

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 15

### 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018



## THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

### From Mrs Wood

As we approach the end of a very busy and exciting term, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff here at St Joseph's, to wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. The KS1 Nativity performances were both wonderful and these were followed by the beautiful KS2 Carols by Candlelight in church. The children have worked very hard and we are so proud of them. Just a reminder that school will finish early at 1pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, so please arrange to pick your child up promptly. If needed in the afternoon, K&S Childcare must be pre-booked - telephone Karen 07733 068519 or Steve 07766 016509.

### Weekly Attendance

St Anthony - 93.5%	St Lawrence - 94%
St Aldhelm - 96.7%	St Francis - 98.2%
	St Scholastica - 96.3%

### Children's Christmas Eve Mass

The children's Christmas Mass will be in St Aldhelm's Catholic Church at 6pm on Christmas Eve with carols beforehand. A joyous and wonderful celebration where everyone is welcome. Singers, readers, offertory procession, servers and helpers are all being sought! If your child would like to take part, please contact Kate Cloke [clokekate@gmail.com](mailto:clokekate@gmail.com) / Nuala Oughton [nmm90@hotmail.com](mailto:nmm90@hotmail.com)

### Diary Dates (published on website on Tuesdays)

#### December 2018

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Cygnet/Chartwell's School Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 20 Dec** - Christmas Party for pupils (lunch will be provided by the PFA: school meals have been cancelled)

**Friday 21 December - 10am** - Mass in church. **Last day of term - pupils finish early at 1pm - please collect promptly; K&S Childcare available from 1pm on this day**

**Christmas Holiday** Return to school **Tues 8 January January 2019**

**Wednesday 9 January** - St Lawrence Trip to Pizza Express

**Thursday 10 January** - Open Morning 9.30am

**Thursday 10 January** - St Scholastica Global Warming Talk

**Friday 11 January** - St Aldhelm class trip to Bounce House

**Tuesday 29 Jan** - Whole School Mass, St Lawrence to lead

**Wed 30 Jan** - Deadline for payments for St Scholastica trip

#### February 2019

**Wed 13 February** - St Scholastica Class Trip, Arctic Quest

**Half Term 18-22 February - back to school Tues 26Feb**

#### March 2019

**Tuesday 5 March 1.30pm** - Whole School Mass in Church - St Aldhelm to lead **Tues 22 March** - End of term reports

**Easter Holiday** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - children back to school on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**TD/Inset Days** Monday 7 January 2019

**Monday 25 February 2019** **Monday 24 June 2019**

## In Class this Week

**St Anthony** - Phonics - ou, oy

Writing - Nativity story

Maths - 2D and 3D shape RE - Making Christingles

**St Aldhelm** - English - Christmas activities

Maths - Addition and subtraction RE - Advent

**St Lawrence** - English - Assessments

Maths - Assessments RE - Advent

**St Francis** - English - Innovate week

Maths - Innovate week RE - Advent

**St Scholastica** -

English - Christmas themed writing - SpaG and songs

Maths - Fractions, decimals and percentages

RE - Advent

## Open Morning

Prospective families welcome - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - School Tour at 9.30am, followed by coffee and questions.

## Lockers

All personal belongings need to be cleared out of children's lockers and taken home on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Party Clothes - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

As you know, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December our amazing PFA will be hosting a Christmas Party in school for all our children. All food, drinks and treats will be provided by them. We would like all children to wear their party clothes on this day and ask that they bring in a £1 minimum donation. All donations received will go directly to support a local young family who will hopefully be reunited at Christmas, following a very difficult time. We hope you will share in our wishes for this family that they will have a very happy and restful time.

## Clubs Cancelled & Club Information

**NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK** - including Modern Jazz Dance. **MINECRAFT CLUB will still take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>.** Clubs will start again the first week back after Christmas. Please note that Tag Rugby will become Hockey and there are a few spaces for new people wanting to join the Hockey Club and in most of the other clubs. Please contact Mr Dawson for available spaces.

## Piano Lessons

Elena Stevens will have a few spaces available for piano lessons for children in school from January. If you are interested, please contact her on 07764 582683 or email on [elenastevens.home@gmail.com](mailto:elenastevens.home@gmail.com)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PFA Corner

**PFA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** Thank you to everyone who helped make the Bazaar a success! The total amount raised for the school was £3,407.01 Fantastic news! Please can all raffle prize winners and auction of promises winners collect their prizes from the school office by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December latest.

### 2019 Y6 Kilvrough Manor Residential

The Residential will take place for the new Y6 children 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> September. Now that confirmation has been received from parents, we request the deposit of £100 to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to secure places. Thank you.

### 2019 Y3 Braeside Residential Trip

We have now had confirmation that the Y3 Braeside Residential trip will go ahead - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. The cost will be £153 per child. Details soon.

### Forest School Sessions 2019

#### FOREST SCHOOL:

Suitable outdoor clothes and footwear please.  
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.

### Chartwell's/Cygnets Christmas Lunch

This will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

### After School Collection

As you will see from our busy programme of after-school clubs, most of them are run on the playground starting at 3.30pm. We would therefore be extremely grateful if, once you have collected your children, you would kindly leave the playground in order to allow prompt start of these clubs. Your understanding is appreciated.

### St Aldhelm Class Trip

Trip to The Bounce House, Melksham, will be on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019** in line with their topic next term, 'Bounce'. Letters have gone out - we would like payment and forms to be received into the office by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### St Scholastica Class Trip

Trip to Arctic Quest, Tewkesbury will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. This is in line with their topic 'Frozen Kingdom'. Deadline for payment is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### St Lawrence Class Trip

Thanks to parents for payments and forms. Miss Soper is looking forward to taking her class to Pizza Express on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

## Sports/Health & Fitness Clubs

No clubs this week but start back Tues 8 January: 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly.

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	HOCKEY (new club)	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6

## Other Clubs

MONDAY	CHINESE Mr Han	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
TUESDAY	MODERN JAZZ DANCE Nikki Purkess 01666 825802 There is a charge.	Hall	Lunchtimes
WEDNESDAY	CHOIR Y3 - Y6 Mrs CambraySmith	Hall	12- 12.30pm
THURSDAY	Y1-Y6 MINECRAFT Isaac Owen	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
FRIDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen ART & CRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

## Sickness

Just a reminder that we require a responsible adult to be available in the event that your child needs to be sent home. **Please ensure that the office has these details on your emergency contact card.**

**May we also remind you that children are not permitted to return to school until they have been free of sickness/diarrhoea for 48 hours.** This may seem extreme but we need to ensure that other children do not become ill from contagious germs. It is also to safeguard the health of our staff whom we employ to look after your children.

## Applications for Reception 2019

A REMINDER to all parents of children at St Joseph's who have younger siblings wishing to start in reception in September 2019. Please apply on the Wiltshire Council website and also complete our own school application ASAP. The deadline is **Tuesday 15 January 2019**.

## We are a Nut-Free School

Please note that we are a nut-free school. Nuts and products containing nuts are not permitted in school as we have some children and adults who have nut allergies.