

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 2

11th September 2018



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

Messages from Mrs Wood

A very warm welcome to all our new Reception children starting at St Joseph's this week. We hope that you settle in quickly and enjoy your time with us. We also warmly welcome all the other new children who have joined us in other year groups - it is lovely to have you with us!

A massive congratulation to all our Y6 children for your bravery, courage, independence, teamwork and good manners whilst at Kilvrough Manor last week. We loved working with you! We had some great compliments from Kilvrough Manor saying your behaviour was excellent!

Y6 Consent Forms: Consent forms have been sent to parents seeking permissions regarding walking to and from school and possessing a mobile phone. Please respond promptly.

Collection of children: For the safety and security of all our pupils, staff will only be able to release children at the end of the day to an approved adult. Therefore we will in due course be asking you to confirm who you are authorising to collect your child/children from school.

St Aldhelm Class Trip

There will be a class trip for St Aldhelm class to Westonbirt Arboretum on Thursday 27th September, within school hours. Please look out for the letter in your child's bookbag and respond to the school office by the deadline of Monday 24th September. If we do not receive your child's completed medical form and payment by 9am on this date, your child will not be able to go. Thank you.

Maths Tuck Shop

Maths Tuck Shop will be running during Friday break-times where snacks can be purchased up to the value of 50p.

Modern Jazz Dance Club

Modern Jazz Dance classes will be available for children from Year 2 to Year 6, starting on Tuesday 25th September. The classes will run every Tuesday lunchtime for ten weeks. The course will cost £22.50. If you would like more details or if your child is new to the club and would like to join, then please contact Nikki Purkess: purkessc@aol.com or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

Bracelets, Wristbands & Necklaces

Please note that children are not permitted to wear bracelets, wristbands (including festival bands) or necklaces to school. Not only can they be distracting but they are not part of the school uniform and children are not allowed to swim if they are wearing any of these items.

This Year's Newsletters

The weekly school newsletter is an important way of communication and we would be grateful if parents could read it and action information relevant to their children. The office aims to publish the newsletter every Monday. It can be found on the school website and there are also paper copies on the noticeboards and in the school office. The layout features 'This Week's Updates' on the front; 'General Information' on the back.

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Literacy - Writing questions to ask a new friend

Maths – Counting to 20 and sorting objects

RE – Creation – read Psalm 23 and think about how a shepherd looks after his sheep

St Aldhelm – English – Writing a recount of our nature walk

Maths – Beginning to look at more than less than

RE – The story of Amos

St Lawrence – English – Recount of our trip to Longleat

Maths – Representing numbers – 100s, 10s, 1s / 1,000s, 100s and 1s

RE – Learn what being a Prophet means

St Francis – English – Moon, myths and legends

Maths – Place value, ordering and identifying numbers to a million

RE – Creation stories

St Francis class would be grateful for old newspapers and 2 litre clear plastic bottles with dimpled bases.

St Scholastica – English – Kilvrough Manor writing

Maths – Place value to 10 million

RE - Creation

2019 Y6 Residential Trip

The Residential Trip to Kilvrough Manor on the Gower Peninsula next September for the new Year Sixes will be Monday 2nd September until Friday 6th September 2019. The cost per child will be £330 for the trip. More details will be communicated in due course.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Applications are invited for the position of Foundation Governor on St Joseph's FGB. Application forms can be obtained from Nicki, the Clerk to Governors on clerk@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk Foundation Governors are required to be practising Catholics and on this occasion applications are welcomed from both parents and non-parents at the school. The Diocese has changed the selection process slightly and there is now a short informal interview with a panel of existing Governors who will recommend the most suitable candidate to the Bishop. Please do not hesitate to contact Nicki with any queries you have about this new procedure. The closing date for applications is noon on Monday 17th September.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniform Sales

As of 19th September, school uniform will only be sold on Wednesdays between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm. Please pay by cheque or cash (correct money if possible).

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a temporary part-time vacancy for a Teaching Assistant to work 21 hrs a week with a named pupil to start asap. Details are on the noticeboard. Please come into the office if you think you might be interested.

Safety of Our Pupils

For the safety of all our pupils and other road users, please DO NOT PARK or PULL IN outside the school entrance. Police have been monitoring the road and will take action if needed. Please note that parking charges in Cross Hayes short-stay car park do not apply before 9am.

School Gates

In the mornings we request that parents/carers wait with children until there is a member of staff on the gates when they are opened at 8.35am. Children should be on the playground by 8.45am ready for the start of school. Children need to be punctual as once the gates are closed, office staff have other tasks around the school and are not always at the desk to answer the buzzer to latecomers. In the afternoons, the gates are opened at 3.10pm. If parents are later than 3.25pm picking up, children will be taken to K&S After School Club where a charge will be made for childcare.

Trips & Workshops

Class trips and workshops are an important part of the introduction of the class topic for the term. To ensure these go ahead, we need to keep to tight deadlines for payments and return of medical forms by parents. Should you have any questions or problems at all, please talk to the class teacher or office staff as soon as possible. *IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK IN YOUR CHILD'S BOOKBAG EVERY DAY AND ALSO TO READ THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO FIND OUT WHAT TRIPS/WORKSHOPS ARE HAPPENING. TRIP DETAILS ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE.*

We need parents to respond ahead of the deadline given, as staff do not have time to continually chase. Outside organisations impose a deadline to us, by which time we need to have firm numbers and payment in order to go ahead and therefore avoid cancellations. School trip/workshop letters are sent home with the children but can be downloaded from the website under the Parents tab. Thank you for your understanding.

Absences

May we request that when parents contact the school to report that a child is 'ill', we also require an explanation of what the illness is, ie. Tonsillitis.

After School Sports Clubs

We will be running a wide variety of FREE after-school sports clubs, starting late September. A letter will go out soon with a list of clubs and how to book your child's place. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible taking up these amazing sporting opportunities.

Art & Minecraft Clubs

These fun clubs are run by Isaac Owen every week until Half-Term and will be 3.30 - 4.30pm. Art Club is on Fridays and starts 14th September. Minecraft is on Thursdays and starts 13th September. Please see email for more details.

Reception Starting Details

If your child is starting at St Joseph's in Reception, the following gives you a summary of the procedure:

Tuesday 11th September: Arrive 9.30am.

Collect your child at 1pm after they have had their lunch.

Wednesday 12th September - Friday 14th September:

Bring your child into school at 8.50am. Collect your child at 1pm after they have had their lunch.

Monday 17th September: Your child will start full-time at

school. The school day for reception children is from 8.50am to 3.10pm. We do ask all children to arrive at school by 8.45am. The school gate is closed at 8.50am. We look forward to getting to know all our new children!

Swimming - St Lawrence

Swimming this term is for St Lawrence Class starting Tuesday 11th September for 13 weeks until Tuesday 11th December. To avoid cancellation of lessons, we require full payment of £52 by first thing on 11th September.

Diary Dates

September 2018

Tuesday 11 September - Reception children start

Thursday 27 Sept - St Aldhelm Trip to Westonbirt

October 2018

Wednesday 3 October - School Open Day - tours at 9.30am, 11.15am and 1.30pm

Monday 8 October - School Photographer (individuals and siblings)

TD/Inset Days: (children not required in school)

Monday 15 October 2018

Monday 7 January 2019

Monday 25 February 2019

Monday 24 June 2019

Half Term Break:

Thursday 25 October - Friday 2nd November 2018

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January 2019 (plus Monday 7 January TD day)