



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Wood

Welcome back everyone! I do hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the amazing weather we have had over the weekend. I hope your Easter eggs survived the heat! I realise that the weather is likely to change, but it is a good opportunity to remind everyone to make sure that all children have a water bottle in school to help keep hydrated and refreshed. I would also be grateful to parents if you could send your children in wearing sunscreen and with a hat for the hot weather please.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to come with us on our Year 3 residential trip to Braeside in Devizes from 1st to 3rd July. We would prefer not to have a parent of any of the Year 3 children who are going. It is possible that we may also require a parent volunteer for the Year 6 residential to Kilvrough Manor in September which is for a week. Again, this would be a parent but not of a Year 6 child! If you are interested in either of these, then please do contact me for further information. Thank you.

I would like to say an enormous 'Thank you' to Brian Birkin-Hewitt, Steve Croft and Colin & Nicola Kershaw who gave up some of their time over the Easter Holiday to re-paint the PE sheds and carry out other general maintenance. What a fantastic job you have done and one which we very much appreciate.

Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all parents who have come forward to be volunteers when needed in school, for class trips and off-site excursions. If any other parent is currently volunteering or would like to be a volunteer helper and has not been in to see Mrs Pearce in the school office to discuss DBS security checks, please do so asap.

Urgent -Y1-Y4 Orienteering Event

We are taking all our Y1-Y4 children to Malmesbury Secondary School for the annual orienteering event this Thursday, 25th April. Please ensure your child's form is in the office by first thing tomorrow - Wed 24th. Thank you very much to the parents who have volunteered to help us. **As we are very low on volunteers, we would be very grateful if you could contact the office if you are able to help.** We are sure the children will have a fantastic time!

Forest School

Forest School is postponed until further notice - apologies to those classes who have not had any sessions yet. Mr Dawson still aims to ensure they have some before the end of the school year.

In Class this Week

St Anthony -

English - Instruction writing - how to make a kite
Maths - Partitioning and combining 9 RE - Holy Week

St Aldhelm - Maths - Statistics English - Musicians

RE - Holy Week and Easter
Our Memorable Experience will be on Friday 26th April - children are asked to come dressed as musicians or rockstars!

St Lawrence - Stonehenge Trip

RE - Holy Week and Easter

St Francis - English - reporting non-fiction texts

Maths - percentages and decimals RE - The Easter Story

St Scholastica - English - SPaG and factual writing

Maths - SATs revision RE - Holy Week and Easter

St Lawrence Trip to Stonehenge & St Anthony Splendid Skies Workshop

St Lawrence class are visiting Stonehenge today, Tuesday 23rd April. St Anthony class will be participating in a Splendid Skies workshop in school tomorrow, Wednesday 24th April.

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 94.5%	St Lawrence - 94.7%
St Aldhelm - 96.8%	St Francis - 97.1%
	St Scholastica - 95.9%

Messages from Mr Dawson

We are pleased to say that Mr Dawson is now back at school! Please note that parents' evenings for his class will take place on Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May. Y5/Y6 Football Club will continue to be postponed on Tuesday afternoons. Y5/Y6 pupils can still join the Advanced Sport Coaching Football Club on Thursdays 3.30-4.15pm.

New School Lunches

We have had a very successful lunchtime today with children enjoying our new school lunches being cooked on site. A big thank you to Mrs Pearce for all her hard work in setting this up and to Sharon our Cook and Nicky her Assistant. If you would like your child to have a freshly cooked, nutritious school lunch, please order three weeks in advance using the menus and forms on the website or in the school office.

