

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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 8

Monday 4th November 2019



**TUESDAY GYM CLUB
AND THURSDAY
DODGEBALL &
FOOTBALL CLUBS
ARE CANCELLED**

THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Woods

A warm welcome back to Term 2! I hope you have all had a restful half term break and enjoyed time with your friends and families.

We look forward to seeing you at parents evenings this week on Tuesday or Thursday. I would like to thank those parents, governors and children who came along to the Education Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Tuesday 22nd October and represented St Joseph's at a packed out service. A special shout out to the 'banner holders' - you made me very proud to be a part of St Joseph's, Malmesbury!

Walking Bus Request

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.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be held this week on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November. Confirmation of times were sent out in book-bags before half-term. Please contact the office if you are unsure of your time slot. Sports Clubs on Tuesday and Thursday are cancelled. Minecraft Club will run as usual in the library.

Poppies

Royal British Legion poppies are on sale. If you would like your child to have one, please send them in to school with some money.

PFA Meeting, Gin Tasting & Poster Competition

There will be a PFA Meeting at 8pm at The Old Bell on Wednesday 6th November - all welcome. The deadline for Christmas Bazaar poster competition is Friday 15th Nov. The Gin Tasting Evening will be on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets on sale from PFA members at pick-up or email chartaylor21@btinternet.com

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for pupils will be on Wednesday 18th December. The menu will consist of traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, a vegetarian option and a special pudding! Orders need to be in to the office by Friday 29th November please. Usual price of £2.30 each.

School Lunch Orders

Deadline for ordering meals the three weeks after half-term, ie. w/c 4th, 11th & 18th November has now passed
Deadline for orders for meals w/c 25th November is Monday 11th 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 term, please tick the box on the form. Please remember to order Christmas Lunch if your child would like one!

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.

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Maths: Estimating and counting accurately

English: Onomatopoeia with fireworks

RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

St Aldhelm – Maths: Addition and subtraction with similar

numbers English: Carnival Poems RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

St Lawrence – Maths: Subtraction English: Poetry & personification RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

St Francis – Maths: Efficient subtraction methods

English: Labels & instruction writing RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

St Scholastica - Maths: Word problems – multiplication and division English: Facts about the heart

RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 94.6%

St Lawrence - 96.1%

St Aldhelm - 96.8%

St Francis - 97.2%

St Scholastica - 96.9%

Forest School - St Francis Class

This term for the first five Friday afternoons it will be the turn of St Francis class to participate in Forest School on the land with Mr Dawson. Please ensure your child brings appropriate old clothes and shoes/wellies - activities can involve getting wet and muddy!

Mrs Murphy's Eco Club

Eco Club are making beeswax lunch wraps to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. We are looking for donations of any spare, clean, cotton fabric you may have that would appeal to children. Please bring donations to the office by next Friday 15th November. 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. These are Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June 2020. Letters will be sent out to parents soon with more details.

Youth Group & Family Mass

St Aldhelm's Youth Group will be meeting this Friday 8th November in the school hall 6.30-8.30pm (Years 5-9). We look forward to seeing members old and new! The next Family Mass will be at 10.30am on Sunday 17th November. Please contact Fabienne Faurvarque or Kate Cloke (07516 400077 or clokekate@gmail.com) if you would like to participate with reading, singing, serving or taking the Offertory.

Annual Medical Form - Now 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.

Minecraft Club

Please return your Minecraft Club letters and payments by Thursday 7th November to secure your child's place. Thank you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

November 2019

Tues 5 & Thur 7 Nov (these are new dates) Parents Evenings

Wed 6 Nov – St Anthony Music Workshop in school with Mr Murphy

Wed 6 Nov 8pm – PFA Meeting, The Old Bell

Friday 8 November afternoon – Forest School St Francis

Friday 8 November 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall

Fri 15 Nov 7.30pm – PFA Gin Tasting Evening - school hall

Sunday 17 November 10.30am – Family Mass, church

Monday 25 November 1.30pm – Whole School Mass in church – St Francis to lead

December 2019

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Sat 7 Dec - this is the new date – Christmas Bazaar - school

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

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

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)

Friday 20 Dec (morning – time tbc) – Mass in church

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

Christmas Holiday Monday 23 December – 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

Monday 27 January 1.30pm– Whole school Mass in church – St Lawrence to lead

Half Term – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

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

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

School Communications

Please be reminded to regularly check for Class DOJO and email messages with regard to school notifications and activities - also the weekly school newsletter, noticeboards, facebook and the website. If you have any queries about anything please don't hesitate to contact us - 01666 822331.

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

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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.

Correct Kit in school

Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school on the right day for their class activities, such as Swimming, PE, Sports Clubs and Forest School. We have noticed that there are several children who are not remembering and therefore missing out. Thank you.

Staff Vacancy

St Joseph's has a vacancy for a temporary **Catering Assistant** to cover maternity leave - from 4th November 2019 until September 2020. Please contact the school office if you are interested or you know of anyone who might be interested (01666 822331).

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.

Aldi Sports Stickers

Mrs Butt asks if anyone is shopping in Aldi, could you please collect the school sports stickers and bring them in to your class teacher or the school office. Thank you!