

THIS IS WEEK 2
FOR HOT SCHOOL
LUNCHES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

NEWSLETTER 22

Tuesday 3rd March 2020



MONDAY DANCE AND
THURSDAY DODGEBALL
CLUBS CANCELLED
THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK'S
UPDATES:

From Mrs Woods

It was great to see everyone back in school ready for the new term last week, starting with a special Ash Wednesday Service in school. It was lovely to see Father Thomas leading us in prayer in our school hall. The next whole school Mass in church is 10am on 17th March led by St Aldhelm's class. We are all very excited about World Book Week!

Welcome to our new Business Manager

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Anita Druce to our school community. She started full time today and we wish her all the very best and lots of happiness here at St Joseph's.

World Book Day Celebrations this Week!

'World Book Day' WEEK is now underway here at school! Yesterday we had the Yellow Lighted Bookshop in school all day and after school. The Book in a Jar Competition will be today! On Thursday 5th 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 6th March we will have our traditional 'Book Swap Shop' in the hall. It's all very exciting! We would like to request donations of scrap and craft materials for a World Book Day School Project - please bring to school.

Coronavirus Information

We would like to reassure parents that the school is following all DfE guidelines regarding the virus. Class teachers have explained to their classes the importance of washing hands frequently throughout the day and our MDSAs are ensuring all children wash hands before lunch. It is advised that if anyone is at all worried about themselves or anyone else, to stay indoors and telephone 111. We have sent out an information email to all parents giving guidance.

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 13th March and a letter has been sent out with all the details. The cost is £19/child, due TODAY - Tuesday 3rd March please.

Y3 Braeside Residential Trip - June

Our annual 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 for your permission slips and deposits to confirm your child's place. The balance of £100 is due in the school office next week, by Monday 9th March please.

Y6 Kilvrough Manor Meeting - Today!

Letters have been sent 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 TODAY, Tuesday 3rd March in Mr Dawson's classroom.

School Lunch Orders - this is Week 2

UPDATED DEADLINES FOR ORDERING MEALS:

Deadline for meal orders for 9th March has now passed.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 16th March was 2nd March.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 23rd March is Monday 9th 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: Comic strips - writing stories using speech bubbles. Literacy: Partitioning and combining 5 in different ways. RE: Lent - recognising some facts about Lent. Talk about the importance of Ash Wednesday.

St Aldhelm - Writing: World Book Week activities

Maths: 2D shapes

RE: Lent

(Forest School - Friday)

St Lawrence - Maths: Perimeter

English: Fact files

RE: Lent

St Francis - English: World Book Day Week & persuasive writing

RE: Lent

St Scholastica - English: Formal writing

Maths: Converting measures

RE: Lent

PFA School DIS-GLOW!

This spring's PFA School Disco will be in the School Hall on Friday 6th 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. 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.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March. If you have any questions about your child's report and would like an appointment to discuss, please complete the form in the office and return to school or by email: office@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk by tomorrow, 3rd March.

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'May the Church always be a place where everyone can feel welcomed, loved and encouraged.'

Class Attendance

	St Lawrence - 95.1%
St Anthony - 93.5 %	St Francis - 97.7%
St Aldhelm - 96.1%	St Scholastica - 96.4%

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.

St Aldhelm Visit to Abbey House Gardens Postponed

This visit is postponed until the ground is a little drier. Look out for a new date this term!

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Diary Dates

March w/c **Monday 2 March** – 'World Book Day' Week!
Tuesday 3 March – *postponed* - St Aldhelm visit to Abbey House Gardens – a new date will be communicated soon
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
Friday 6 March 1-2pm – Greek Arms & Armour Workshop with Isaac
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
Tuesday 24 March 2pm & 6pm – **Y3/Y4** Easter production in school – all welcome to come and join us
Friday 20 March 3pm – Mothers Day Market
Wednesday 25 March 12-1pm – Mrs Cambray-Smith and the Choir to sing at Malmesbury Lunch Club, town hall
Thursday 26 March 1-4pm - Futsal Festival, Malmesbury Secondary School
Thursday 26 March 1-3pm – Chaplaincy Team to St Mary's
Tuesday 31 Mar 2pm – Stations of the Cross Service, school hall – all welcome to join us
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 1st September – Y1-Y5 Back to school
Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th – Y6 to Kilvrough Manor Residential

School Closure due to Bad Weather

In the event of very bad weather, please be aware that the school may need to be closed. Information will be communicated via Class Dojo, our school facebook page, email and/or the school website.

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 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

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	HALL - ASC	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL	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 2nd April and/or Thursday 25th June 2020. Please contact the school on 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 - St Francis

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.