

**THIS IS WEEK 1
FOR HOT
SCHOOL
LUNCHES**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 10

Monday 18th November 2019



**ALL CLUBS ARE
RUNNING THIS WEEK**

THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Woods

As the nights draw in and we begin to see the real signs of winter, we look forward to the hopeful time of Advent. Please keep the diary dates free for the KS2 Christmas Carol Service and Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity. We also have the next Whole School Mass on Tuesday 26 November at 10am, led by St Francis Class. This is a date change due to the commitments of Father Thomas. We look forward to seeing you in church.

School Business Manager

It is with mixed emotions that we wish to let you know that our School Business Manager, Mrs Elaine Pearce, will be leaving us this Christmas. Although very excited for her and all the amazing things that she has planned for the future, we are also very sad, as Elaine has been a key member of the St Joseph's team over the last 26 years and will be very greatly missed. Elaine's total dedication to St Joseph's over these many years has been truly remarkable - we are incredibly grateful for all her commitment and enthusiasm. We wish her much happiness and joy in the future. We are sure that she will come back and visit us regularly!

St Aldhelm Class Carnival Parade

Children are enjoying some fantastic dance workshops in line with their topic Rio. St Aldhelm parents are invited to their Carnival Parade on 5th December. Please ensure payment of £2 is sent in to school to help pay for resources - thanks to everyone who has already done so.

School Lunch Orders

Deadline for ordering meals w/c 25th November has now passed

Deadline for meal orders w/c 2nd December is today - Monday 18th November

Deadline for meal orders w/c 9th December is Monday 25th November

Menus and order forms can be found on the website and on the desk in the school office. If you would like to repeat your three week order for the rest of the term, please tick the box on the form. Please remember to order Christmas Lunch if your child would like one.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for pupils is on Wednesday 18th December. Traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, a vegetarian option and a special pudding! Orders should be in by Friday 29th November.

Christmas Jumper Day - revised date

On Friday 13th December children are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas T-shirts over their school uniform. We ask children to bring £1; the total sum of donations will go to MISSIO.

Walking Bus Volunteers

If there is anyone who is DBS checked or would like to be DBS checked, and would like to volunteer on a weekly basis to help run the Walking Bus, we would be hugely grateful. You would need to be at the gates of St Aldhelm's Church courtyard for 8.15am and walk with the group along the nuns walk around to the school playground. You generally arrive at school between 8.35 and 8.40am. If this is something you can support us with please contact the office.

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Maths: Making 5, 1 more and 1 less
Phonics: v j w ew ph wh RE: Recognising places people pray

St Aldhelm – Maths: Partitioning numbers
English: Sports in Brazil
RE: Important times in the liturgical calendar

St Lawrence – Maths: Subtraction (continued)
English: Dilemma stories RE: Learning about St Lawrence

St Francis – Maths: Multiplication methods
English: Script Writing RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

St Scholastica - Maths: Order of operations
English: Facts and opinions - Smoking
RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 93.7%	St Lawrence - 96.0%
St Aldhelm - 96.9%	St Francis - 96.8%
	St Scholastica - 96.9%

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'Let us give thanks to God for his faithfulness.'

Staff Vacancies

St Joseph's has a vacancy for a part-time 1-1 **Teaching Assistant** to start as soon as possible. This is fixed term until 31 March 2020 and is for 11 hours 40 minutes per week, 1.00pm-3.20pm, plus an additional 5 hours lunchtime shadow MDSA role. Deadline for applications is 22/11/19, interviews TBC. We also have a vacancy for a temporary **Catering Assistant** to cover maternity leave - starting from now until September 2020. Please contact the school office if you are interested in either of these posts, or you know of anyone who might be interested (01666 822331).

Braeside Residential Trip - Y3

Dates are now confirmed for our Y3 Residential Trip (2 nights) to Braeside in Devizes for activities and team building - Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June 2020. Letters out soon.

St Joseph's School Choir

Mrs Cambray-Smith is delighted to announce that the Choir has been invited to sing carols around Malmesbury in the run-up to Christmas. Dates are as follows: Tuesday 3 December - Athelstan House, Wednesday 4 December - Malmesbury Lunch Club, Saturday 7 December - Christmas Bazaar, Monday 9 December - Burnham Court.

Healthy Eating

Last week Mr Dawson issued our updated School Healthy Eating Guidelines, together with guidelines regarding children's birthdays. We would be grateful if parents could please follow the advice given - any questions, please contact the school office.

