

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 18

21st January 2019



THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Wood

I would like to thank you for your support in our Healthy Schools campaign and have already noticed that there are generally no longer sweets on the school premises. Following our presentation this evening, we hope for your continued support in ensuring that snacks and packed lunches reflect the Change4Life guidelines. If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will be more than happy to answer your questions. Guiding our children to make balanced choices over their dietary needs is a vital part of their development. It aids focus and concentration and therefore their ability to be the best they can be. It is also worth me saying that we see first-hand improved behaviour with a reduced and controlled sugar intake. My sincere thanks again for your support in this matter.

Diary Dates (published on website on Tuesdays)

January 2019

Mon 21 Jan - 3.30pm - Healthy Eating information meeting
Tuesday 29 Jan - Whole School Mass, St Lawrence to lead
Wed 30 Jan - Deadline for payments for St Scholastica trip
Wed 30 Jan 9.30-12.30pm - All years Gymnastics Festival at Malmesbury Secondary School (letter out soon)

February 2019

Wed 13 February - St Scholastica Class Trip, Arctic Quest
Wed 13 Feb 3.30pm - Braeside meeting - parents/children
14 February 2.30pm (revised date) - End of term open classrooms/exhibitions, all classes (not 29 March)
Fri 15 Feb 6.30-8.30pm - Youth Group - school hall
Half Term 18-22 February - back to school Tues 26 Feb
March 2019

Tues 5th 1.30pm Whole School Mass, Church: St Aldhelm leading
Fri 15 Mar 6.30-8.30pm - Youth Group - school hall
Tues 22 March - End of term reports
26 & 27 March - Parents evenings

April 2019

Wed 3 April 9.30am - 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

May 2019

Monday 6 May - Bank Holiday
Mon 13 - Thurs 16 May - Y6 SATs week
Friday 17 May - May Procession TBC
Half Term Monday 27th - Friday 31st
Monday 3 June - back to school
TD/Inset Days (children not required in school)
Monday 25 February 2019 Monday 24 June 2019

In Class this Week

St Anthony -

English - Non-chronological reports
 Maths - Subtraction - below 10
 RE - Revelation - The Good Samaritan

St Aldhelm -

English - Recount of our trip to the Bounce House
 Maths - Money
 RE - Revelations

St Lawrence -

English - Finishing emails and moving onto diary writing
 Maths - Subtraction & multiplication
 RE - To be able to accurately retell the story of Samuel and explain its meaning

St Francis -

English - Leaflets
 Maths - Measurement
 RE - Revelations

St Scholastica -

English - Scott of the Antarctic - diary writing
 Maths - Decimals and percentages
 RE - Revelations

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 94.7%	St Lawrence - 95.5%
St Aldhelm - 97%	St Francis - 98.2%
	St Scholastica - 96.6%

Healthy Eating Information Event

Mr Dawson has issued information and guidelines regarding Healthy Eating. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to read this and, if possible, attend the information event today - **Monday 21st January at 3.30pm** in school.

Dangerous Parking!

Please be advised not to pull up or park on the double yellow lines 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. A member of the public has 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. Thank you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

Swimming - St Francis

Swimming this term is for St Francis Class. Payment of £48 for the 12 lessons was due on Friday 11th January. Any outstanding payments, please action asap. Swim kits should be brought in every Tuesday please.

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 to secure places. Thank you.

2019 Y3 Braeside Residential Trip

The dates for Braeside are **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**. Thank you. There will be a meeting for parents and children at 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th February.

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'. Payment deadline **Tues 29 January**.

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.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child attends school in full winter uniform and wears a warm coat. Hair which touches the shoulders should be tied back. Our up-to-date uniform policy has been issued for your information.

Toys

Please could all parents ensure that their children in KS1 and KS2 do not bring toys into school, unless specifically asked to do so.

Sports/Health & Fitness Clubs

All clubs: 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	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

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.

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.

Issues Regarding Your Child

With regard to issues or questions you may have about your child, the first port of call is with the class teacher.