

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

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



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

**THIS WEEK'S  
UPDATES**

## Newsletter 16

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### From Mrs Woods

How lovely it was to see everyone back in school ready for the new term, a new year and indeed a new decade! I was so very proud to hear that our youngest children enjoyed their trip to Bristol last week ... what an adventure! They came back to school full of excitement about all that they had seen and found, a great way to kick start this term's topic for St Anthony. Indeed, across the school there seems to be a real buzz as each class starts their new topics.

### First Holy Communion 2020

We will start our preparations for First Confession and First Communion on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January between Masses (9.30am - 10.15am) at church, with a view to the big day being on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please advise Father Thomas or a member of the church team as soon as possible if you wish your child to be included - you can contact them on [malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com) or you can telephone the school office (01666 822331). There will be a meeting just for parents on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Church Clubroom to discuss arrangements.

### Applications for Reception for Sept 2020 Urgent! Deadline is this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Applications are invited for Reception places for children starting in September - the deadline is midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2020 this week. Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) and also complete our own St Joseph's supplementary form on the website; copies also in the school office. If your child is baptised Catholic/Christian/other, please provide a copy of the baptism certificate, even if you already have a child here. This supplementary form, and baptism certificate if you have it, should be brought into the school office as part of the application procedure.

### Y3 Braeside Residential Trip

Our Y3 Residential Trip (2 nights) to Braeside, Devizes, for activities and team building is Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020. There will be an information meeting for Y3 children and their parents after school at 3.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (tomorrow) here in school. We look forward to seeing you then. Please be reminded that we require the deposit of £70 by 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### School Lunch Orders - this is Week 2

#### UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

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

Deadline for w/c 27<sup>th</sup> January is today, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February is  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### Swimming & Water Skills

From Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> March, it is the turn of St Francis Class to participate in Swimming and Water Skills lessons at the Activity Zone. 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.

### In Class this Week

**St Anthony -** Maths: Explaining ways to represent 6. Partitioning 6 into equal groups. Literacy: Poetry and riddles - writing similes and exciting dinosaur words RE: Revelation - To recognise the story of the feeding of the 5,000

**St Aldhelm -** Maths: Multiplication  
English: Revolting Recipes  
RE: Christmas and all about St Aldhelm

**St Lawrence -** Maths: Finishing off multiplication and division  
English: The Greek Gods and Goddesses - character descriptions  
RE: Christmas

**St Francis -** Maths: Division using a short method  
English: Biography writing RE: Christmas  
Class visit to Abbey House Gardens on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

**St Scholastica -** Maths: Fractions, Decimals and Percentages  
English: Oliver Twist narrative writing RE: Christmas

### Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people.'

### Family Mass - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

This will be at 10.30am and we would like to request help with readings, offertory, altar servers, singers, etc. Please contact Kate Cloke on [clokekate@gmail.com](mailto:clokekate@gmail.com) Thank you.

### Class Attendance

	St Lawrence - 94.5%
St Anthony - 93%	St Francis - 97.4%
St Aldhelm - 96.2%	St Scholastica - 96.6%

### St Scholastica Trip - 27<sup>th</sup> January Urgent! Reply slip and payment due tomorrow

There will be an exciting trip for St Scholastica Class to the Victorian School at Sevington on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 of £15 to be made by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January please.

### St Lawrence Forest School - Thursday

St Lawrence Class are participating in Forest School this term. 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 a lot of rain is forecast so children will get very muddy - remember to send in their wellies! Please note that the new day for Forest School is 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**Tuesday 14 January 3.30pm** – Meeting after school for Y3 and parents regarding Braeside Residential Trip in the summer

**Wed 15 Jan 7pm** – First Holy Communion/Confession meeting in the Church Clubroom

**Wed 15 Jan midnight** – Deadline application for primary school places

**Thursday 16 January 9.30am** - St Francis class visit to Abbey House Gardens; Mrs Butt will send details via Class Dojo

**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

#### February 2020

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am** – Family Mass at church

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Dance Festival – details to follow

**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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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>

### 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.

### 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.