

**THIS IS WEEK 3
FOR HOT
SCHOOL
LUNCHES**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 6



**ALL CLUBS ARE RUNNING
THIS WEEK**

THIS WEEK'S UPDATES **Monday 7th October 2019**

From Mrs Woods

Thank you to all of you who supported the PFA Quiz night on Friday evening; everyone had a fantastic time!! Needless to say, the 'Staff' Team won....what a talented bunch we have here! A huge Thank You to the PFA for all the planning and preparation that goes into these events. The Quiz Night raised £360 and the school appreciates every contribution. If you were unable to attend the Quiz Night, please look out for our up and coming events - there is a fun packed schedule, including a 'Gin Tasting Night' and the not-to-be-missed Christmas Bazaar! Please support as many of these events as possible - the money goes straight back into the school, where every child benefits. Mrs Butt was incredibly proud of the children and staff on their class trip to the Bath Children's Literature Festival on Friday. Another roaring success! I am always pleased to hear of learning opportunities which encourage the love of reading for our children! As we look forward, we have the School Harvest Festival on Wednesday 9th October at 2pm. Please can you bring fresh produce, such as fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers, chutney, jam and cakes to the school on Wednesday 9th October by 9am. Money raised will go towards the MISSIO charity. In this we are supporting the Clifton Diocese in raising funds for the Pope's charity for world mission. If you would like more information about the work MISSIO carries out, you can go to the following website <https://missio.org.uk/about-missio/>

Walking Bus Request

If there is anyone who is DBS checked or would like to be DBS checked, and would like to volunteer on a weekly basis to help run the Walking Bus, we would be hugely grateful. You would need to be at the gates of St Aldhelm's Church courtyard for 8.15am and walk with the group along the nuns walk around to the school playground. You generally arrive at school between 8.35 and 8.40am. If this is something you can support us with please contact the office.

Walking Bus Times Reminder

A reminder for parents of children joining our walking bus in the mornings: Drop-off at the church courtyard is between 8.15am and 8.30am. The 'bus' leaves for school promptly at 8.30am.

Rainbow Day - Friday 11th October

We are having a Rainbow Day when we will be raising awareness and encouraging action to prevent more damage to our environment. Please can children wear their house coloured t-shirt and normal school trousers or skirt. They should also please bring £1 for MISSIO, the chosen charity. If you are uncertain which team colour your child should wear, please speak to the class teacher.

School Lunch Orders

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 14th October is now closed.
Deadline for ordering meals the three weeks after half-term, ie.
w/c 4th, 11th & 18th November
is Monday 14th October.

Menus and order forms can be found on the website and on the desk in the school office. If you would like to repeat your three week order for the rest of term, please tick the box on the form.

Staff Vacancies

St Joseph's has a vacancy for a temporary **Catering Assistant** to cover maternity leave - from 4th November 2019 until September 2020. We also have two 1-1 **Teaching Assistant** positions to work with named pupils on a fixed term contract, starting 4th November. These TA posts are part-time and include an **MDSA** role. Please contact the school office if you are interested (01666 822331).

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Maths: 2D shapes English: Instruction writing RE: Images of God – rock and mother
St Aldhelm – Maths: Addition and subtraction RE: Harvest English: Getting ready for our Museum on 15 th October (Parents invited to our museum in class after school – Tuesday 15 th October)
St Lawrence – Maths: Addition RE: Baptism – being called by a name English: Fairy tales and comic strips
St Francis – Maths: Column addition English: Writing a speech RE: Harvest <i>Tuck Shop will return this Friday. 50p maximum per child with items ranging from 10p to 50p in price</i>
St Scholastica - Maths: Addition and subtraction English: Advertising RE: Creation

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 95.1%	St Lawrence - 97.5%
St Aldhelm - 97.1%	St Francis - 98.4%
	St Scholastica - 97.3%

Build a Burger Day

Our first themed lunch day was a resounding success! A big thank you to our cooks and all the lunchtime staff who put in so much extra time and effort.

Correct Kit

Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school on the right day for their class activities, such as Swimming, PE, Sports Clubs and Forest School. We have noticed that there are several children who are not remembering and therefore missing out. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for pupils will be on Wednesday 18th December. The menu will consist of traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, a vegetarian option and a special pudding! Orders need to be in to the office by Monday 2nd December please.

Apple iPod Connectors

Does anyone have any old charger cables with 16 pin connector for an older style Apple iPod? If so, please contact Mrs Byrne or Mrs Green at school. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Spray - Wednesday 9th October

The school nurses will be in school for the morning of Wednesday 9th October to administer nasal flu spray to children whose parents who have given consent.