Y6 Leavers Mass

We are delighted to be able to confirm to all our year six parents that the annual Catholic Primary School Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral will be on Wednesday 12th June 2019. As always, we welcome all Y6 parents to join us for this very special day. We will issue more details shortly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates (updated on website on Tuesdays)

April 2019

Back to school on Tuesday 23rd April

Tuesday 23 April – St Lawrence Class trip to Stonehenge

Wed 24 Apr– St Anthony 'Splendid Skies' workshop in school

Thur 25 Apr – Y1-Y4 Orienteering Event – Secondary School

Tues 30 April & Thurs 2nd May -St Scholastica Parents eves

May 2019

Monday 6 May – Bank Holiday – no school

Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May – Y6 SATs week

Friday 17 May– May Procession TBC (No Forest School today)

Half Term Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

June 2019

Monday 3 June – back to school

Tues 11 June – Whole school Mass, church, St Anthony to lead

Wed 12 June all day – Y6 Leavers Mass, Clifton – confirmed

Fri 14 June 1.30-3.30– KS2 Swimming Gala, Activity Zone

Wed 19 June – School Photographer Classes, YR – Y6

Mon 24 June – TD/Inset Day – school closed to children

Thurs 27 12 noon– New Reception Induction Picnic & Visit

Thurs 27 June 6pm – New Reception Parents Meeting

Friday 28 June 9.15–12 noon SPORTS DAY - Malmesbury

Primary School, picnic on St Joseph's land & early finish 1pm

Sunday 30 June 10.30am – First Holy Communion

July 2019

Monday 1 – Wed 3 July – Y3 Braeside Residential Trip

Tues 2 July & Wed 3 July – Y6 to Year 7 Induction Days at Malmesbury Secondary School

Thurs 4 July – Reserve date for Sports Day if it is very bad weather on Friday 28 June

Thurs 4 July – End of year reports to parents

Sat 6 July – Summer Fete. Theme: Safari Jungle Adventure

Friday 12 July – End of term exhibitions – all classes

Tues 16 & Wed 17 July – Y5 & Y6 Summer Production

Thurs 25 July 10.30am – Leavers' Mass in school

Thurs 25 July – End of term early finish at 1pm

26th July – 30th August - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

September 2019

Monday 2nd Sept 2019 – Back to school

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th Sept – New Y6s Residential Trip

Provisional TD Days for 2019-2020 – to be confirmed

21, 22, 23 October 2019

24, 25 February 2020

Parking Reminder

Some parents are still pulling up on the double yellow lines outside school, as well as outside the Gig House on the corner. In some cases children are getting out of cars and crossing the road by themselves, which is so dangerous, as the visibility on the bend for both pedestrians and drivers is poor. The Community Police Team is aware and has advised that we contact Parking Services who could issue tickets. I urge you to make the most of the fact that parking charges in the car park are now not in force until 9am, enabling all children to arrive safely and on time to school.

Sports/Health & Fitness Clubs

All these clubs except Monday Gymnastics are after school: 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.30pm. Thurs football finishes 4.15.

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
MONDAY 12.30-12.50	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y1 & Y2
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y5 & Y6
TUESDAY - now THURS	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND	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, Y5, Y6
FRIDAY	MULTI-SPORTS	HALL - PH SPORTS	Reception, Y1 & Y2
FRIDAY	HOCKEY	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	Hall (There is a charge)	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

Modern Jazz Dance Club

Modern Jazz Dance classes will be available for children from Y2 to Y6 starting on Tuesday 30th April. The classes will run every Tuesday lunchtime for 10 weeks and the course will cost £22.50 per child. If you'd like more details, or your child is new to the club and would like to join, then please contact Nikki Purkess on: purkessc@aol.com or 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

School Uniform

For your information, our up-to-date uniform policy is on the website. New and used school uniform can be obtained from the office on Wednesdays. The transition to summer uniform will take place this term when winter or summer uniform may be worn. Please remember that hair touching shoulders should be tied back.

First Holy Communion

Sunday 30th June 2019 at 10.30am. More details to follow.

School Admissions Policy

Our School Admissions Policy has been updated; please see the school noticeboard visit our website: www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk /Our School / Admissions / Admission Policy 2020-2021.