

Our learning gem this term is Topaz which represents **RESPECT**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 30

Tuesday 7th May 2019



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Wood - Mrs Fitch

I do hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. I am really sorry to have to say that our lovely Mrs Wanda Fitch will be retiring at half-term, with her last day in school being Thursday 23rd May. I cannot express how sorry we all are to be losing such a highly valued and special member of staff after 28 years' service. Wanda is truly at the heart of the school and has been passionate about teaching, supporting and guiding children in all year groups throughout her time here. There really are so many pupils, past and present, who just wouldn't have achieved what they have without her love and guidance. Having worked as a TA, she has worked with each and every teacher at some point or another, and with her knowledge, passion, commitment, flexibility and great sense of humour, it has been a complete privilege for us all. Wanda is best known for her artistic talents, as well as her enviable sense of style, and has inspired so many of us, children and adults alike, to discover hidden artistic skills we never knew we had! Wanda is hoping to be able to spend more time on her own artwork and her family so she has exciting times ahead of her! We are all going to miss her terribly but wish her every happiness for this next exciting chapter and I am sure you will all like to join me, as I say a huge and heart-felt 'Thank you' to her for all that she has done for the St Joseph's community.

Y6 SATs (& Y2)

As many of you will know, it is SATs week next week for Y6. The children are well prepared and know exactly what to expect. I would however ask, that in order for them to be as prepared as they can be each day, that they come to school on time and having had a good night's sleep and breakfast. This will ensure the smoothest running of the week for them all.

Y2 will also be sitting their SATs papers from next week. Children are used to sitting end of term tests and these will be conducted in the same way. We have not made huge reference to them as it is important that they approach them in a calm and relaxed manner. It would however be helpful if they too come in refreshed and ready!

Urgent - DBS - Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all parents who have come forward as 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 check if your DBS is current, please do so ASAP.

School Lunches

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 13th May is now closed.
Deadline for meals w/c 20th May (week 2) is tomorrow, Wednesday 8th May.

It is important that future orders are received on time, giving two weeks' notice, to enable ingredients & produce to be ordered in advance. If parents have only completed one form of 3 weeks, you are requested to urgently complete further forms for meals for your child for forthcoming weeks with necessary payment sent directly by BACs for KS2 children, ideally until 25th July.

In Class this Week

St Anthony – English - Lists and instructions – what do we need on a rainy day?

Maths – Subtraction problems to 10 & capacity

RE – The Resurrection story from Matthew

St Aldhelm – English – Lyrics

Maths – Properties of shape

RE – Easter

St Lawrence – English – Adventure Stories

Maths – Fractions

RE – Easter

St Francis –

English - Explanation texts about the water cycle

Maths – Percentages of amounts

RE – Easter Vigil

St Scholastica – English – Formal & informal writing and SPaG revision

Maths - Arithmetic & word problems

RE – Easter

Request: Residential Trip Volunteers

Further to last week's request, please can any volunteer parents please talk to Mrs Wood if they would like to come with us on our Y3 Residential to Braeside (not a parent of a Y3) or on our Y6 Residential to Kilvrough Manor (not a parent of a Y6). Thank you.

Youth Group

St Aldhelm's Youth Group will be meeting this Friday, 10th May, in the school hall from 6.30-8.30pm for all students from Y5 to Y9. We will be holding a Mini Olympics so it is advisable to wear footwear suitable for being active! The remaining sessions for this academic year will be 7th June and 5th July.

Braeside & Kilvrough Manor Balances & Medical Forms Due Please

Y3 BRAESIDE balance of £100 is due by 17th June.

Y6 KILVROUGH MANOR balance of £230 is due by 1st June (we put £130 last week; this was an error - correct balance is £230).

Some of you owe different balances due to instalment payments, so do please contact the office if you need to check. We would appreciate payment by these dates as we need to confirm numbers and settle our accounts.

Residential Medical Forms are being given to the children participating in these trips - we would be grateful if these could be completed and sent back into school before May half-term.

May Procession

We welcome you all to our May Procession, to be held on Friday 17th May. The service will start in school at 2pm and will then process round to the church for the remainder of the service. As everyone leaves church they will be given a flower, to be placed at the statue of Mary in the grotto on the Nun's Walk. Everyone continues down to the land to enjoy a fabulous cupcake! I do hope you will be able to join us to honour Mary in this way. We would be very appreciative of donations of cupcakes for this occasion; if you are able to help, please could you let the office know - thank you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates (updated on website on Tuesdays)

May 2019

Friday 10 May 12.30pm Y5&Y6 Tennis Tournament (4 pupils)

Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May – Y6 SATs week

Friday 17 May 2pm – May Procession – School, Church, Land

Tuesday 21 May – Futsal Tournament (details to follow)

Half Term Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

June 2019 **Monday 3 June** – back to school

Tues 4 June – St Anthony class trip to Burford Wildlife Park

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

Tues 11 June – Miss Emma's Gymnastics Club **cancelled**

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

26 July – 30 August - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

September 2019 **Monday 2nd Sept 2019** - Back to school

Monday 2 – Friday 6 Sept – New Y6s Residential Trip to

Kilvrough Manor

Monday 9 September – Reception children to start school

Provisional TD Days for 2019-2020 – to be confirmed

21, 22, 23 October 2019

24, 25 February 2020

Message from Mr Dawson

Thanks again to all for supporting healthy eating with raw fruit and vegetables at break-time. Please remember that sweets, fizzy drinks, chocolate and other unhealthy snacks should not be brought onto the playground before school, at the end of the school day or after any clubs. Your support is much appreciated!

Learning Gem - Topaz

RESPECT: Treating others the way you want to be treated.
Showing kindness and consideration.
Liking yourself enough to be yourself.
Accepting others for who they are.

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 94.8%	St Lawrence - 94.7%
St Aldhelm - 96.6%	St Francis - 97.0%
	St Scholastica - 96.1%

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 are available this term for Y2-Y6 children from. Classes run every Tuesday lunchtime for 10 weeks; the course costs £22.50 per child. For 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.

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.

St Anthony Trip - Burford Wildlife Park

Tuesday 4 June. Letters have been sent home with details. Please make your payment of £21.50 and return the slip by Monday 20 May. This will be a lovely trip after a busy year.

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.