

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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury



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

**THIS WEEK'S
UPDATES**

Newsletter 15

Tuesday 7th January 2020

From Mrs Woods

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to a new decade and 2020! I hope you have all had a joyful Christmas break, with plenty of rest. I know it seems like a long time ago, but I would like to congratulate the whole school for their impeccable conduct in Church for the whole school Mass on the last day of term in December. The children behaved so well, sang beautifully and read with meaning and reverence; they made me very proud of them all. I have been approached by many of the parishioners who commented on how the special occasion was brought to life by the children - well done St Joseph's! We now look forward to the forthcoming term, ready for plenty of excitement with what lays ahead!

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'This is the meaning of Christmas. If the Lord continues to come among us and give us the gift of His Word, it is so that each of us can respond to this call: to become saints in love.'

First Holy Communion 2020

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.

Swimming & Water Skills

From Tuesday 7th January until 31st March, it will be the turn of St Francis Class to attend the Activity Zone for Swimming and Water Skills lessons. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit, including towel and swimming hat, every Tuesday.

May we please call upon parents who would be willing to volunteer on a regular basis to help walk children to and from the pool. Thank you.

School Lunch Orders - this is Week 1

UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

Deadline for ordering meals for w/c 20th January has now passed.

Deadline for w/c 27th January is Monday 20th January.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 3rd February is
Monday 27th January 2020.

Menus and order forms are 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 until Easter, please tick the box on the form.

Please check that you have completed order forms for your child.

St Anthony Trip to Bristol - this week

St Anthony Class children will be going to Bristol Museum & Art Gallery on Thursday 9th January 2020 for a Dinosaur workshop in line with our new topic. Thank you to all parents for your reply slips and payments. The trip will be within school hours so please bring your child to school in the usual way and collect from the playground at the usual time. This promises to be a really exciting trip!

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: Subtraction

Literacy: Writing sentences and sequence photos about our visit to the Dinosaur Museum

RE: Christmas - to know that we respond to the Christmas story with prayer and praise

St Aldhelm -

Maths: Multiplication

English: George's Marvellous Medicine

RE: Christmas

St Lawrence -

Maths: Finishing off multiplication and division

English: The Greek Gods and Goddesses - character descriptions

RE: Christmas

St Francis -

Maths: Biography writing

English: Division

RE: Christmas

St Scholastica -

Maths: Co-ordinates

English: Writing about Victorian Schools

RE: Christmas

Class Attendance

This will be updated next week	St Lawrence - %
St Anthony - %	St Francis - %
St Aldhelm - %	St Scholastica - %

St Scholastica Trip - 27th 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 new topic. A letter has been sent out and we would be very grateful for reply slips and payments to be made by Tuesday 14th January please.

St Lawrence Forest School - Thursday

The first session for St Lawrence will be Thursday 9th January 2020. Mr Dawson asks you to please 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. This week there has been a lot of rain so children will get very muddy - remember to send in their wellies! Please note that the new day for Forest School is now Thursdays.

Lost Property

We have an accumulation of un-named uniform items, coats, shoes, etc, in the foyer at the top end of the school. These will be left out after school each day until Friday 17th January, after which time, we will discard. If you think you may have mislaid anything, please do come and check. May we please ask that all clothing and shoes are marked or labelled with your child's name to help prevent things going missing.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

January 2020

Monday 6 January 2020 – back to school
Thursday 9 January – St Anthony Class trip to Bristol
Thursday 9 January – Forest School – St Lawrence Class
Tuesday 14 January 3.30pm – Meeting for Y3 and parents regarding Braeside Residential Trip in the summer
Wed 15 Jan 7pm – First Holy Communion/Confession meeting
Wed 15 Jan – deadline application for primary school places
Thursday 16 January 9.30am – St Francis class visit to Abbey House Gardens – more details to follow
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 – in school
Half Term – **Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020**
Mon 24 & Tues 25 Feb - TD Days; school closed to pupils
February **Wednesday 26 February** – Back to school
Friday 28 Feb 6.30-8.30pm – Youth Group – school hall
June
Mon 8 - Wed 10 Jun – Y3 Braeside Residential Trip (2 nights)
Friday 12 June (am) – Sports Day (reserve date Fri 3 July)
Friday 26 June (pm) – KS2 Swimming Gala
July
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.

There will be an information meeting for Y3 children and their parents after school at 3.30pm on Tuesday 14th January 2020 here in school. We look forward to seeing you then.

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.