

THIS IS WEEK 1
FOR HOT SCHOOL
LUNCHES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury



ALL AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS ARE RUNNING
THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK'S
UPDATES

Newsletter 18

Monday 27th January 2020

From Mrs Woods

Welcome to the start of a new week at St Joseph's School, one that will take St Scholastica Class on a trip to immerse them in the life and times of the Victorian era. I look forward to hearing all about their comparison of the times on their return! I'm not sure if I would want to meet some of the teachers of that period!!

Good Luck to the gymnasts attending the Gymnastics Festival on Tuesday - it sounds like it will be lots of fun!

We continue to look for anyone who is able to help with the Walking Bus, one or maybe two mornings a week. As you now know, this is run completely by volunteers. For it to run successfully, we would like a couple more helpers from 8.15 - 8.40am. If you are able to support us in this, please pop into the school office or call for more information. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2020

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

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'Dear brothers and sisters. Be an active presence in the community.'

Book At Bedtime & PFA Meeting

Book At Bedtime will be held on Tuesday 28th January at 5pm until 5.45pm. Children are welcome to come back into school in their pyjamas and onesies to listen to a bedtime story in their classrooms. Whilst this is happening, we will be holding a PFA meeting in the hall. The PFA look forward to seeing you all!

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 recent information meeting. 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 1

UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 3rd February has now passed.

Deadline for w/c 10th February is today, Monday 27th January.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 26/27/28 February is

Monday 10th February 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.

Change to Week 1 Tuesday's Menu

Please be advised that we have changed the menu for week 1 on Tuesdays. This is now Spaghetti Bolognese, Veggie Bolognese and Garlic Bread.

In Class this Week

St Anthony - Maths: Partitioning 9 into equal parts. Odd and even numbers. Literacy: Narrative - create your own dinosaur and write a story about it RE: Revelation. To recall artefacts and objects in a church

St Aldhelm - Maths: Multiplication and Division
English: Creating animations
RE: Revelation

St Lawrence -
Maths: Length/kilometres/adding length/Sum Dog
English: Myths and Legends
RE: Class Mass. Story of Samuel.

PLEASE NOTE THAT
FOREST SCHOOL IS
CANCELLED THIS
WEEK

St Francis - Maths: Multiplication and division
English: Newspaper reports
RE: Revelation

St Scholastica - Maths: Percentages
English: Poetry - limericks
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 - 95.2%
St Anthony - 93.1%	St Francis - 97.5%
St Aldhelm - 96.3%	St Scholastica - 96.9%

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.

TyKeS Holiday Club - Half-Term

Could parents please contact Karen if they wish to book sessions at the TyKeS Holiday Club through Half-Term. Also, it might be possible to offer childcare during the two TD Days on the following Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February - please enquire. Telephone: 07733 068519 (Karen).

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 Wed 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

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, 9am–12.30 – Gymnastics Festival, Malmesbury Secondary School
Tuesday 28 January 5pm – Book at Bedtime – classrooms
Tuesday 28 January 5pm – PFA meeting – school hall
Thursday 30 January – Forest School is cancelled today
February 2020 Sun 2 Feb 10.30am – Family Mass church
Tuesday 11 February – Safer Internet Day
Tues 18 Feb 2.30pm – Malmesbury Library event – see school noticeboard for poster – Earth Stories and Crafts
Thursday 27 February – Dance Festival
Half Term - Monday 17 – Friday 21 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) **Fri 12 June (am)** – Sports Day (reserve Fri 3 July)
Friday 26 June (pm) – KS2 Swimming Gala
July Wednesday 22 July – Break up for summer holiday

Chorister Opportunities

There is 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 more 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, as the temperatures have dipped and it can get very cold and wet. Lots of layers are recommended! Also, remember to send in wellies! Apologies but cancelled 30 January.

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.

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.

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>

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.