

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 3

17th September 2018



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

Messages from Mrs Wood

We have lots of exciting events coming up which we hope you will all support. The first are our parent information evenings taking place this Wednesday 19th in the classrooms. Teachers will be sharing important information with you regarding expectations, routines, procedures, etc. They will be running the sessions twice - once at 3.30pm and the second at 4pm. We would love to see as many of you there as possible!

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that our lovely TA, Mrs Suzanne Jones, will be leaving us. Her last working day is Wednesday 26th September and we are going to miss her terribly. Since joining, she has supported so many children with such kindness and I know that they will miss her greatly. I would like to thank her for everything that she has done for the school - her organisational skills are second to none! We will all miss her sense of humour as well as her fabulous cakes! Mrs Jones - we wish you every success in your new venture and send you off with all our love.

We are in the process of recruiting Mrs Jones' replacement and will of course announce that, once all is confirmed. Finally, you will be aware that we are updating our authorised adult lists for child collection from school and I need to stress that we will only let children go with adults on that list. I would therefore ask that other parents do not offer to collect children, as we can only release children as per instruction of the parent.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a part-time vacancy for a Teaching Assistant/MDSA to work 17.5 hours per week as a Class TA plus an additional 3 hours MDSA. Please see details on the noticeboard or come into the office to find out more.

Book at Bedtime & PFA AGM

Please come along on Tuesday 25th September at 6pm! Children are warmly invited to come back to school in their pyjamas, slippers & dressing gowns to hear bedtime stories in their classrooms. They will also be able to enjoy hot chocolate & biscuits! Meanwhile, all parents can go to the hall for refreshments and you can hear about the wonderful things that the PFA have been up to and what they have planned for this coming year! They are looking for new committee members, eg. chairperson and treasurer.

Open Day - Wednesday 3rd October

We will be opening the school for anyone to come along and see what we get up to!! There will be 2 sessions: 9.20-10.20am and 1.00-2.00pm. Please look out for the posters!

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Literacy - Lost and found story – writing about someone who has helped you

Maths - Counting forwards and backwards

RE – Recognising Psalms

St Aldhelm – English - Writing a letter to our woodland visitor

Maths – Continuing to look at more than and less than

RE – The story of Amos

St Lawrence –

English – Reading and creating leaflets about predators

Maths – Representing numbers - 100s, 10s, 1s / Partitioning

RE – Describing the beginning of the Baptism ceremony and how we are called by name at Baptism

St Francis – English – Writing space poems and raps

Maths – Ordering and place value

RE – Teaching stories of creation from around the world

St Francis class would be grateful for old newspapers and 2 litre clear plastic bottles with dimpled bases. Thank you.

St Scholastica – English – Letter writing

Maths – Decimal numbers

RE - Creation

Lockers

Children's lockers are for the storage of PE kits, coats and lunchbags/boxes. As lockers are quite small, there is no space for large items so please ensure your child only brings things that will fit into them. Thank you.

After School Sports Clubs

Free sports clubs start w/c 24th September, 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly. See letter for details.

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y3 - Y6
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND - MR DAWSON	Y5 & Y6
WEDNESDAY	NETBALL	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	DODGEBALL	HALL - ADVANCED SPORTS COACHING	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND - ASC	Y2, Y3 & Y4
FRIDAY	MULTI-SPORTS	HALL - PH SPORTS	Reception, Y1 & Y2
FRIDAY	TAG RUGBY	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniform Sales

As of 19th September, school uniform will only be sold on Wednesdays between the hours of 8.30am and 3.10pm. Please pay by cheque or cash (correct money if possible).

2019 Y6 Residential Trip

The Residential Trip to Kilvrough Manor on the Gower Peninsula next September for the new Year Sixes will be Monday 2nd September until Friday 6th September 2019. The cost per child will be £330 for the trip. More details will be communicated in due course.

