

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 20

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### From Mrs Woods

Well... Who can believe we have reached the last week of term already - that has flown by! The children have had a fun packed week as their topics are coming to an end. During celebration assembly they shared their Wow moments of the week and this ranged from St Anthony describing how much they are enjoying learning Maths with the 'Number Blocks', in St Aldhelm they were creating collages of their favourite places, St Lawrence class were creating their very own minotaur heads, St Francis were making a life size Henry VIII and St Scholastica have been investigating whether they could light up a light bulb with a lemon. It was lovely to hear how animated the children were when describing their 'Wow' learning moments of the week! Please remember the children come back to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back ready for Term 4!

### Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread.'

### World Book Day Celebrations!

Mrs Butt is organising a 'World Book Day' WEEK here at St Joseph's! Firstly, we have a bookshop coming into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Then there will be a Book in a Jar Competition on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>! On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> it is World Book Day and we ask children to dress as their favourite adjective! We will have the author Clare Helen Welsh joining us for the day who will do a book signing after school. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will have our traditional 'Book Swap Shop'. It's all very exciting - more details out this week and on the posters on the noticeboard! We would like to request donations of scrap and craft materials for a World Book Day School Project - please bring in to your class teachers.

### St Lawrence Class Trip to Bristol

St Lawrence Class are going on an exciting trip to 'We The Curious' in Bristol to participate in a Digestion workshop in line with their new topic. This is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and a letter has been sent out with all the details. The cost is £19/child, due by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March please.

### Y3 Braeside Residential Trip - June

Our annual 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. Thank you to all parents for your permission slips and deposits to confirm your child's place. The balance of £100 is due in the school office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March please.

### Red & White Day - 14<sup>th</sup> February

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

### School Lunch Orders - this is Week 3

#### UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

Deadline for meal orders for 26/27/28 February and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March has now passed.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 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: Subtracting 2 from numbers up to 10.  
Literacy: Learning about the Dodo and writing facts about it and other extinct species. RE: Knowing there is a religion called Sikhism. Knowing that Guru Nanak is an important person for people who follow the Sikh religion.

**St Aldhelm** - Writing: Making leaflets

Maths: Statistics RE: Revelations

**St Lawrence** - Maths: Assessments

English: Assessments RE: Revelations

**St Francis** - Maths: Fractions

English: Persuasive letter writing RE: Revelations

**St Scholastica** - English: Advertising

Maths: Fractions, Decimals, Percentages RE: Revelations

FOREST SCHOOL  
CANCELLED THIS  
WEEK - DATE WILL  
BE RE-ARRANGED

### PFA School Disco!

This spring's PFA School Disco will take place in the School Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. KS1 children are invited 5.30 - 6.30pm. KS2 children are invited 6.45pm - 7.45pm. Big thanks to the PFA for organising this for our children - it's always a fun event!

### 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 would like to help, please contact Mr Brian Birkin-Hewitt, our Associate Health & Safety Governor, 07703 721217. We will circulate details once we have set up the group. Many thanks!

### Class Attendance

	St Lawrence - 94.9%
St Anthony - 93.1%	St Francis - 97.7%
St Aldhelm - 96.2%	St Scholastica - 96.5%

### Swimming - St Francis

Swimming for St Francis is on Tuesdays until Easter. Please remember your kits, including towels and swimming caps!

### Forest School Date Change this Week

Apologies but Mr Dawson's Forest School is cancelled this week. A catch-up date will be organised after Half Term.

### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### St Aldhelm Visit to Abbey House Gardens

Miss Just is pleased to let St Aldhelm Class parents know that she and the children will be visiting Abbey House Gardens during the morning of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, in line with their next topic. Please ensure St Aldhelm children are in school promptly that day.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Diary Dates

#### February 2020

**Tuesday 11 February** – Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 13 February** – Y5/Y6 Football Festival

**Friday 14 February** – Red & White Day

**Tues 18 Feb 2.30pm** – Malmesbury Library event – see

school noticeboard for poster – Earth Stories and Crafts

**Half Term** – Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020

**Mon 24 & Tues 25 Feb – TD Days - school closed to pupils**

**Wednesday 26 February** – Back to school

**Thursday 27 February** – Dance Festival

**Friday 28 Feb 6.30-8.30pm** - Youth Group – school hall

#### March 2020

**w/c Monday 2 March** – 'World Book Day' Week!

**Tuesday 3 March** – St Aldhelm visit to Abbey House Gardens

**Tuesday 3 March 1pm** – Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Tournament

**Friday 6 Mar** – PFA Children's Disco 5.30pm KS1, 6.45pm KS2

**Thursday 12 March 1.00pm** – Y3/Y4 Football Festival

**Friday 13 March** – St Lawrence class trip to Bristol

**Tuesday 17 March** - Parents Evening

**Thursday 19 March** – Parents Evening

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

**May – Bank Holiday** – Friday 8 May

**May Half Term Holiday** – Monday 25 to Friday 29 May

#### June

**Monday 8 June - Wednesday 10 June** - Y3 Braeside

Residential Trip (2 nights), Devizes

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

**Friday 26 June (pm)** – KS2 Swimming Gala,

**Sunday 28 June** – First Holy Communion and Confession

**July Wednesday 22 July** – Break up for summer holiday

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - telephone 07733 068519.

### Y3 First Holy Communion 2020

Preparations for First Confession and First Holy Communion are underway. These lessons 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 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 the school office (01666 822331) or email [malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:malmesbury.staldhelm@cliftondiocese.com)

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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 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? 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.