First Holy Communion - Y3

Please note that the date is now set for First Holy Communion for any Y3 Catholic children wishing to make this step. This will be Sunday 28 June 2020 at St Aldhelm's Church. More details to follow.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

November 2019

Tuesday 26 November 10am – Whole School Mass in church – St Francis to lead **(Please note this is a date change)**

December 2019

Tuesday 3 December – Choir to Athelstan House

Wednesday 4 December – Choir to Malmesbury Lunch Club

Thursday 5 Dec 2.45pm – St Aldhelm Class Carnival Parade

Friday 6 Dec – Malmesbury Late Night Shopping event

Sat 7 Dec – Christmas Bazaar – school hall (Choir to sing)

Monday 9 December – Choir to Burnham Court

Wed 11 December 2pm & 6pm – Reception & KS1 Nativity

Thursday 12 December 3pm – End of term exhibitions in class

Thursday 12 December 6pm – KS2 Carol Service in church

Friday 13 December – Christmas Jumper Day (date change from Thursday 12 December)

Fri 13 December 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Wed 18 Dec – Pupil Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19 December – Christmas Party for pupils (PFA) – hot lunches cancelled; buffet lunch will be provided at the party

Friday 20 Dec 10am – Whole School Christmas Mass in church – all welcome

Friday 20 Dec – End of term – school closes early at 1pm

Christmas Holiday Monday 23 Dec – Friday 3 January

(back to school Monday 6 January 2020)

January 2020

Wed 15 Jan – deadline application for primary school places

Friday 24 January 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Tuesday 28 January 10am – Whole School Mass in church – St Lawrence to lead **(Please note this is a date change)**

Half Term - Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020

Mon 24 & Tues 25 Feb - TD Days; school closed to pupils

February 2020

Wednesday 26 February – Back to school

Friday 28 Feb 6.30-8.30pm - Youth Group – school hall

Emergency Contact Details

In order to be sure we have the correct details on file should we need to contact you if your child is unwell/has had an accident, we need to check information we have is up to date. If you have not been given your form to check, please come into the office urgently.

Applications for Reception for Sept 2020

Applications for Reception places for children starting in September, deadline is midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2020. Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk and also complete the St Joseph's supplementary form on the website; copies also in office. If your child is baptised Catholic/Christian, please provide a copy of the baptism certificate, even if you already have a child already attending St Joseph's.

DBS - Parent Volunteers

If there are any parents who would like to help with class trips, reading with children or helping in other ways at school, please come into the school office and speak to Mrs Pearce so that she can check if your DBS is current. If it is not, then she can apply for one for you. **It is essential that all adults working with children are DBS checked.** We may have to refuse kind offers of help with trips if parents are not DBS checked. Thank you.

Sports/Fitness Clubs

Most clubs are after school: 3.30-4.30pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.30pm. Thursday football and dodgeball finish 4.15pm. All clubs are run by professional coaches, offering skills development, competition and most of all, fun! If your child commits to a club, please ensure they are available to attend regularly with correct kit.

MONDAY	DANCE	HALL - MISS EMMA	Reception to Year 6
TUESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y5 & Y6
WEDNESDAY	GYMNASTICS	HALL - MISS EMMA	Y3 & Y4
WEDNESDAY	NETBALL	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	DODGEBALL Finish 4.15pm	HALL - ASC	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL Finish 4.15pm	PLAYGROUND -ASC	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
FRIDAY	MULTI-SPORTS	HALL - PH SPORTS	Reception, Y1 & Y2
FRIDAY	HOCKEY	PLAYGROUND - PH SPORTS	Y4, Y5 & Y6

Other Clubs

WEDNESDAY	KS2 CHOIR Y3-Y6 Mrs CambraySmith	Hall	12- 12.30pm
THURSDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen MINECRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm
FRIDAY	Y1-Y6 Isaac Owen ART & CRAFT	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

Collection of Children from Clubs

When collecting your child from an after-school club, please can you wait at the black metal gates which will be opened by Mr Dawson at 4.30pm. For Minecraft Club, please collect from the KS1 library door at 4.30pm. Thursday Football & Dodgeball finish at 4.15pm.

K&S (tyKeS) Breakfast, After-School & Holiday Club

If you would like a place for your child, please contact Karen on 07733 068519. All welcome at this relaxing and happy club which takes place in our school building.

Annual Medical Form - Urgent

Please ensure you have completed a new Annual Medical Form for this academic year for your child, which will be held securely in the school office and used for trips and other off-site visits. Forms are on the website and on the desk in the school office, so if you haven't already actioned, please do so as a matter of **urgency**. If we do not have a form for your child, we regret we will not be permitted to let them go on class trips. PLEASE NOTE WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED FORMS FOR EVERYONE.

Whole School Masses led by Classes

Please note that whole School Masses led by the Classes will now take place on Tuesday mornings, rather than Mondays as previously.

Prompt Drop-Off and Collection

A reminder for parents: Gate opens in the mornings at 8.35am and closes at 8.50am. Therefore please drop your child between these times. In the afternoons the gate opens at 3.10pm. Once you have collected your child, it would be appreciated if you could exit the premises promptly to enable sports clubs to start and so that staff can address other school business. Thank you.