

THIS IS WEEK 3
FOR HOT SCHOOL
LUNCHES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury



ALL AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS ARE RUNNING
THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK'S
UPDATES

Newsletter 17

Monday 20th January 2020

From Mrs Woods

It is so good to see all the classes engaged in their topics this term, walking around the school the children are focused and actively taking part in their learning. From writing instructions for their potions, writing labels, exploring features of a diary entry, learning how to note take and how to build the best narrative, all the children were keen to share their writing with me. I am so proud to see them taking ownership and pride in their work. Do take every opportunity to encourage children to write at home, whether it is lists for the weekly shopping trip, a diary event for a fun day out, an imaginative story sparked by something they have seen or a book review of the best book ever!!!! I would love to see them! As we look forward, we have St Lawrence whole school Mass on Tuesday 28th January at 10am, as part of the Parish Mass, do come along and join us - all welcome!

First Holy Communion 2020

We will start preparations for First Confession and First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th January between Masses (9.30am - 10.15am) at church, with a view to the big day being on Sunday 28th June 2020. These lessons will take place every Sunday. 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 or you can telephone the school office (01666 822331).

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'Let us ask our Lord to help us bear shining witness to his love in every area of our lives.'

Swap of classes for Swimming

Due to a school timetable change this week, we will be taking children in St Scholastica Class swimming tomorrow, Tuesday 21st January. Please ensure your child brings in their correct kit including towels and tomorrow. There will be no swimming next week (28th) due to Mass.

Swimming & Water Skills

This term until 31st 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? Do contact the school office if you think you can help. Thank you.

Y3 Braeside Residential Trip

Our Y3 Residential Trip (2 nights) to Braeside, Devizes, for activities and team building is Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June 2020. Thank you to all parents and children who attended the information meeting last week. If anyone missed the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Soper for any further information. Please be reminded that we require the deposit of £70 by 7th February, with the balance of £100 due by 9th March. Thank you.

School Lunch Orders - this is Week 3

UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 27th January has now passed.

Deadline for w/c 3rd February is today, Monday 20th January.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 10th 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.

In Class this Week

St Anthony – Maths: Doubling and halving. Partitioning 8 into equal parts. Literacy: Non chronological reports – create a mini book about dinosaurs RE: Revelation – to know that we go to church to find out about God's love for us

St Aldhelm – Maths: Arrays and Division
English: Mystery boxes and riddles
RE: Revelation

St Lawrence -
Maths: Finding percentages of amounts
English: Instructions & commands
RE: Revelation

Please remember Forest School is Thursday - wear lots of layers to keep warm!

St Francis –
Maths: Division, including measures
English: Poetry and riddles
RE: Revelations

St Scholastica -
Maths: Finding percentages of amounts
English: Historical narrative
RE: Revelation

Working Party Request for Grounds Tidy-Up and Minor Maintenance

We are asking if any able-bodied volunteers would like to come forward to make up a working party to tidy up the school grounds and help with minor maintenance on an ongoing basis. If you feel you would like to help, please contact Mr Brian Birkin-Hewitt, our Associate Health & Safety Governor, on 07703 721217. We will circulate details on dates once we have set up the group. Many thanks in advance for your help!

Class Attendance

	St Lawrence - 94.7%
St Anthony - 93.3%	St Francis - 97.5%
St Aldhelm - 96.4%	St Scholastica - 96.7%

Family Mass - Sunday 2nd 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 Thank you.

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 the new topic this term. Thank you to all parents for reply slips and payments. We are looking forward to experiencing life as Victorians!

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a part-time Teaching Assistant with 1:1 named pupil hours. This will be 14 hours permanent and 10 hours 1:1 named pupil to start on 24th February 2020. Anyone who is interested in this position, please email: admin@st-josephs-malmesbury-wilts.sch.uk - closing date is 29th January. For more details, please telephone the school office on 01666 822331. We look forward to hearing from you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

January 2020

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 – classrooms

Tuesday 28 January 5pm – PFA meeting – school hall

February 2020

Sunday 2nd February 10.30am – Family Mass at church

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 27th February – Dance Festival – details to follow

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

Chorister Opportunities

We have put a letter on the school noticeboard from Westminster Cathedral School, London, inviting Catholic boys with significant musical potential to attend a Chorister Open Morning on Sunday 2nd February. All details are in the letter or you can phone St Joseph's school office for information.

St Lawrence Forest School - Thursdays

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 and wet. Lots of layers are recommended! Also, please remember to send in wellies! The new day for Forest School is Thursdays.

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.