

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 16

8th January 2019



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Wood

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! I hope that you have had a fabulous time and enjoyed quality time with your families and friends. Whilst you were enjoying the final day of the holiday, we received exciting training on Active Maths. This will enable the children to experience a range of exciting new ways to access Maths, which we can't wait to trial. We are sure the children are going to really enjoy it, via a series of games and activities, as well as making even greater progress within their Maths.

Continuing on the theme for being active, this, along with keeping healthy, is often the key focus for many at this time of year. We will be continuing to provide opportunities for the children to be healthy in body, mind and spirit, not only through ongoing sporting clubs and fixtures, but also through our goal of achieving Healthy School Status, utilising the NHS Change4Life resources. Please look out for a letter from Mr Dawson explaining more about this, inviting you to attend an information session on Monday 21st January, where we are sure some of the statistics we will be sharing will certainly surprise you!

We would like to thank all the volunteer parents who came into school and helped supervise the children at lunchtime on the last Wednesday before Christmas. This allowed all staff to be able to attend the Staff and Governors lunch which we very much enjoyed in the staffroom. Your help was much appreciated.

Once again, I wish you all the best for 2019 and I very much look forward to catching up with you all very soon.

Diary Dates (published on website on Tuesdays)

January 2019

Wednesday 9 January – St Lawrence Trip to Pizza Express

Thursday 10 January - Open Morning 9.30am

Thursday 10 January – St Scholastica Global Warming Talk

Friday 11 January – St Aldhelm class trip to Bounce House

Monday 21 January – Healthy Schools information evening

Tuesday 29 Jan – Whole School Mass, St Lawrence to lead

Wed 30 Jan – Deadline for payments for St Scholastica trip

February 2019

Wed 13 February - St Scholastica Class Trip, Arctic Quest

Wed 13 Feb 3.30pm – Braeside meeting – parents/children

Half Term 18–22 February - back to school Tues 26 Feb

March 2019

Tues 5th 1.30pm Whole School Mass, Church: St Aldhelm leading

Tues 22 March – End of term reports

26 & 27 March – Parents evenings

29 March 3pm – End of term exhibitions all classes

April 2019

TBC - 4 April 10am – Stations of the Cross service in school

5 April - 1pm – School finishes early

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 – English – How to catch a star

Maths - Add by counting on

RE – Christmas: gifts from the wise men

St Aldhelm – Engage week! All about Bounce! We also have our trip on Friday to the Bounce House in Melksham!

St Lawrence – English – Postcards Maths – Subtraction

RE – Finishing off Christmas

St Francis – English – Character studies

Maths – Multiplication RE – Christmas

St Scholastica – English – Chronological reports – The Titanic

Maths – Geometry: Coordinates, translations and reflections

RE - Christmas

Weekly Attendance

St Anthony - 93.6%	St Lawrence - 93.6%
St Aldhelm - 96.7%	St Francis - 98.1%
	St Scholastica - 96.1%

Dangerous Parking!

Please be advised not to pull up or park outside school or along the road around the Gig House at the top of Holloway Hill near school when you drop off in the mornings or pick up in the afternoons. Cross Hayes car park is free to park before 9am so this should be used in the mornings please. A member of the public has today called us over serious concerns about some near misses, with children almost being knocked over and the risk of head-on collisions because of cars being in the way.

Swimming - St Francis

Swimming this term is for St Francis Class. We would appreciate payment of £48 for the 12 lessons by Friday 11th January. Swim kits should be brought in every Tuesday please.

Open Morning

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

Piano Lessons

Elena Stevens has a few spaces available for piano lessons for children in school from January. If you are interested, please contact her on 07764 582683 or email on elenastevens.home@gmail.com

Jazz Dance

Modern Jazz Dance classes are available for children from Y2 to Y6 from Tuesday 15th January. These will run every Tuesday lunchtime for 10 weeks. Cost is £22.50. For more details please contact Nikki Purkess: purkessc@aol.com or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Club Information

Clubs start again this week. Please note that Tag Rugby has become Hockey. There are limited places available in most clubs - please see Mr Dawson if you are interested in joining.

Toys

Now that our younger children have settled into school, please could all parents ensure that their children in KS1 and KS2 do not bring toys into school, unless specifically asked to do so.

2019 Y6 Kilvrough Manor Residential

The Residential will take place for the new Y6 children 2nd - 6th September. Now that confirmation has been received from parents, the deposit of £100 should have been paid by 1st January 2019 to secure places. Thank you.

2019 Y3 Braeside Residential Trip

We have had confirmation that the Y3 Braeside Residential trip will go ahead - Monday 1st until Wednesday 3rd July 2019. The cost will be £153 per child. Letters have been sent out and a deposit of £53 should be received into the school office by 1st March, with the balance by 7th May. There will be a meeting at 3.30pm on Wed 13th February.

Reports

All interim reports for Y1-Y6 should have been received by parents at the end of last term. Anyone who has not received their child's report please collect from the office.

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.

St Aldhelm Class Trip

Trip to The Bounce House, Melksham, will be on Friday 11th January 2019 in line with their topic next term, 'Bounce'.

St Scholastica Class Trip

Trip to Arctic Quest, Tewkesbury will be on Wednesday 13th February 2019. This is in line with their topic 'Frozen Kingdom'. Deadline for payment is Tuesday 29th January.

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 clubs start back Tues 8 January: 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	HOCKEY (new club)	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	Hall (There is a charge)	Lunchtimes
WEDNESDAY	CHOIR Y3 - Y6 Mrs CambraySmith	Hall	12- 12.30pm
THURSDAY	Y1-Y6 MINECRAFT Isaac Owen	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
FRIDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen ART & CRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

Forest School Sessions 2019

FOREST SCHOOL: Suitable outdoor clothes & footwear please.
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.

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.

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 Tuesday 15 January 2019.