

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 6

8th October 2018



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

Weekly Attendance

St Anthony - 94%	St Lawrence - 96.8%
St Aldhelm - 97.4%	St Francis - 98.4%
	St Scholastica - 97%

PE Kits

It has been noticed that due to after-school clubs and tournaments, PE kits are not always coming back into school the next day. Please therefore ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day ready for PE lessons.

Parent Consultations

Parents' evenings on Tues 16 & Thurs 18 October are for you to meet your child's teacher to discuss progress. Confirmation of times were sent in pupils' book-bags on Friday. Contact the office if you have not received anything.

Diary Dates

October 2018 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

Half Term Break: Thurs 25 October – Fri 2nd November

November 2018 Monday 5 November – back to school

Friday 9 November – Chaplaincy Mass, Clifton Cathedral

Friday 29th November 1.30pm – Whole school Mass in church – St Francis to lead

December 2018 Saturday 1 Dec – Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 11 December 2pm & 6pm – Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity at school

Thursday 13 Dec – End of term exhibitions in all classes

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

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

Monday 15 October 2018 Monday 7 January 2019

Monday 25 February 2019 Monday 24 June 2019

In Class this Week

St Anthony –

Phonics – u, b, f, e

Maths - Comparing numbers and ordering objects

RE – Creation – create a 'loved by God' design

St Aldhelm –

English - Story-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 – Poetry

Maths – Representing numbers – number lines to 1,000 / 10,000

RE – To know what an important part of forgiveness is prayer.

St Francis –

English - Women's role in the space race

Maths – Negative numbers

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 – Narrative dialogue

Maths - Multiplication and division

RE - Creation

From Mrs Wood

I would just like to congratulate all the children who took part in the rugby tournament at Minety last week. It never ceases to amaze me how many children who get involved in the array of sporting opportunities we provide for them. What is impressive is the manner in which they conduct themselves whilst representing the school, so to all those children who have taken part in the football and rugby tournaments so far, really well done!

We held our Open Day last week and welcomed a large number of prospective parents who were all extremely impressed with the school and the learning that was taking place. They regarded the school as a hidden gem and commented on the wonderful ethos and welcoming nature of both staff and pupils. Your children were a real credit to both you and the school.

We have also been blown away by the kindness of Oaki Bepoki who have kindly donated a beautifully crafted bench for your KS1 children and thank them for their generosity.

I do have a favour to ask and that is whether there would be a couple of willing volunteers to help construct a second hand playhouse for our KS1 playground area? If you think you may have the know-how and some tools, then please do contact me or any of our KS1 teachers! Thank you!

Finally, I would like to welcome you all to join in our Harvest Festival on Friday 19th October at 1.30pm in school. The children are working really hard on their performances and would love to have their parents there to watch them! We will be selling the produce afterwards to raise money for CAFOD.

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 & Y3 Residential Trips

New Y6s - Kilvrough Manor - Monday 2 until Friday 6th September 2019. Cost per child will be £330 for the trip.
Y3 - Braeside - provisionally booked - Monday 1st until Wednesday 3rd July.
More details will be communicated in due course.

Medical Forms - New System

In order to streamline the administration of trips and to make it easier for parents, there is now a new system of holding just one single medical/contact form per child for the whole of the academic year. Letters & forms have been sent home - please action by Friday 12th October.

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.

Drop-off in the Mornings

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.

Harvest Festival

As always, we are asking parents for donations towards our harvest festival display in the hall on Friday 19th October. Items we would be grateful for are: fresh vegetables, fruit, flowers, cakes, chutneys and jams (no packets or tins). Children to bring things into school on Thursday 18th or first thing Friday 19th October. Items will be auctioned straight after harvest festival. Thank you

Fish, Loaves & Cross Youth Group

The next youth group session for Y5 and Y6 children will be on Friday 12 October, 6.30pm in the school hall.
Contact: 07378 165663 or youthgroup.sa@gmail.com

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/Health & Fitness Clubs

All clubs are after school 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.30pm.

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.

Chinese Club

Mr Han's Chinese club is Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Forest School

St Scholastica class are 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. **Mr Dawson would appreciate it if children can have appropriate clothes and footwear in school on those days.**

Choir

Mrs Cambray-Smith's Choir group is for all children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - school hall Wednesdays 12 - 12.30.

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 are for St Lawrence Class.

End of School Pick Up Forms

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