

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 19

Monday 3rd February 2020

From Mrs Woods

Thank you to St Lawrence Class for planning and sharing their Class Mass with the whole school and parish last Tuesday; another special time to reflect pray and live out our faith life. It was lovely to hear such positive comments from the parishioners who shared Mass with us. Book at Bedtime was another huge success, reading and the power of the written word is such a special one, and it was so lovely to see the children coming back to school.....in their pyjamas to take part in a bedtime story. It went so fast that many children wanted to stay the night!! Thank you for all your continued support in all school activities.

First Holy Communion 2020

We have started preparations for First Confession and First Holy Communion. These lessons will take place every Sunday between Masses (9.30am - 10.15am) at St Aldhelm's 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 the school office (01666 822331) or email malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!'

Swimming - St Francis

Swimming for St Francis is back on tomorrow (Tuesday). Please remember your kits, including towels and swimming caps!

St Lawrence Class Trip to Bristol

We have arranged an exciting class trip for St Lawrence Class to visit 'We The Curious' in Bristol to participate in a Digestion workshop as part of their topic after the Half-Term break. They will be going on Friday 13th March and a letter will be sent out today giving more details. The cost will be £19/child, due in school by Tuesday 3rd March please.

Y3 Braeside Residential Trip - Deposits Due

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 this Friday 7th February, with the balance of £100 due by 9th March. Thank you.

Red & White Day - 14th February

The PFA have asked if children could wear red and white instead of uniforms on Friday 14th February and to please bring a suggested donation of £1 for PFA funds to help the school.

School Lunch Orders - this is Week 2

UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 10th February has now passed.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 26/27/28 February and w/c 2nd & 9th March 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.

In Class this Week

St Anthony - Maths: Number bonds within 7. Counting back from 10 to 1. Literacy: Dinosaur party - create invitations and posters. RE: Revelation. To know that a priest helps us get to know God.

St Aldhelm - Innovate Week! We are planning and designing a piece of art all about our favourite places. We will then write up what we have done during the week.

Maths: Statistics RE: Revelation

St Lawrence - Finishing off last week's work:

Maths: Length/kilometres/adding length

English: Myths and Legends

RE: Revelation & the story of Samuel

PLEASE
REMEMBER
FOREST SCHOOL
THIS THURSDAY

St Francis - Maths: Fractions

English: Newspaper reports

RE: Revelation

St Scholastica -

Assessments - Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Maths

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 - 94.9%
St Anthony - 93.2%	St Francis - 97.6%
St Aldhelm - 96.4%	St Scholastica - 96.8%

Malmesbury Cluster Gymnastics Competition

Mr Dawson is very proud of our gymnasts who took part in the gymnastics competition at Malmesbury Secondary School last week. Everyone performed incredibly well and the Y5/Y6 team were the overall winners! Congratulations to everyone who took part and particular thanks go to Miss Emma who worked so hard coaching the children.

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).

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday (11th February) we have invited our local PCO into school to talk to children about staying safe on the internet. Talks will be informal and appropriately aimed at the differing age-groups in school.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Diary Dates

February 2020

Tuesday 11 February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 14 February – Red & White 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 to 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

March 2020

Friday 13 March – St Lawrence class trip to Bristol

April - Easter Holiday – Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April

June

Monday 8 June - Wednesday 10 June - Y3 Braeside Residential Trip (2 nights)

Fri 12 June (am) – Sports Day (reserve Fri 3 July)

Sunday 21st June – First Holy Communion and Confession

Friday 26 June (pm) – KS2 Swimming Gala

July Wednesday 22 July – Break up for summer holiday

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

There are still some 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.