

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 34

25 June 2018



In Class this Week

St Anthony –

English - non-fiction 'sport' writing
Reception Phonics – digraphs and split vowel digraphs
Maths – number writing (numerals and words)
RE – recognising that Jesus asks people to forgive each other
REMINDER: St Anthony Samba Dance Show on Tuesday 26th at 2.30pm in the school hall – parents of St Anthony Class

St Aldhelm –

Writing – retelling the story of Grace Darling
Maths – measuring capacity and volume in litres
RE – sacraments – to recognise some sacraments

St Lawrence –

English – emails
Maths - angles
RE - Pentecost

St Francis –

English – writing science journal entries
Maths – time and statistics
RE – Pentecost

St Scholastica –

Writing – challenges
Maths - challenges
RE – Pentecost

Open Day

An opportunity for potential new families to look around our school on a normal working day. Thursday 28th June. Tours will be running at 9.30am, 11.15am and 1.30pm.

Road Safety - IMPORTANT

It has been brought to my attention by a number of parents that Y6 children are walking to school whilst on mobile phones. A couple of them have been witnessed as being so engrossed in their phone, they have not been focusing on the road and the traffic. One pupil even stepped off the kerb as a car was coming! This is of course making my heart skip a beat! Our advice to pupils has been that the phone should be in their school bag on the way to/from school and is there only for an emergency situation. The children are certainly not allowed for their phone to be out of their bag on school premises. They are taken off the children at registration and locked away until the end of the day. I strongly urge parents to ensure they speak to their children about road safety in particular - if a child is putting themselves in danger by having a phone, perhaps they are not ready to have one! Many thanks. Mrs Wood.

Sports Day

Our annual school Sports Day will be held at Malmesbury Primary School on Friday 6th July with races starting at 10am. We welcome parent helpers to walk with us to and from the school, so just let your class teacher or the office know if you are available. Lunch will be back at school - all welcome to join us - please bring your own picnic. Children should be taken home at 1pm. Otherwise please arrange alternative child-care from 1pm.

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) **CANCELLED TUES 26TH JUNE**
 Wednesday - Netball (Y5, Y6)
 Thursday - Football (Y2, Y3, Y4)
 Thursday - Dodgeball (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
 Friday - Multi-sports (Y1, Y2) } **CANCELLED FRI 6TH JULY**
 Friday - Hockey (Y4, Y5, Y6) } **CANCELLED FRI 6TH JULY**

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY AT 4.30pm.

Art Club and Minecraft Club - run by Isaac Owen

Monday - Art Club (Yr3-Yr6) 3.30-4.30pm - **CANCELLED MON 2ND JULY**

Tuesday - Minecraft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm - **CANCELLED TUES 3RD JULY**

Parents will be reimbursed for these sessions.

Art Club

There are still a few places left if anyone would like to join, contact the school office or Isaac directly.

School Trips/Workshops

St Anthony	Samba Drumming/Dance Workshop in school	26 th June
St Francis	Malmesbury Abbey	27 th June
Whole School	Bowood House & Gardens	29 th June
St Scholastica	Class Trip	23 rd July
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.

Arrival in School

There are still a number of children repeatedly arriving late into school after the gate is shut at 8.50am. **Please ensure that your child is in school by 8.45am.**

Data Protection

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

Vacancy: Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime assistant 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.

Kilvrough Manor Y6 Residential Trip 3rd-7th September 2018

A letter (with medical form and information booklet) detailing to parents of next year's Y6 children how much is owing for this trip. We would be grateful if return of medical forms and payment could be made by Tuesday 26th June, as we need to settle our invoices and finalise names of children going. Thank you.

Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Our Y6 Leavers' Assembly will be in the school hall at 10.30am on Wednesday 25th July. Everyone welcome but as this is a special day for our Y6's, we would politely ask that any small children who come along are supervised and taken out if making any disturbances. Thank you. Children can be taken home after assembly if you wish.

Healthy Eating

As a result of our School Healthy Week which was full of exercise, fresh air, lessons about eating healthily and a Sugar talk, we would like to remind parents to observe that we have Healthy School Status. As such, we would ask parents to please provide healthy snacks, drinks and food for lunchboxes. Snacks should not include chocolate bars or junk food. If anyone brings a snack for after swimming, this should also be healthy. Thank you.

Attendance Rate

St Anthony	95.2%
St Aldhelm	95.9%
St Lawrence	95.7%
St Francis	97.0%
St Scholastica	97.1%

Elena Stevens' End of Year Piano Concert

This will take place on Friday 13th July at 1.30 - 2pm in the school hall. Parents of the children who have piano lessons are welcome to come along. Please arrive five minutes before the concert starts.

Summer Fete

A huge thank you to all members of the PFA for their hard work with the organization of our very successful summer fete on Saturday. This is a big fundraiser for the school so we are very grateful to everyone who helped beforehand or on the day. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated prizes, brought in items for the stalls/ raffle/tombola or who came along and supported the event. The final amount of money raised will be announced by the PFA soon.

Miss Emma's Dance/Gym Clubs Performance

Children who attend Miss Emma's Dance & Gymnastics Clubs give a performance on Tuesday 10th July at 2.15pm in the school hall. Parents of these children are welcome to come and watch - arrive 2.05pm.

End of Term Arrangements

The school will close at the end of term on **Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 1pm**. Children can be taken home after the assembly if you so wish. Otherwise, please arrange pick up or alternative child-care from 1pm.

Diary Dates

- 27 June – New Reception Picnic and visit**
- 27 June – Reception parents meeting – 6pm**
- 27 June – St Francis to Malmesbury Abbey**
- 28 June – School Open Day – for potential new families. Tours at 9.30am, 11.15am and 1.30pm**
- 29 June – Whole School Trip - Bowood**
- July 2018** **Sunday 1 July – First Holy Communion Y3**
- 3, 4 July – Y6 Transition Days Malmesbury School**
- 5 July – End of term reports home to parents**
- 6 July – Sports day 10am, lunch and picnics back at school + early finish 1pm**
- 10 July 2.15pm Dance/Gymnastics Show - School (parents of children Miss Emma's groups: arrive 2.05)**
- 13 July – Piano Concert 1.30-2.00pm School Hall**
- 23 July – St Scholastica Class Trip: letter this week**
- 24 July - St Francis & St Aldhelm - Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow at school**
- 25 July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – School Hall 10.30am – everyone welcome**
- September 2018**
- Monday 3 September - First day back at school**
- 3 Sept – 7 Sept – Yr6 Residential Trip, Wales**