St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 24 26 March 2018



What's happening in class this week?

<u>St Anthony</u> –

Phonics } Writing } End of term activities Maths } RE – Lent & Stations of the Cross St Aldhelm – English } End of term activities Maths } RE – Lent & Stations of the Cross St Lawrence – English } End of term activities Maths } RE – Lent & Stations of the Cross St Francis English } End of term activities Maths } RE – Lent & Stations of the Cross St Scholastica English – Playscripts – the story of Osiris RE - Lent & Stations of the Cross Maths – Converting measure

Farewell to Mrs Christopher

A reminder from the Governors that everyone is very welcome to join them on Tuesday 27th March at 3.30pm in the school hall to say farewell to Lizzie.

Dictionaries & Thesauruses

We are delighted that the new dictionaries and thesauruses have now arrived. This means that every child will have their own copy to support the ongoing development of their vocabulary, spelling and writing. A massive thank you to Persimmon Homes for their £1000 grant, along with a donation from the PFA to allow this to happen.

Gymnastics Club

Gymnastics Club is <u>cancelled</u> Tues 27th March.

Friendship Week

There will be an update after Easter on the total amount of money the children have raised for the Harbour Project.

Attendance Rate

Our attendance rate to date is as follows:-St Anthony 95% St Aldhelm 94.9% St Lawrence 94.8% St Francis 96.2% St Scholastica 96.4% (These are last week's percentages as the system would not update today.)

After School Clubs

Sports clubs have all now finished for this term so children will need to be collected at 3.20pm. All clubs will return after Easter and there are still some places available in most clubs. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Mr Dawson Monday - Dance (Y1-Y6) Tuesday - Dance (Y1-Y6) Tuesday - Gymnastics (Y4, Y5, Y6) Tuesday - Football (Y5, Y6) Wednesday - Netball (Y5, Y6) Thursday - Football (Y2, Y3, Y4) Thursday - Dodgeball (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) Friday - Multisports (Y1, Y2) Friday - Hockey (Y4, Y5, Y6) CLUBS WILL RUN FROM 3.30 - 4.30PM. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY AT 4.30PM.

Sport Relief Fun Run

All sponsorship forms and money must be received in school by first thing **Tuesday 27th March**. Thank you very much for all your kind support and donations.

Fine Art Club

Next term a Fine Art Club will be running after school every Monday until 4.30pm for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6. Cost is £15 for the term. A letter has been emailed to all parents and to reserve a place, the letter plus a cheque needs to be received by the school office before Easter. There are limited places - first-come-first-served basis.

School Trips

This area is used to post all class trips for the term. All letters and medical forms can be downloaded from the website under Parents tab.

St Anthony & St Aldhelm-Cotswold Farm Park - 17th April. St Lawrence - Henley-on-Thames - 18th April.

St Scholastica - 'WhereTheWall' Bristol - 21st May.

If you are unaware of any trip/activity for your child please download the information from the school website under the Parent Tab.



Class Topics

Class Topic Plans are available for parents to view on the Classes tab on the website.

Ruby Power

This term's learning gem is ruby, which gives us the power to show compassion.

PE Kits

Please be reminded that all children need to have in school their PE Kit at all times. All items need to be NAMED. Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and that it fits!! Children who have swimming lessons also need the correct kit, consisting of a swimsuit, towel and swimming hat.

Tuck Shop

In response to the school council, we will run a healthy tuck shop each Friday at morning break as part of KS2 Maths intervention. Children may bring a maximum of 50p into school to purchase their snack.

SEN Cake Stall

Emma Matthews is raising funds to support SEN in school. She will have a cake stall at the Market Cross on Saturday 14 April 2018 from 9am. Please support this cause by supplying Emma with some cakes on the day.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for next term is for Year2 pupils in St Aldhelm class. Letters have been emailed to parents last week, if you have not received one please collect a copy from the school office or download one from the website (under parents tab / trips). If anyone is available to walk with the children to and from the Activity Zone please let us know.

Parent Support Advisor

Our Parent Support Advisor Terry, can offer support and advice on any parenting issues you may be having difficulty with at home or at school. This service is FREE to parents. Terry can meet parents in school, home or elsewhere. Parents can contact Terry on 07876 201021 or terryjones@malmesbury-pri.wilts.sch.uk.

End of Term Arrangements

The school will close at the end of term at the following times: Wednesday 28 March 2018 - school finishes 1 pm. 25 July 2018 - school finishes 1 pm.

Please arrange pick up or alternative child care from this time.

Treats for Staff

A huge thank you to those parents who generously gave chocolates and biscuits to staff at Christmas! The treats have been appreciated in the staff-room at break-times!

New Governors Needed

St Joseph's Governors would like to appoint two new Foundation governors. On this occasion we require one parent and one non parent. Experience with budgets and finance for one of the positions would be advantageous. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop and need to be practising Catholics. Application forms can be received from the Clerk to Governors on <u>clerk@st-josephs-</u> <u>malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk</u> Forms should be returned to the school office by noon on Thursday 19th April 2018.

Diary Dates

March 2018 27 March – Governors farewell for Mrs Christopher - school hall 3.30-4.30pm – All welcome

28 March – Stations of the Cross in school 10am

28 March – End of term – school closes 1pm

29 March – TD Day – school closed

30 Mar – 13 Apr – End of term holiday

April 2018 14 April – Cake Sale – Market Cross (Parent Fundraising SEN Resources)

16 April – Back to School

17 April – St Anthony – The Cotswold Farm Park

17 April – St Aldhelm – The Cotswold Farm Park

18 April – St Lawrence – Henley-on-Thames

25 April - Whole school Mass - led by St Anthony 1.30pm - in church

May 2018 1 May – Choir to sing at Athlestan House

14-17 May – Year 6 SATs

16 May – May procession 2pm

21 May – St Scholastica trip to Bristol (street art)

23-25 May – Y3 Braeside residential

28 May – 1 June – Half Term holiday

June 2018 5 June – School Photographer (classes)

13 June – Y6 Leavers Mass Clifton Cathedral

19 June – KS2 swim gala 1.30-3.30pm Activity Zone

23 June – Summer Fete – more details to follow

27 June – New Reception Picnic and visit

27 June – Reception parents meeting – 6pm

July 2018 3, 4 July – Y6 Induction Malmesbury School

3 July – New reception day visit

5 July – End of term reports home to parents

6 July – Sports day + early finish 1pm

TD DAY - 29 March 2018