

**THIS IS WEEK 3
FOR HOT
SCHOOL
LUNCHES**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 9



Monday 11th November 2019



**ALL CLUBS ARE
RUNNING THIS WEEK**

THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Woods

It was great to see everyone back safe and sound after the half-term break. The Reception children have settled very well back into the school life and routines too ...Well done!

Lovely to see you at parents evening last week - a great turn-out and we ran almost on time. Parents of St Lawrence, please look out for a new date for your parents evening, this will be communicated to you through class dojo and school email.

Thank you to everyone who donated over the last year towards the MISSIO charity. We have received a thank you on behalf of MISSIO and you generously raised £435...Thank you!

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!

Academy Portraits

Deadline for submission of photograph orders to Academy Portraits is extended to Sunday 17 November. Orders guaranteed for Christmas!

School Lunch Orders

Deadline for ordering meals w/c 18th November has now passed

Deadline for meal orders w/c 25th November is today - Monday 11th November

Deadline for meal orders w/c 2nd December is Monday 18th 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!

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

On Thursday 12th 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: Introducing part, part whole models – partitioning numbers – partitioning the number 4 and developing an understanding of multiplication – 2 times table.

Phonics – oy, ir, aw, ue – ch sh th ff Writing: Reading the story – 'What's that noise little mouse?' – writing and drawing what they hear. RE: Recognising different types of prayer and that we pray at different times of the day.

St Aldhelm – Maths: Addition and subtraction

English: Stories from Brazil RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

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

St Francis – Maths: Multiplication English: Shakespeare plays RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

St Scholastica - Maths: Properties of numbers English: Report writing, 2nd person RE: Prayers, Saints & Feasts

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 95%

St Lawrence - 96.1%

St Aldhelm - 97%

St Francis - 96.9%

St Scholastica - 96.6%

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.

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.

Gin Tasting Evening

We are really looking forward to our first Gin Tasting Evening on Friday 15th November! This is at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets on sale from PFA members at pick-up or chartaylor21@btinternet.com For those who have booked but still need to make payment, we can receive cash payments on the night. Raffle tickets also for sale!

Family Mass

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

November 2019 **Fri 15 Nov** – Deadline - poster competition

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

Sunday 17 November 10.30am – Family Mass, church

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

December 2019

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

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

Thursday 12 December – Christmas Jumper Day

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Forest School - St Francis Class

This term for the first five Friday afternoons it is the turn of St Francis class to participate in Forest School with Mr Dawson. Please ensure your child brings appropriate old clothes/shoes/wellies - activities can involve getting wet and muddy! Last one 6th December

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 at Aldi, could you please collect the school sports stickers and bring them in to school.