

**THIS IS WEEK 1
FOR HOT
SCHOOL
LUNCHES**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 7

Monday 14th October 2019



**THURSDAY FOOTBALL
CLUB IS CANCELLED
THIS WEEK - ALL
OTHER CLUBS ARE ON**

THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Woods

What a fantastic Term 1! I cannot believe how fast the term has flown by. Thank you all for your continued support in making St Joseph's such an exceptional place to be. This was demonstrated clearly in the amazing Harvest Festival last Wednesday. It truly has to be one of the best Harvest Services I have been to in my career; the children were full of joy, song, prayer and reverence. The parental support was fantastic and it was so lovely to see so many of you supporting the children and school in this way. Rainbow Day on Friday was also filled with thought and prayer for those less fortunate and as a school over the last few terms we have raised £427.78 for the MISSIO charity. The cheque will be taken to the Education Mass on Tuesday 22nd at Clifton Cathedral in Bristol. Mass starts at 7pm and we would welcome your support.

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.

PFA AGM - The Old Bell

Parents and Friends Association AGM will be held on Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm at The Old Bell Hotel in Malmesbury. Everyone is very welcome.

School Choir

The choir sang really well at Father Martin's leaving celebration and several people commented on the lovely ambience their singing created. We would again like to thank Mrs Cambray-Smith and the children in the choir for their fantastic contribution to occasions such as this. During the lead-up to Christmas, they plan to sing carols at the Christmas Bazaar on 7th December, at residential homes for the elderly and the Malmesbury lunch club for the elderly. Choir practice is every Wednesday lunchtime and everyone in KS2 is welcome, provided they attend regularly. This is a lovely club for our children.

St Aldhelm Class Museum

On Tuesday 15th October parents of children in St Aldhelm Class are invited to open classroom at 2.30pm to look around our Museum. Please come via the metal gate and playground. We look forward to seeing you!

School Lunch Orders

Deadline for ordering meals the three weeks after half-term, ie. w/c 4th, 11th & 18th November is TODAY - 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: Making 5&6 – 2D shapes, repeating patterns
English: Reading the story 'Supertato' – designing fruit characters
RE: Psalms and getting to know Saint Anthony

St Aldhelm – Maths: Addition and subtraction English: Getting ready for our Museum on Tuesday 15 October RE: Other Faiths

St Lawrence – Maths: Assessments English: Assessments
RE: Other Faiths - Hinduism

St Francis – Maths: Addition and assessments
English: Presentation and assessments
RE: Other Faiths – Prayers, Saints and Feasts

St Scholastica - Maths: Long division
English: Facts and opinions
RE: Prayers, Saints and Feasts

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 95.6%	St Lawrence - 97.2%
St Aldhelm - 97.0%	St Francis - 98.6%
	St Scholastica - 97.5%

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 Friday 29th November please.

Forest School with Mr Dawson

The last Forest School session for St Scholastica Class is on Friday. Next term for the first five Friday afternoons it will be the turn of St Francis class. Please ensure your child brings appropriate old clothes and shoes/wellies - activities can involve getting wet and muddy!

St Francis Class Show

Parents of St Francis Class are invited to a class show of the Haka in the school hall at 2.30pm on Thursday 17th October, followed by a look through topic work in the classroom. All welcome to come.

Emergency Contact Details

In order to be sure we have the correct details on file should we need to contact you if your child is unwell or has had an accident, we need to check the information we have is up to date. If you have not been given your details to check, please come into the school office as soon as convenient. Thank you.

Annual Medical Form - Urgent

Please ensure you have completed a new Annual Medical Form for your child, which will be held securely in the school office and used for trips and other 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.

Parents Evenings - 5th & 7th November

Parents Evening times will be confirmed to parents via bookbags during this week.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

October 2019

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

Thursday 17 Oct 7.30pm – PFA AGM, Old Bell Hotel

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

November 2019 Monday 4th November – back to school

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

Friday 9 November afternoon – Forest School St Francis

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

Sat 7 Dec - this is the new date – Christmas Bazaar - school

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

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

Friday 24 January 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Monday 27 January 1.30pm– Whole school Mass in church – St Lawrence to lead

Half Term – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Mon 24 & Tues 25 Feb - TD Days; school closed to pupils

Y3 Braeside Residential confirmed: 8, 9, 10 June 2020

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 in our school building.

Correct Kit in school

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.

Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop, run by St Francis Class, takes place every Friday at morning break - a great chance for children to practise their Maths skills. 50p maximum per child - items range from 10p to 50p in price.

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, could you please collect the school sports stickers and bring them in to your class teacher or the school office. Thank you!