

**THIS IS WEEK 2  
FOR HOT  
SCHOOL  
LUNCHES**

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury**

## **Newsletter 11**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



**ALL CLUBS ARE  
RUNNING THIS WEEK**

### **THIS WEEK'S UPDATES**

#### **From Mrs Woods**

Well done to our Key Stage 2 children for taking part in the Cross Country event last week. They showed many qualities which make me proud to say they are a part of St Joseph's, in particular they demonstrated tenacity, determination, fellow team spirit and good sportsmanship.

Please remember it is Whole School Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, led by St Francis Class. We look forward to seeing as many parents and members of the community there as possible.

We are looking for DBS checked parents/parishioners who could work for us on an ad hoc basis to help here at school when we need extra help on the playground or in the dining room. If this is something you think you could do, please let me know or contact the office. We are already extremely grateful to our volunteers who already help with Walking Bus, Swim Walk, reading with children and accompanying children on trips and at sports tournaments. Thank you.

#### **Weekly Message from Pope Francis**

'Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. May every Church be a place of Mercy.'

#### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December has now passed

Deadline for meal orders w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December is today - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Deadline for meal orders w/c 16<sup>th</sup> December is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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 on 18<sup>th</sup> December if your child would like one - traditional roast turkey, vegetarian option and a special pudding!

**New menus and order forms are now available for the spring term 2020.**

#### **Photographs**

Photograph orders have just arrived in school this afternoon so these will be distributed to children's bookbags tomorrow.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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: Ways to make 7

Phonics: Writing instructions on how to make a musical instrument RE: Visit to church

**St Aldhelm** – Maths: Partitioning numbers

English: Sports in Brazil

RE: Important times in the liturgical calendar

**St Lawrence** – Maths: Equal groups; multiply x10

English: Biographies RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

**St Francis** – Maths: Division

English: Macbeth – poetry & verse RE: Advent

**St Scholastica** - Maths: Fractions

English: Biographies

### **Class Attendance**

St Anthony - 94.3%

St Lawrence - 95.7%

St Aldhelm - 97.0%

St Francis - 97.1%

St Scholastica - 97.0%

### **Christmas Bazaar**

It's nearly Christmas Bazaar time! The PFA has asked if we can please ask all to support by bringing in your lucky jam jars and class assigned donations. Please give your child the items to bring into class by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November for St Anthony (this is because these items need to be wrapped in advance) or Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December for the rest of the school. Your child will receive a house point for bringing something in.

**St Anthony:** Christmas Shopping Stall (small gifts that can be sold for £1) plus a lucky jam jar

**St Aldhelm:** Children's tombola and a lucky jam jar

**St Lawrence & St Francis:** Adult Bottle Tombola and a lucky jam jar

**St Scholastica:** Luxury Hamper and a lucky jam jar

Please could we also ask for a bit of your time on the day to help man a a stall for a shift. Please chat to Candice, Trevor, Christina or Sam (your PFA Christmas Bazaar Team) and let us know which stall and time slot suits you best. Thank you!

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Letters out soon.

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to all children, parents and staff who bought poppies for this year's Remembrance Poppy Appeal. We are pleased to tell you that John, the Malmesbury British Legion representative has confirmed that St Joseph's raised £116.28. Thank you to everyone.

### **Healthy Eating**

Mr Dawson has 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 or Mr Dawson.

### **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 (St Lawrence will not go swimming)

**Thursday 28 Nov 9am**– St Anthony Welly Walk on land

#### 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

**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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

#### Important Summer Dates:

**Friday 12 June (am)** – Sports Day (reserve date Fri 3 July)

**Friday 26 June (pm)** – KS2 Swimming Gala

## 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](http://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 10am Tuesday mornings, once a term. Look out for dates.

## 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.