

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 5

1st October 2018



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Wood

It has been so lovely watching all the new reception children coming in to school so beautifully in the mornings. They are settling in well and we are impressed with how much they are learning and enjoying themselves. I think they are now ready for parents to say goodbye to them at the wooden gates and not come onto the playground with them. This will enable them to meet with their friends, until we ring the bell for Wake and Shake at 8.50am. This is the time the gates will be closed.

There are still some children coming in after the gate has closed, so please ensure that your child is here and on the playground by 8.40am please. Any children arriving after the gate has closed will need to be signed in via the school office and they will be marked as late - this should not now be happening unless in exceptional circumstances. If there is a genuine problem in getting your child to school by 8.40am please do come and see me - thank you.

Diary Dates

Please see page 2 for Forest School dates.

October 2018

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

Wed 3 Oct 3.45 - 6pm – Y5/Y6 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival,
Minety Rugby Club (see letter)

Monday 8 October – School Photographer (individuals
and siblings)

Tuesday 9 October 1.30pm – Whole school mass in
church – to be led by St Scholastica - all welcome

Wed 10 Oct – Y3/Y4 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival, Minety
RFC (see letter)

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

Tues 16 & Thurs 18 October – Parents Evenings

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)

In Class this Week

St Anthony –

Literacy - Phonics – g, o, c, k

Maths - Introducing more than, less than, equal to

RE – Looking at images of God as a shepherd and a mother

St Aldhelm –

English - Instruction writing

Maths - Place value

RE – The Prophet Amos

We welcome volunteer parents to come and listen to children read in St Aldhelm Class – please contact the school office.

St Lawrence – English – Dilemma stories

Maths – Counting & multiples – hundreds/ count in 1,000s

RE – Prayers, Saints & Feasts – To explore what we learn about forgiveness from the story of Zacchaeus

St Francis –

English – Narrative Stories

Maths – Problem solving with rounding

RE – Creation

St Francis are collecting 2 litre clear plastic bottles with dimpled bases – please bring in any old bottles – thank you!

St Scholastica –

English – Persuasive writing – WW2 slogans

Maths – Addition and subtraction

RE - Creation

Drop-off in Mornings

As from Monday 1st October, now that children have settled into the new term, we request that all parents please drop children at the wooden school gates at 8.40am and not come onto the playground.

Parent Consultations

Please note that we have parents evenings on Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 October for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss progress. Please return forms to the office by 3pm on Friday 5 October.

Medical Forms - New System

In order to streamline the administration of trips and to make it easier for parents, there will be a new system of holding just one single medical/contact form per child for the whole of the academic year. Letters & forms will be in book bags – please action as soon as possible.

End of School Pick Up Forms

We are updating our authorised adult lists for child collection from school. Forms have now gone out to all parents and we would be grateful for prompt returns.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniform Sales

School uniform is only available on **Wednesdays** between the hours of 8.30am and 3.10pm. Please pay by cheque or cash. Nearly new uniform is free of charge.

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.

Newsletters & Class Dojo

The weekly school Newsletter and Class Dojo are very important methods of communications and we would be grateful if parents could read all messages please.

Lockers

Children's lockers are for PE kits, coats and lunch-bags. As lockers are small, there is no space for large items so please ensure your child only brings things that will fit.

Open Day - Wednesday 3rd October

We are looking forward to our Open Day. If you know of anyone looking for a school place either for mid-year transfer or next year in Reception, do let them know to come along either from 9.20 - 10.20am or 1 - 2pm.

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 AND LOOK AT CLASS DOJO TO FIND OUT WHAT TRIPS/WORKSHOPS ARE HAPPENING. TRIP DETAILS ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE. School trip/workshop letters are sent home with the children but can also be downloaded from the website under the Parents tab.

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.

Sports Clubs

Free sports clubs started w/c 24th September, 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly. See letter for details. Everyone got their 1st choice - still a few limited spaces left in some clubs.

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y5 & Y6
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL	PLAYGROUND - MR DAWSON	Y5 & Y6
WEDNESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y3 & Y4
WEDNESDAY	NETBALL	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	DODGEBALL	HALL - ASC	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

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!**

Chinese Club

Mr Han is running his very popular Chinese club after school on Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Letters were sent to parents last week and the club is already full. The children are really enjoying this amazing opportunity!

Forest School

St Scholastica class will be taking part in five Forest School sessions this term: Friday 28 Sept, Wed 3 Oct, Fri 12 Oct, Fri 19 Oct and Tues 23 October. A letter has gone out and Mr Dawson would appreciate it if all children can have appropriate clothes and footwear in school on those days. The first session is **THIS FRIDAY!**

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. Contact Nikki Purkess: purkessc@aol.com or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons this term until Christmas are for children in St Lawrence Class.