Annual Medical Form - Urgent

Please ensure you have completed a medical form for your child, which will be held securely in the school office and used for trips and off-site visits. Forms are on the website and on the desk in the school office so if you haven't already actioned, please do so as a matter of urgency. If we do not have a form for your child, we regret we will not be permitted to let them go on class trips.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

October 2019

Wednesday 9th Oct – School Nurse into school – flu spray

Wednesday 9 Oct 2pm – Harvest Festival in School Hall

Thursday 10 October – School photographer (individuals)

Friday 11 October – Rainbow Day – see notice on page 1

Friday 11 October 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Monday 14 October 1.30pm – Whole school Mass in church – St Scholastica to lead

15 & 17 Oct – **NO** Parents' Evenings - see new Nov dates

Thurs 31 Oct – deadline application secondary school places

TD Days 2019-2020: Children not required in school -

21, 22, 23 October 2019 & 24, 25 February 2020

Half Term Thursday 24 October – Friday 1st November

2019 (back to school Monday 4th November 2020)

November 2019

Tues 5 & Thur 7 Nov(these are new dates) Parents Evenings

Friday 8 November 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Monday 25 November 1.30pm – Whole School Mass in

church – St Francis to lead

December 2019

Saturday 7 Dec – **this is the new date** – Christmas Bazaar

Wed 11 December 2pm & 6pm– Reception & KS1 Nativity

Thursday 12 December 3pm – End of term exhibitions in class

Fri 13 December 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Wed 18 Dec – Pupil Christmas Lunch – orders in by 2nd Dec

Thursday 19 December – Christmas Party for pupils (PFA)

Friday 20 Dec (morning) – Mass in church

Friday 20 Dec – **End of term – school closes early at 1pm**

Christmas Holiday Monday 23 December – Friday 3

January (back to school Monday 6 January 2020)

January 2020 Wednesday 15 January – deadline for application for primary school places

Applications for Reception for Sept 2020

Applications for places in Reception for children starting next September, deadline is midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2020. Please apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk and also complete the St Joseph's supplementary form on the website; copies also in the office. If your child is baptised Catholic/Christian, you must provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school, even if you already have a child attending our school.

School Communications

Please be reminded to regularly check for Class DOJO and email messages with regard to school notifications and activities - also the weekly school newsletter, noticeboards, facebook and the website. If you have any queries about anything please don't hesitate to contact us - 01666 822331.

DBS - Parent Volunteers

If there are any parents who would like to help with class trips, reading with children or helping in other ways at school, please come into the school office and speak to Mrs Pearce so that she can check if your DBS is current. If it is not, then she can apply for one for you. **It is essential that all adults working with children are DBS checked.** We may have to refuse kind offers of help with trips if parents are not DBS checked. Thank you.

Sports/Fitness Clubs

Most clubs are after school: 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.30pm. Thursday football and dodgeball finish 4.15pm. All clubs are run by professional coaches, offering skills development, competition and most of all, fun! If your child commits to a club, please ensure they are available to attend regularly with correct kit.

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y5 & Y6
WEDNESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y3 & Y4
WEDNESDAY	NETBALL	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	DODGEBALL Finish 4.15pm	HALL - ASC	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL Finish 4.15pm	PLAYGROUND -ASC	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
FRIDAY	MULTI-SPORTS	HALL - PH SPORTS	Reception, Y1 & Y2
FRIDAY	HOCKEY	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6

Other Clubs

WEDNESDAY	KS2 CHOIR Y3-Y6 Mrs CambraySmith	Hall	12- 12.30pm
THURSDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen MINECRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
FRIDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen ART & CRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

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Breakfast, After-School & Holiday Club

If you would like a place for your child, please contact Karen on 07733 068519. All welcome at this relaxing and happy club which takes place on site.

Forest School

Forest School with Mr Dawson for St Scholastica Class will continue on Friday afternoons on the land. Please ensure your child brings appropriate old clothes and shoes/wellies - activities can involve getting very wet and muddy!

PFA Christmas Bazaar - date change

The Christmas Bazaar date has changed from Saturday 30th November to the new date of **Saturday 7th December** (at school).

Prompt Drop-Off and Collection

A reminder for parents: Gate opens in the mornings at 8.35am and closes at 8.50am. Therefore please drop your child between these times. In the afternoons the gate opens at 3.10pm. Once you have collected your child, it would be appreciated if you could exit the premises promptly to enable sports clubs to start and so that staff can address other school business. Thank you.

Aldi Sports Stickers

Mrs Butt asks if anyone is shopping in Aldi, please could you collect the school sports stickers and bring them in to your class teacher or the school office. Thank you!