

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 14

10th December 2018



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Wood

Wiltshire police have been monitoring the area in response to concerns about a member of the public appearing to loiter near the school. The police have interviewed the individual and are satisfied that he poses no threat to our community. However, because of darker evenings, I would ask that children continue to be dropped off and collected from school by an adult. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Weekly Attendance

St Anthony - 93.9%	St Lawrence - 93.8%
St Aldhelm - 96.7%	St Francis - 98.3%
	St Scholastica - 96%

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

The children's Christmas Mass will be in St Aldhelm's Catholic Church at 6pm on Christmas Eve with carols beforehand. A joyous and wonderful celebration where everyone is welcome. Singers, readers, offertory procession, servers and helpers are all being sought! If your child would like to take part, please contact Kate Cloke clokekate@gmail.com / Nuala Oughton nmm90@hotmail.com

+Diary Dates (published on website on Tuesdays)

December 2018 Tuesday 11 December 2pm & 6pm – Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity at school
Wed 12th December 6pm – KS2 Carols by Candlelight in Church – followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Thursday 13 Dec – End of term exhibitions in all classes
Friday 14 Dec 2.30pm – Piano Concert - Parents of pupils involved are very welcome
Friday 14 Dec – End of term reports out to parents
Tues 18th Dec – Cygnet/Chartwell's School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 Dec – Christmas Party for pupils (lunch will be provided by the PFA: school meals have been cancelled)
Friday 21 December – Mass in church. **Last day of term pupils finish early at 1pm – please collect promptly.**
Christmas Holiday Return to school **Tues 8 January January 2019**
Wednesday 9 January – St Lawrence Trip to Pizza Express
Thursday 10 January - Open Morning 9.30am
Tuesday 29th Jan – Whole School Mass, St Lawrence to lead
February 2019
Wednesday 13 February - St Scholastica Class Trip
Half Term 18th–22nd February - back to school **Tues 26th March 2019**
Tuesday 5th March 1.30pm – Whole school Mass in Church – St Aldhelm to lead
Easter Holiday Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April – children back to school on **Tuesday 23rd April**
TD/Inset Days Monday 7 January 2019
Monday 25 February 2019 Monday 24 June 2019

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Phonics – air, ir Writing – Writing Christmas cards
Maths - How many left? RE – Making journeys

St Aldhelm – English – Innovate week

Maths - Addition and subtraction RE – Advent

St Lawrence – English – Historical narrative

Maths – Estimate answers to calculations/Checking strategies
RE – Advent

St Francis – English – Non-fiction texts

Maths – Measurement – perimeter RE – Advent

St Scholastica – RE – Advent

English – Myths and legends of the Ancient Maya

Maths – Dividing fractions and finding fractions of amounts

Open Morning

Prospective families welcome - Thursday 10th January 2019
- School Tour at 9.30am, followed by coffee and questions.

Sickness

Just a reminder that we require a responsible adult to be available in the event that your child needs to be sent home. Please ensure that the office has these details on your emergency contact card.
May we also remind you that children are not permitted to return to school until they have been free of sickness/diarrhoea for 48 hours. This may seem extreme but we need to ensure that other children do not become ill from contagious germs. It is also to safeguard the health of our staff whom we employ to look after your children.

Choir Performances

Our School Choir have performed Christmas carol concerts several times over the past weeks at various venues around Malmesbury to entertain older members of our community. Mrs Cambray-Smith is justly proud of all the children who sang and behaved so beautifully. We are very grateful to her for all the hard work she puts in at this time of year and would like to say a big thank you to her and the choir!

Clubs Cancelled & Club Information

We regret that Chinese Club is cancelled today - Monday 10th December. KS2 Football Club and Y5/Y6 Gymnastics are both cancelled tomorrow - Tuesday 11th December. All clubs will finish this week on Friday 14th December. **NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK** - including Modern Jazz Dance. Minecraft Club will still take place on Thursday 20th. Clubs will start again the first week back after Christmas. Please note that Tag Rugby will become Hockey and there are a few spaces for new people wanting to join the Hockey Club and in most of the other clubs. Please contact Mr Dawson to see if there is a space available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PFA Corner

PFA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Thank you to everyone who helped make the Bazaar a success! We will publish the total amount raised as soon as we know it! Please can all raffle prize winners and auction of promises winners collect their prizes from the school office ASAP.

2019 Y6 Kilvrough Manor Residential

A letter has been sent out to Y6 parents with details about the trip next September (2nd - 6th). We would like confirmation from parents that they are happy for their child to participate and we request the **deposit of £100 to be paid by 1st January 2019** to secure places. Thank you.

2019 Y3 Residential Trip

Y3 - Braeside, Devizes - provisionally booked - Monday 1st until Wednesday 3rd July 2019. The cost is likely to be £155 per child for the 3 days. More updates in due course.

Forest School

FOREST SCHOOL:

St Lawrence - Friday 11, 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February.
St Aldhelm - Friday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March.
St Anthony - Friday 26 April, 3, 10, 17, 24 May.
Suitable outdoor clothes and footwear please.

Chartwell's/Cygnets Christmas Lunch

This will be on **Tuesday 18th December 2018**
(NOT Wednesday 12th as previously stated).

After School Collection

As you will see from our busy programme of after-school clubs, most of them are run on the playground starting at 3.30pm. We would therefore be extremely grateful if, once you have collected your children, you would kindly leave the playground in order to allow prompt start of these clubs. Your understanding is appreciated.

Piano Concert

There will be a piano concert in the school hall for all parents of children who have piano lessons with Elena Stevens. This will be **Friday 14th December 2.30 - 3pm.**

KS1 Nativity Tuesday 11th December

Performances will take place in the school hall at 2pm and again at 6pm. All children in St Anthony and St Aldhelm Classes will be expected to participate at both performances. Families welcome.

St Lawrence Class Trip

Thanks to parents for payments and forms. Miss Soper is looking forward to taking her class to Pizza Express on **Wednesday 9th January 2019.**

Sports/Health & Fitness Clubs

All these great clubs take place 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

Other Clubs

MONDAY	CHINESE - Mr Han	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
TUESDAY	MODERN JAZZ DANCE Nikki Purkess 01666 825802 There is a charge.	Hall	Lunchtimes
WEDNESDAY	CHOIR Y3 - Y6 Mrs CambraySmith	Hall	12- 12.30pm
THURSDAY	Y1-Y6 MINECRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
FRIDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen ART & CRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

School Reports - 14th December

Letters were sent out on 29th November regarding interim school reports - thank you to those parents who have returned the permission slips. Please be reminded that we need permissions slips back ASAP for each child in order that we can send reports home in book-bags.

Applications for Reception 2019

A REMINDER to all parents of children at St Joseph's who have younger siblings wishing to start in reception in September 2019. Please apply on the Wiltshire Council website and also complete our own school application ASAP. The deadline is **15 January 2019.**

We are a Nut-Free School

Please note that we are a nut-free school. Nuts and products containing nuts are not permitted in school as we have some children and adults who have nut allergies.

St Scholastica Class Trip

Trip to Arctic Quest, Tewkesbury will be on **Wednesday 13th February.** This is in line with their topic 'Frozen Kingdom'.