2019 Y3 Residential Trip

Next year's Y3 residential trip has been provisionally booked for Monday 1st until Wednesday 3rd July and will cost £155 per child for the three days. Due to the uncertainty of the future of Braeside, we will not be able to confirm this trip until 28 November 2018.

School Gates

In the mornings we request that parents/carers wait with children until there is a member of staff on the gates when they are opened at 8.35am. Children should be on the playground by 8.45am ready for the start of school. Children need to be punctual as once the gates are closed, office staff have other tasks around the school and are not always at the desk to answer the buzzer to latecomers. In the afternoons, the gates are opened at 3.10pm. If parents are later than 3.25pm picking up, children will be taken to K&S After School Club where a charge will be made for childcare.

Trips & Workshops

Class trips and workshops are an important part of the introduction of the class topic for the term. To ensure these go ahead, we need to keep to tight deadlines for payments and return of medical forms by parents. Should you have any questions or problems at all, please talk to the class teacher or office staff as soon as possible.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK IN YOUR CHILD'S BOOKBAG EVERY DAY AND ALSO TO READ THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO FIND OUT WHAT TRIPS/WORKSHOPS ARE HAPPENING. TRIP DETAILS ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE.

We need parents to respond ahead of the deadline given, as staff do not have time to continually chase. Outside organisations impose a deadline to us, by which time we need to have firm numbers and payment in order to go ahead and therefore avoid cancellations.

School trip/workshop letters are sent home with the children but can be downloaded from the website under the Parents tab. Thank you for your understanding.

Absences

ALL ABSENCES TO BE REPORTED BEFORE 9AM EACH DAY OF ABSENCE. May we request that when parents contact the school to report that a child is 'ill', we also require an explanation of what the illness is, ie. Tonsillitis.

Maths Tuck Shop

Maths Tuck Shop will be running during Friday break-times where snacks can be purchased up to the value of 50p.

Art & Minecraft Clubs

These fun clubs are run by Isaac Owen every week until Half-Term, 3.30 - 4.30pm. Minecraft is on Thursdays. Art Club is on Fridays. **THERE ARE STILL SPACES!**

Modern Jazz Dance Club

Modern Jazz Dance classes are available for children from Y2 to Y6, starting 25th September. Classes will run Tuesday lunchtimes for 10 weeks. The course costs £22.50 For more details, please contact Nikki Purkess: purkessc@aol.com or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

This Year's Newsletters

The school newsletter is an important communication and we would be grateful if parents could read it and action information relevant to their children. The office aims to publish the newsletter every Monday. It can be found on the school website; there are also paper copies on the noticeboards and in the school office. 'This Week's Updates' on the front; 'General Information' on the back.

St Aldhelm Class Trip

There is a class trip for St Aldhelm class to Westonbirt Arboretum on **Thursday 27th September**. Apologies for the error on the letter where we state Wednesday - but it's definitely Thursday! Please respond to the school office by the deadline of Monday 24th September. If we do not receive your child's completed medical form and payment by 9am on this date, your child will not be able to go.

Diary Dates

September 2018 Tuesday 25 Sept 6pm - Book at Bedtime and PFA AGM

Thursday 27 Sept - St Aldhelm Trip to Westonbirt

October 2018

Wednesday 3 October - School Open Day - sessions: 9.20-10.20am - and 1.00-2.00pm

Monday 8 October - School Photographer (individuals and siblings)

Wed 10 Oct 1pm - Flu immunisations: Reception to Y5

Friday 19 October 1.30pm - Harvest Festival - School Hall - everyone welcome

TD/Inset Days: (children not required in school)

Monday 15 October 2018 Monday 7 January 2019

Monday 25 February 2019 Monday 24 June 2019

Half Term Break:

Thursday 25 October - Friday 2nd November 2018

Christmas Holiday:

Break up Friday 21 December at 1pm (Early Finish)
Monday 24 December - Friday 4 January 2019 (plus Monday 7 January TD day)