the missed sessions.

Data Protection

To view our associated GDPR documents on our website, please click on the link at the bottom of the website page.

School Photographer

We have had to postpone our school photographer who was scheduled to come in on Tuesday 5th June. The new date is Friday 15th June at 1pm. Please ensure your child is tidy and is in full school uniform.

Mobile Phones

Year 6 parents have been sent a letter requesting consent for their child to bring a mobile phone into school. No child should have a phone in school before parents have completed a consent form. Thank you.

Attendance Rate

St Anthony	95.5%
St Aldhelm	96.0%
St Lawrence	96.2%
St Francis	97.1%
St Scholastica	97.2%

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.

Jazz Dance Club Performance

Children who attend Nikki Purkess's Tuesday lunchtime dance club will be performing their dance on Thursday 14th June at 2.45pm in the school hall. Parents of these children are welcome to come and watch - arrive 2.40pm.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury

This year's pilgrimage, led by Bishop Declan, will be on Sunday 8th July. Information is on the noticeboards.

School Trips/Workshops

St Lawrence	WhereTheWall, Bristol	5 th June
St Aldhelm	Pirates - Bristol Harbour	7 th June
St Anthony	Samba Drumming/Dance (and 5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th)	7 th June
St Francis	Allotment Visit	7 th June
Y6 leavers	Mass, Clifton Cathedral	13 th June
St Francis	Malmesbury Abbey	27 th June
Whole School	Bowood House & Gardens	29 th June
St Francis & St Aldhelm	Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow at school	24 th July

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

Topaz Power

This term's learning gem is Topaz, which represents the value of tolerance. We are learning how to respect each other, even when we have a difference in our beliefs, opinions, likes and dislikes.

Y6 Leavers' Mass

Y6 are looking forward to the very special Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 13th June, followed by picnic lunch and team sports/games on Clifton Downs. We have received almost all the medical forms and a large group of parents have taken up the option of coming with us on the coach. If parents have not replied to Mrs Wood's letter giving details about this trip, please respond ASAP - we need to confirm numbers and need all medical forms to be completed.

Vacancy: Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant

We have a vacancy for an MDSA to start from 25th June, to supervise children during the lunch hour 12-1pm, plus an additional 30 minutes for other related duties. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Mr Dawson

Massive congratulations to Mr Dawson and his wife on the birth of Orla Jane Dawson - their third daughter!!! He is loving life with all his girls and has referred to Orla as 'a beauty'. However, he is already threatening to raise her as a son and fondly referring to her as Gareth!! Please do not encourage him in any way! We are looking forward meeting her very soon and hearing all about how they are getting on. We would like to welcome Mrs Judd and Mrs Edney, who are covering Mr Dawson's paternity leave in St Scholastica class. Please feel free to speak to either of them at any time.

Request for old PE Kits & Swim Kits

Thank you to everyone who has brought in outgrown school uniform - we now have a good stock. However, we are very short of second-hand PE kits and swimsuits/swimming trunks/towels and swimcaps. If anyone has any outgrown kit, do please drop them off in the office.

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@malmsbury-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.

Reading Challenge

Everyone will come back home with a letter regarding this term's reading challenge, which we hope the children will really enjoy - we are welcoming parents to get involved as well if they would like. Please see the letter for details and I would like to emphasize that although this is an 'Extreme' challenge, we trust the children will be sensible and guided by an adult! Have fun and enjoy your reading!

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.

PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting will be on Thursday 14th June at Jackdaw's Café after school drop-off. Please come and join us for a coffee - we'd love to see you!

Diary Dates

June 2018

- 5 June – School Photographer POSTPONED to 1pm on Friday 15th June**
- 5 June – St Lawrence Trip to Bristol (street art)**
- 7 June – St Anthony Samba Drumming & Dance Workshop. Plus Dance Workshops on 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June**
- 7 June – St Aldhelm Trip – Bristol Harbour – Pirates!**
- 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)**
- 15 June – School Photographer - afternoon**
- 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**
- 27 June – St Francis to Malmesbury Abbey – letter to parents out soon**
- 29 June – Whole School Trip Bowood**

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)**
- 24 July - St Francis & St Aldhelm - Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow at school**