

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 9

5<sup>th</sup> November 2018



### THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

#### From Mrs Wood

I hope you have all had a fabulous half-term break. We welcome everyone back for a very exciting term as we build up to Christmas. We look forward to our WW1 Celebration/Open Afternoon to mark the centenary of the end of the war on Wednesday and would like to see everyone coming to school dressed in costume of the era. We have asked all 3 KS2 classes to bring in plates of food for our party. This can include jam tarts, plain biscuits, bread, sandwiches, corned beef, veg, cheese, eggs, etc. We would ask no sweets, crisps or chocolate, as we are trying to keep it 'of the time' as far as possible. Your child will come home today with a whole school piece of homework, due in on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. This term's learning gem is emerald, representing courage. Each pupil is to design and make a special poppy using only green (of the emerald) and red (of the poppy) which we can display in school to remind us to be brave when we tackle things we find difficult. Please support your child with this work.

#### Diary Dates

**November 2018** Monday 5 November – Back to school  
Wednesday 7 Nov 9.15-10.45 Y3/4 Top Activity Festival  
Wednesday 7 November 1.30-3pm – WW1 end of War celebration - Open Afternoon – everyone welcome!  
Thursday 8 November – St Anthony Trip to Westonbirt  
Friday 9 November 7.30pm – PFA Quiz Night, School  
Sunday 11 Nov 6.30pm – 'Battle's Over' at the Abbey  
Mon 12 Nov 3-5.15pm – Y3-Y6 Cross Country Festival  
Wed 21 Nov 1.30-4.30pm – Y5/6 Netball Festival  
Friday 23 November – St Francis trip to Paulton's Park  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm – Whole school Mass in church  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chaplaincy Mass, Clifton Cathedral  
**December 2018** Sat 1 Dec 11am-1.30pm Christmas Bazaar  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm – Late Night Christmas Shopping  
Tuesday 11 December 2pm & 6pm – Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity at school  
Thursday 13 Dec – End of term exhibitions in all classes  
Friday 14 Dec – End of term reports out to parents  
Thursday 20 Dec – Christmas Party for pupils  
Friday 21 December – Mass in church  
**Christmas Holiday:** Break up Friday 21 December at 1pm (Early Finish)

### In Class this Week - Week 1

#### St Anthony –

Phonics – Y, Z, th

Maths - systematic number bonds up to 10

RE – Choosing a favourite phrase from our school prayers

**St Aldhelm – English** - Beginning the topic 'Paws, claws and Whiskers'! What would we like to know about animals?

**Maths** - Looking at what we can remember from last term and applying this to addition and subtraction.

RE – Beginning the new topic of prayers, saints and feasts.

**Miss Just's two dogs will be visiting the class this week – if anyone has any concerns, please do talk to her.**

**St Lawrence – All subjects will be related to our Viking topic.**

#### St Francis –

English – Poetry using senses.

Maths – Addition and subtraction.

RE – Prayers, Saints and Feasts.

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

#### St Scholastica –

English – Historical fiction – Dilemmas and endings.

Maths - Long multiplication and division word problems.

RE – Prayers, Saints and Feasts.

### Weekly Attendance

St Anthony - 93.1%	St Lawrence - 93.8%
St Aldhelm - 97.1%	St Francis - 98.2%
	St Scholastica - 94.6%

### Messages from Mr Dawson

**SPORTS CLUBS:** All sports clubs and Chinese are running as usual this term.

**FOREST SCHOOL:** St Francis - Fri 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov, 7 Dec.

St Lawrence - Friday 11, 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February.

St Aldhelm - Friday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March.

St Anthony - Friday 26 April, 3, 10, 17, 24 May.

**Suitable outdoor clothes and footwear please.**

**CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT - KS2:** We really need parent helpers for next week's Cross Country event at Malmesbury Secondary School on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November (3pm - 4.45pm). As we would like to take approx 90 children, we will need a minimum of 8 adults helping. Please speak to me or the school office if you are able to help. Thank you!

### Minecraft & Art/Craft Clubs with Isaac

These are for Y1-Y6 children and will continue after half-term as follows: Minecraft = Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Art & Craft = Fridays 3.30 - 4.30pm.

**PFA Corner – on next page...**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PFA Corner

#### PFA QUIZ NIGHT:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm for 8pm start

- Plenty of tickets still available with sales each afternoon on the playground after pick-up from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Raffle Ticket books will also be on sale at the Quiz Night.

#### PFA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - AUCTION OF PROMISES:

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

- The PFA needs help and volunteers to offer to run stalls and most importantly to source donations for the Auction of Promises. We would be grateful if you could either help find donations through your own contacts or offer to approach known businesses on behalf of the PFA. We have until 16<sup>th</sup> November to finalise all donations. Please help, otherwise the school will struggle to raise the funds it needs. Thank you!
- Children's Poster Competition - deadlines for returns is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Return to the School Office or your teacher.
- Raffle Ticket Books - these will be in children's book bags with spare books available from the School Office.
- Auction of Promises will open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

#### PFA MEETING:

- The next PFA Meeting will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 8pm in The Old Bell Hotel. Everyone is very welcome.

### School Photographs

Please note that the deadline for return of orders into the school office is 9am Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### Medical Forms - New System

Thank you to all parents who have returned completed medical forms for their children for trips off site for this academic year. **Any forms not received, children will not be permitted to participate in trips, so those of you who have not returned them, please do so urgently.**

### Y1-Y6 Emergency Contact Cards

Emergency contact cards for each pupil have been distributed to parents. Please complete and return if you have not done so already. **It is imperative the information we hold is accurate and up-to-date.** Thanks.

### Recorder Books

We have several recorder books in school which are no longer needed by pupils. If anyone would like any of them, please collect from the office before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.

## Sports/Health & Fitness Clubs

All these great clubs take place after school 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.30pm.

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y5 & Y6
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND - MR DAWSON	Y5 & Y6
WEDNESDAY	GYMNASTICS	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

### Chinese, Art & Minecraft Clubs

MONDAY	CHINESE	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
THURSDAY	Y1-Y6 MINECRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
FRIDAY	Y1-Y6 ART & CRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

### Choir

Mrs Cambray-Smith's Choir group is for all children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - school hall Wednesdays 12.00-12.30.

### Modern Jazz Dance Club

Modern Jazz Dance classes are available for children from Y2 to Y6, starting 25<sup>th</sup> September. Classes run Tuesday lunchtimes. Contact Nikki Purkess: [purkessc@aol.com](mailto:purkessc@aol.com) or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

### 2019 Y3 Residential Trip

Y3 - Braeside, Devizes - provisionally booked - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. The cost is likely to be £155 per child for the 3 days. More updates in due course.

### 2019 Y6 Kilvrough Manor Residential

A letter has been sent out to Y6 parents with details about the trip next September (2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>). We would like confirmation from parents that they are happy for their child to participate and we request the deposit of £100 to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Thank you.

### End of School Pick-Up Forms

We are updating our authorised adult lists for child collection from school. Thank you everyone for returning these - **any still outstanding, please send in URGENTLY.**