

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

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

## Newsletter 12

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**



**HOCKEY CLUB &  
MULTISPORTS ON  
FRIDAY ARE BOTH  
CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

### THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

#### From Mrs Woods

As we find ourselves in Advent, may we begin to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all at the Christmas Bazaar next Saturday at school. Please spread the word and we welcome friends, family and parishioners to this PFA event. A huge thank you to St Francis who led the Class Mass on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. It was a special Mass, seeing the children take an active part in their faith life and of course having Father Thomas lead our first whole school Mass. Thank you Father Thomas, the first of many!

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.

#### Governors' Update

We would like to remind everyone that the consultation on the Clifton Diocese Common Admissions Policy adjusted for St Joseph's, will conclude on 9 December. Please ensure that any feedback is passed to Nicki, Clerk to Governors, by then [clerk@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) Thanks.

#### Staff Vacancy - MDSA

We are looking to appoint a caring and sympathetic Midday Assistant to support our pupils at lunchtimes. Ideally we would like someone from Monday to Friday but would consider a job share. Hours of work 12.00 - 1pm and to start asap. Contract type: Temporary/Maternity cover/Volunteer. Salary £9.00 per hour. If you are interested in applying, please contact Elaine Pearce on [admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

#### School Lunch Orders

**Deadline for ordering meals w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December has now passed.**

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

**Deadline for meal orders for the whole of January 2020 is next week, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am**

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.**

#### 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 them to bring £1 each; the total sum of donations will go to MISSIO.

#### Toys/Personal Items

May we please remind parents that children should not be bringing any toys or personal items into school. These can often be expensive and can easily get lost or broken. We appreciate your support with this.

#### 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: Exploring 8

Phonics: Retelling the Christmas Story RE: Advent

**St Aldhelm** – Maths: Counting money

English: Recount writing

RE: Advent

**St Lawrence** - Maths: Equal groups; multiply x10 (continued)

English: Biographies RE: Advent

**St Francis** – Maths: Division & Multiplication

English: Website composition

RE: Advent

**St Scholastica** - Maths: Termly Arithmetic & Reasoning

Assessments. English: Termly Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Assessments. RE: Advent

#### Class Attendance

St Anthony - 93.5 %

St Lawrence - 95.1%

St Aldhelm - 96.9%

St Francis - 97.1%

St Scholastica - 96.9%

#### Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus.'

#### Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

It's Bazaar Week! Please could we ask you to bring in all your donations for the Bazaar by Wednesday.

Any cakes and bakes can be brought in on Friday or Saturday morning. Please could we urge you to spare an hour to help on a stall? Chat to Candice, Trevor, Christina, Charlie or Sam to volunteer.

BAGS2SCHOOL REMINDER: Please bring in your Bag2School on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> as they will be collected on the day!

Thank you so much! The PFA Team.

#### St Francis - Forest School

Mr Dawson asks you please to ensure children bring in enough warm clothing, coats, gloves, hats and appropriate footwear, for Forest School on Friday, as the temperatures have dipped.

#### No K&S Christmas Holiday Club

Please be advised that K&S Tykes last After School Club will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. They will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Karen and Steve wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

#### Books - The Book People

Mrs Butt would like to let you know that you can earn rewards for our school by purchasing books from The Book People online. Please go to the link below to find out how you can help St Joseph's! Thank you!  
<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

#### First Holy Communion 2020 - Y3

We will start our preparations for First Confession and First Communion at the end of January with a view to the big day being on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please advise Father Thomas as soon as possible if you wish your child to be included. There will be a meeting for parents on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm to discuss the arrangements.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Diary Dates

#### 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 11am -1.30pm** - 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

#### January 2020

**Monday 6 January 2020** – back to school  
**Wed 15 Jan 7pm** –First Holy Communion/Confession meeting  
**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 (no swimming for St Francis class)

#### 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

**Wednesday 22 July** – Break up for summer holiday

### 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.

## Diarrhoea & Vomiting

Please be advised that if your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, they should not return to school until 48 hours has passed since the last episode. Your co-operation is appreciated to avoid bugs spreading.

## 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 here.

## DBS - Parent Volunteers

Parents wishing to help with class trips, reading with children or helping in other ways at school, please come in and speak to the School Business Manager so that your DBS can be checked. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Annual Medical Form - Urgent

There are still several parents who have not completed and returned the 2019/2020 medical form for off-site trips and tournaments. More blank forms have been given to these children and we would appreciate them being returned **URGENTLY**. If we do not have a form for your child, we regret we will not be permitted to let them go on class trips/tournaments.

## 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.