

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 4

24th September 2018



### THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

#### From Mrs Wood

I hope you have all had a great weekend. I would like to update you on a few changes regarding Teaching Assistant staff: Mrs Rachel Murphy has transferred from St Anthony Class to now support the children in St Aldhelm class and we trust she will enjoy her new role. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Miss Sonia Bellinger who has joined us to work in St Anthony Class. When we have a replacement for Mrs Jones in St Lawrence, we will let you know.

We are looking forward to Book at Bedtime tomorrow evening. Whilst children are in their classes, please do go into the hall to hear all about the PFA and what they have planned for this year.

Malmesbury Library have contacted us with the names of children who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge - names will be read out at celebration assembly.

#### Mrs Suzanne Jones

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that our lovely TA, Mrs Suzanne Jones, will be leaving us on Wednesday and we are going to miss her terribly. Since joining, she has supported so many children with such kindness and I know that they will miss her greatly. I would like to thank her for everything that she has done for the school - her organisational skills are second to none! We will all miss her sense of humour as well as her fabulous cakes! Mrs Jones - we wish you every success in your new venture and send you off with all our love.

#### Medical Forms - New System

In order to streamline the administration of trips and to make it easier for parents, we will be trialling a new system of holding just one single medical/contact form per child for the whole of the academic year. Letters & forms will be in book bags - please action as soon as possible.

#### Forest School

St Scholastica class will be taking part in five Forest School sessions this term: Friday 28 Sept, Wed 3 Oct, Fri 12 Oct, Fri 19 Oct and Tues 23 October. A letter has gone out and Mr Dawson would appreciate it if all children can have appropriate clothes and footwear in school on those days. The first session is THIS FRIDAY!

#### End of School Pick Up Forms

We are updating our authorised adult lists for child collection from school. Forms have now gone out to all parents and we would be grateful for prompt returns.

### In Class this Week

**St Anthony** – Literacy - Phonics – d, p, l, n

**Maths** - comparing objects, one to one correspondence

**RE** – Asking questions about Creation

**St Aldhelm** – English - Writing instructions on how to make a woodland crown **Maths** - Ordering numbers and the part whole model **RE** – Creating a storyboard of the Prophet Amos

**We welcome volunteer parents to come and listen to children read in St Aldhelm Class – please contact the school office.**

**St Lawrence** – English – Poetry – Reading and creating haiku poems **Maths** – Representing numbers – number lines to 1,000/10,000

**RE** – Create posters 'God calls us to care for each other'

**St Francis** – English – Newspaper reports

**Maths** – Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000

**RE** – Creation

**St Francis are collecting 2 litre clear plastic bottles with dimpled bases – please bring in your old bottles – thank you!**

**St Scholastica** – English – Diary of Anne Frank

**Maths** – Negative numbers and Roman numerals

**RE** - Creation

### Chinese Club

We are delighted to announce that Mr Han will be running a Chinese club after school on Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Letters were sent to parents last week and the club is already full. First session is today - Monday 24 September.

### After School Sports Clubs

Free sports clubs start w/c 24<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly. See letter for details. Everyone got their 1<sup>st</sup> choice - still a few limited spaces left in some clubs. **ALL CLUBS START THIS WEEK!**

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y5 & Y6
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND - MR DAWSON	Y5 & Y6
WEDNESDAY <b>ADDITIONAL</b>	<b>GYMNASTICS</b>	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y3 & Y4
WEDNESDAY	NETBALL	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	DODGEBALL	HALL - ASC	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND - ASC	Y2, Y3 & Y4
FRIDAY	MULTI-SPORTS	HALL - PH SPORTS	Reception, Y1 & Y2
FRIDAY	TAG RUGBY	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Uniform Sales

School uniform is only available on Wednesdays between the hours of 8.30am and 3.10pm. Please pay by cheque or cash. Nearly new uniform is free of charge.

### 2019 Y6 Residential Trip

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

### 2019 Y3 Residential Trip

Next year's Y3 residential trip has been provisionally booked for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and will cost £155 per child for the three days. Due to the uncertainty of the future of Braeside, we will not be able to confirm this trip until 28 November 2018.

### Book at Bedtime & PFA AGM

Please come along on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm! Children are warmly invited to come back to school in their pyjamas, slippers & dressing gowns to hear bedtime stories in their classrooms. They will also be able to enjoy hot chocolate & biscuits! Meanwhile, all parents can go to the hall for refreshments and you can hear about the wonderful things that the PFA have been up to and what they have planned for this coming year! They are looking for new committee members, eg. Chairperson, treasurer.

### Open Day - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

We will be opening the school for anyone to come along and see what we get up to!! There will be 2 sessions: 9.20-10.20am and 1.00-2.00pm. Please look out for the

### 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.* 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

**ALL ABSENCES TO BE REPORTED BEFORE 9AM EACH DAY OF ABSENCE.** 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.

### Lockers

Children's lockers are for PE kits, coats and lunch-bags. As lockers are small, there is no space for large items so please ensure your child only brings things that will fit.

### Art & Minecraft Clubs

These fun clubs are run by Isaac Owen every week until Half-Term, 3.30 - 4.30pm. Minecraft is on Thursdays. Art Club is on Fridays. **THERE ARE STILL SPACES!**

### Modern Jazz Dance Club

Modern Jazz Dance classes are available for children from Y2 to Y6, starting 25<sup>th</sup> September. Classes will run Tuesday lunchtimes for 10 weeks. The course costs £22.50 For more details, please contact Nikki Purkess: [purkessc@aol.com](mailto:purkessc@aol.com) or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

### Newsletters

The weekly school newsletter is a very important communication and we would be grateful if parents could read it and action information relevant to their children.

### Diary Dates

**September 2018** Tuesday 25 Sept 6pm - Book at Bedtime in classes and PFA AGM in the school hall

Wed 26 Sep - 1.30 - 4.30pm - Y5/Y6 Boys and Y5/Y6 Girls - Football Festival, Red Bull - see letter

Thursday 27 Sept - St Aldhelm Trip to Westonbirt

Please see separate section with Forest School dates.

#### October 2018

Wednesday 3 October - School Open Day - sessions: 9.20-10.20am and 1.00-2.00pm

Wed 3 Oct 3.45 - 6pm - Y5/Y6 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival, Minety Rugby Club (see letter)

Monday 8 October - School Photographer (individuals and siblings)

Tuesday 9 October 1.30pm - Whole school mass in church - to be led by St Scholastica - all welcome

Wed 10 Oct - Y3/Y4 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival, Minety RFC (see letter)

Wed 10 Oct 1pm - Flu immunisations: Reception to Y5

Tues 16 & Thurs 18 October - Parents Evenings

Friday 19 October 1.30pm - Harvest Festival - School Hall - everyone welcome

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

#### Christmas Holiday:

Break up Friday 21 December at 1pm (Early Finish)  
Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January 2019 (plus Monday 7 January TD day)