

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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Newsletter 13

Monday 9th December 2019



**GYMNASTICS CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY IS
CANCELLED THIS
WEEK**

THIS WEEK'S UPDATES

From Mrs Woods

The Christmas countdown is definitely upon us! May I remind you that we have the Reception and Key Stage 1 nativity plays this week ... which I have yet to sneak a peek at, one of my favourite times of the year! This is on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and 6pm. We also have our Carol Service with the parish at St Aldhelm's Church on Thursday 12th December at 6pm. It was so lovely to see so many of you on Saturday at the Christmas Bazaar, there was a joyful buzz about the place! Thank you for coming along and supporting the school and a further thank you to all the helpers and the PFA who organized it ... it couldn't happen without you! 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 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.

Carols by Candlelight

Everyone is invited to our KS2 Carols by Candlelight Service at St Aldhelm's church on Thursday 12th December at 6pm. This will be a joint celebration with the parish and we warmly welcome you to join us for refreshments afterwards in the clubroom.

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

School Lunch Orders

**Deadline for ordering meals w/c 16th December has now passed.
Deadline for meal orders for the whole of January 2020 is
this week, Wednesday 11th 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 18th 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 13th December children are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas T-shirts over school uniform. We ask them to bring £1 each; the total sum of donations will go to the school for resources.

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 huns 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: Partitioning 8

Phonics: Re-cap all sounds

RE: Making a Christingle and looking at the meanings

St Aldhelm - Maths: Adding money

English: Postcards from Brazil

RE: Advent

St Lawrence - Maths: Assessments

English: Assessments RE: Advent

St Francis - Maths: Assessments

English: Website production

RE: Advent

St Scholastica - Maths: Fractions of amounts

English: Narrative writing RE: Advent

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 93.5%	St Lawrence - 95.4%
St Aldhelm - 96.8%	St Francis - 97.1%
	St Scholastica - 98.0%

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts!'

Piano Concert

We are delighted to let you know that there will be a Piano Concert for families of children who have piano lessons with Elena Stevens. This will be in the school hall at 2.30pm on Monday 16th December. We look forward to seeing you then.

St Francis Forest School - last session Friday

The last session for St Francis Class will be this Friday 13th December. No Forest School next week. It will be the turn of St Lawrence next term. The first session for them will be Friday 10th January 2020. Mr Dawson asks you please to ensure your child brings in enough warm clothing, coats, gloves, hats and appropriate footwear for Forest School, as the temperatures have dipped and it can get very cold.

No K&S Christmas Holiday Club

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

Thanks from Candice, Trevor & the PFA

The Christmas Bazaar on Saturday was a huge success! Thank you to all! We could not have run this event without volunteers, your generous donations and most of all, your attendance! We will announce the profit next week! Thank you too for supporting Bag2School! We are delighted to report that you donated 208kg which converts to £83.20 for St Joseph's!

St Anthony Class Trip to Bristol

We are delighted to inform St Anthony Class parents that we will be going to Bristol Museum & Art Gallery on Thursday 9th January 2020 for a Dinosaur workshop in line with our next topic. Letters have gone out and we would appreciate it if you could return the reply slip and make payment of £13.20 before the deadline of Monday 16th December.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

December 2019

Monday 9 December (lunchtime) – Choir to Burnham Court

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

Thursday 12 Dec 6pm – KS2 Carols by Candlelight in church

Thursday 13 Dec 3pm – **Cancelled:** end of term exhibitions

Friday 13 December – Christmas Jumper Day

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

Monday 16 December 2.30 – 3.15pm – Piano Concert, 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

Thursday 9 January – St Anthony Class trip to Bristol

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)

Tuesday 28 January 5pm – Book at Bedtime

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

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

Books - The Book People

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 the school <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

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 here at school.

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 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 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June 2020. Letters out soon.

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 28th 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 15th January at 7pm to discuss the arrangements.

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.