

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 25

16 April 2018



In Class this Week

St Anthony – FARM TRIP TUESDAY!

Phonics & Writing – Recap of our farm trip, all phonic sounds, alien words and CVC words

Maths – capacity, measuring liquids and reading scales

RE – Learning about Palm Sunday

St Aldhelm – FARM TRIP TUESDAY!

English – Writing a guide book

Maths – Value of two digit numbers

RE – Holy Week – the Last Supper

St Lawrence – RIVER & ROWING MUSEUM TRIP WEDNESDAY!

English – Holiday writing and researching rivers

Maths - Fractions / tenths

RE – Holy Week – the Last Supper

St Francis – Children would benefit from having a change of footwear in school for the duration of this term as we will be using the land quite a lot.

English – Features of non-fiction text and creating fact files

Maths – geometry – looking at properties of shape and measuring angles RE – Holy Week

St Scholastica

English – Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)

Maths - Multi-step word problems RE – Easter

Attendance Rate

Our attendance rate to date is as follows:-

St Anthony = 95.2% St Aldhelm = 95.5%

St Lawrence = 95.6% St Francis = 96.8%

St Scholastica = 97.3% There will be extra golden time at the end of term for the class with the best attendance.

After School Clubs

All clubs are continuing as normal, starting from Monday 16th April 2018. If anyone is interested in joining any of the clubs, please contact Mr Dawson to find out about any places remaining.

Monday - 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.

Message from Mrs Christopher

Thank you so much for all the beautiful words and gifts I received on leaving St Joseph's. The school and its pupils will always have a special place in my heart. I know it will continue to go from strength to strength and I look forward to hearing great things. Much Love, Mrs Christopher

Message from Mrs Wood

As Lizzie leaves us to take on her new headship, I would like to add my own personal thanks to her for all her kindness, support and fantastic humour! I know we will all miss her terribly but wish her well with her exciting new challenge!! I am however, delighted to be taking on the role of Acting Head Teacher for the summer term. It will be busy and fun-filled, which you will see from the class topic webs on our school website. I do hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to the term ahead too!

If you have any concerns whatsoever at any time, please do not hesitate to raise them with me and I very much look forward to working with you all. Best Wishes, Ann Wood.

Fine Art Club

This term a Fine Art Club is 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.

PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting is on Tuesday 17th April at 8pm at The Old Bell. Mrs Wood will be joining us to talk about a potential project. We will also be planning the Summer Fete, so please come and join us. As always, everyone is welcome!

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.

Amethyst Power

This term's learning gem is Amethyst, which represents the value of co-operation. We will all be learning how to listen to others respectfully and to share with each other, not only with our resources, but with our thoughts and ideas.

PE Kits

Please be reminded that children need to have their PE Kits in school 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 correct kit - swimsuit/trunks, towel and swim hat.

Tuck Shop

In response to the school council, is now running 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.

Minecraft Club

Isaac Owen, on behalf of Mi Little Pad Ltd, will be running a Minecraft Club for Y1-Y6 children after school every Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm from 17th April for 6 weeks until 22nd May. An email has been sent to parents.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for this term is for Year 2 pupils in St Aldhelm class, starting Tuesday 24th April. Letters have been emailed to parents but if you have not received one please collect a copy from the school office or download 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 the summer term on 25th July 2018 at 1pm. Please arrange pick up or alternative child-care from this time.

Summer Camps

The annual Clifton Diocese Summer Camps have launched for 2018 and bookings are now being taken. This year, the camps have moved to a new location in Viney Hill, Forest of Dean, and are being held between 13-17 August (ages 7-11) and 20-24 August (ages 12-16). The camps promise to be weeks full of fun, faith and friendship. To book a place email livingyourfaith@hotmail.co.uk or visit <http://livingyourfaith.co.uk>

Sports Relief Fun Run

Thank you for all your kind support and donations. An amazing £1,588.06 was raised! Some individuals raised over £50 - so an extra special thank you to them! Well done all!

Friendship Week

Thank you to everyone who supported making friendship bracelets. £80.70 was raised for the Harbour Project.

Whole School Trip

We are delighted to be able to tell you that as a celebration of the children's hard work this year, there will be a whole school trip to Bowood House and Gardens on Friday 29th June 2018. (More details to follow.)

Diary Dates

April 2018

17 April – St Anthony – The Cotswold Farm Park

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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

29 June – Whole School Trip to Bowood House & Gardens

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