

**THIS IS WEEK 1  
FOR HOT SCHOOL  
LUNCHES**

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

# Newsletter 21

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



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

**THIS WEEK'S  
UPDATES:**

## From Mrs Woods

A warm welcome back to school! As we start the period of Lent, the children will take part in an Ash Wednesday service in school today. We look forward to welcoming Father Thomas to lead us in this service. We have a jam packed term ahead of us with lots of lovely things going on!

Please look out for the Easter production dates - to be confirmed soon - this will be led by Y3 and Y4 children.

## Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts, the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of Christian life.'

## World Book Day Celebrations Next Week!

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 are being circulated and are on the posters! 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 asap.

## St Aldhelm Visit to Abbey House Gardens

Miss Just will be taking St Aldhelm Class parents children to 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.

## 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 next week - 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.

## Y6 Kilvrough Manor Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Letters have gone out to all parents of current Y5 children regarding the Y6 residential trip to Kilvrough Manor, first week in September. We are inviting all Y5 parents and children to an information meeting at 3.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Mr Dawson's classroom.

## School Lunch Orders - this is Week 1

**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 ensure you tick the box on the form.

## In Class this Week

**St Anthony - Maths: Comparing numbers - greater than/less than**

**Literacy: Describe your favourite superhero.**

**RE: Lent - to know that Lent is a journey.**

**St Aldhelm - Writing: Recounts of Half-Term**

**Maths: Shape**

**RE: Lent**

FOREST SCHOOL is for ST ALDHELM this term - starting NEXT week.

**St Lawrence - Maths: Times tables**

**English: Comprehension**

**RE: Lent**

**St Francis - Maths: Fractions of amounts**

**English: Engage week - research and note-taking** **RE: Lent**

**St Scholastica - English: Egyptian time lines**

**Maths: Arithmetic**

**RE: Lent**

## PFA School **DIS-GLOW!** and PFA Meeting

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 (reception and Y1 children must be supervised by a responsible adult). 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! Cost per child is £1 - pay on the door. Children can also bring 50p for face-painting and 50p for tenpin bowling! Drinks and a snack will be provided.

The PFA will be having a meeting at The Old Bell Hotel at 8pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February to make groovy plans for the Dis-Glow! All welcome to come along.

## Parents Evenings

An email has been sent regarding parents evenings on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any questions about your child's report and would like an appointment to discuss, please complete the form and return to the school office or by email: [office@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) by 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## Class Attendance

	<b>St Lawrence - 95.0%</b>
<b>St Anthony - 93.4%</b>	<b>St Francis - 97.7%</b>
<b>St Aldhelm - 96.0%</b>	<b>St Scholastica - 96.4%</b>

## Forest School - St Aldhelm Class

This term until Easter it is the turn of St Aldhelm class to enjoy Forest School every Friday afternoon with Mr Dawson. Children should bring old clothes, warm coats, hats and gloves, plus wellies, as the weather is cold and they are sure to get muddy! Children should come into school dressed in their uniforms but will go home in their Forest School clothes, bringing their uniforms home with them. A catch-up date for St Francis class will be organised this term - we will let you know when this will be.

Please note there will be no Forest School this Friday - it starts next week!

## Swimming - St Francis

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Diary Dates

#### February 2020

**Wednesday 26 February** – Back to school & Ash Wednesday service in school for children

**Thursday 27 February** – Dance Festival

**Friday 28 Feb** – Visit by local dentist to St Lawrence Class

**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

**Tues 3 Mar 3.30pm** – Kilvrough Manor Information meeting

**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

**Dates to be confirmed** - Easter production

**Tuesday 31 Mar 2pm** – Stations of the Cross Service, school

**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

#### September

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** – Y1-Y5 Back to school

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** - Y6 to Kilvrough Manor Residential

### 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!

### 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)

### 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

### Marling School Open Mornings

Parents of boys currently in Y5 who are looking at Marling School, Stroud, Y7 entry in September 2021, are invited to open mornings on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and/or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please contact the school on [admissions@marling.school](mailto:admissions@marling.school) if you are interested.

### 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

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.