

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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury



**ALL AFTER SCHOOL
SPORTS CLUBS ARE
CANCELLED THIS
WEEK**

**THIS WEEK'S
UPDATES**

Newsletter 14

Monday 16th December 2019

From Mrs Woods

What a fantastic way to kick start the Christmas celebrations last week with the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, followed by the fabulous EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity, written specifically for our children by Mrs Cambray-Smith..... thank you! The children were brilliant in their many roles and I was so proud of the Reception children all saying their lines, and the Year 1 and 2 children singing their hearts out - gorgeous!! It truly was a special treat. The Christmas preparations did not stop there, as we all joined together with the Parish of St Aldhelm's in true 'Communion' spirit and shared Carols by candlelight on Thursday evening. The readers of the school and parish read beautifully and the children acting out the tableau were a credit to the school. The evening was filled with emotion and was a fitting celebration in the Season of Advent.

We will be having our PFA Children's Christmas Party on Thursday when a buffet lunch will be provided, so no packed lunches or hot lunches on this day.

Finally, we would like to say a fond farewell to Elaine Pearce, our School Business Manager who is leaving us this week after 26 years at St Joseph's. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'May the joy of the Gospel be always in our hearts, especially this Christmas.'

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 the office on admin@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk

School Lunch Orders

Deadline for ordering meals for the whole of January has now passed.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 3rd February is

Monday 20th January 2020

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.

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

Traditional Christmas Lunch will be this week on Wednesday 18th

December - thank you for all your orders - it is guaranteed to be

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

If your child would like to join in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass by reading, taking part in the Offertory Procession, playing an instrument, singing in the choir, or serving, we would love to hear from you. The Children's Mass is always a particularly joyous and special occasion - everyone is warmly welcomed! Please contact Mary Lillis - mary.lillis@outlook.com as soon as possible if your child would like to take part. The carol service will commence at 5.30pm and Mass is at 6pm. There will be a practice in advance, date and time to be confirmed. We look forward to hearing from you.

Walking Bus & All other Volunteers

We are still 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 contact the office. 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.

In Class this Week

St Anthony - Maths: Ordering according to size.

Phonics: Story-writing

RE: Ways of preparing for Christmas

St Aldhelm - Maths: Adding and subtracting money

English: Christmas stories and letters to Santa RE: Advent

St Lawrence - Maths: Finishing off assessments

English: Finishing off assessments RE: Advent

St Francis - Maths: Consolidation and recap

English: Christmas and Innovate week RE: Advent

St Scholastica - Maths & English: End of term festive activities

RE: Advent

Class Attendance

St Anthony - 93.2%	St Lawrence - 95.2%
St Aldhelm - 96.3%	St Francis - 97.2%
	St Scholastica - 96.6%

St Scholastica Class Trip in January

There will be an exciting trip for St Scholastica Class to the Victorian School at Sevington on Monday 27th January 2020 in line with their next topic. A letter will be sent out this week. We would be very grateful for reply slips and payments to be made by Tuesday 14th January please.

'Mysterie' Boxes

Freya, Alannah, Connie, Emily and Tallulah are trying to raise money for the Bishops Charity by selling recyclable Mysterie Boxes. These contain a pom-pom, a small paper fortune teller, a toy and a small school supply. Prices are: Large £1, Medium 50p, Small 40p, Extra Small 30p. These will be sold at tuck shop on Friday.

St Lawrence Forest School

The first session for St Lawrence 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!

Christmas Bazaar & Bag2School Fundraising

The Christmas Bazaar was a huge success and the PFA are delighted to report that £2,954.06 was raised! Thank you to everyone who was involved! Thank you also for supporting Bag2School - you donated 208kg which converts to £83.20 for St Joseph's!

Urgent - 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 - today! **THERE ARE STILL 9 CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED SLIPS & PAID.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

December 2019

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 - church

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

Friday 10 January – Forest School – St Lawrence Class

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

Monday 27 January – St Scholastica Class Trip to Sevington

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

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.

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.