

THIS IS WEEK 3 FOR  
HOT SCHOOL UNCHES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury



ALL SPORTS & FITNESS  
CLUBS ARE RUNNING  
THIS WEEK

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UPDATES:

## NEWSLETTER 23

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### From Mrs Woods

World Book Week was a great success! It is always a joy to see children gain so much from developing a love of reading! The children took part in a fun packed week starting with the Yellow Lighted Book Shop, where they had an opportunity to explore a range of books. World Book Day itself brought with it a range of fantastic, original dressing up ideas, as the children dressed as adjectives, ranging from 'competitive', 'sporty', 'shiny' to 'statuesque' - well done for all the effort and imagination put into the costumes. I also enjoyed the language and discussions that the children had, working out the adjectives. Our visiting author Clare was truly inspiring and the children enjoyed the workshops - I believe we have inspired many budding authors! What a busy week, finally topped off with the PFA disco, where the children enjoyed ten pin bowling, a snack and a good old dance!

### Family Mass - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am

All are welcome at our Family Mass in church. Anyone who would like to be involved (reading, singing, offertory....) please contact Kate Cloke by emailing her on [clokekate@gmail.com](mailto:clokekate@gmail.com)

### Y3/Y4 Easter Production

Miss Soper and Mrs Butt are working hard with the Y3s and Y4s with rehearsals for their Easter production which will take place in the school hall at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome.

### PFA Bag2School - Fundraising

Following the success of the December collection, the PFA are kindly organising another Bag2School event in order to raise more funds. Bags will be distributed towards the end of this term and we ask that if you have any unwanted clothes, you try to fill them during the Easter holiday. Filled bags will be collected on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April so please drop them either at the Walking Bus or at the school gate between 8.30am and 9am. Many thanks to the PFA for organising Friday night's children's Disco!

### Parents Evenings - 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March

Appointment times were sent out to parents at the end of last week (via pupil's book bags). If you haven't made an appointment but would like to, please contact your child's teacher.

### Message from Mrs Butt

Thank you so much for all of the effort that went into World Book Day Week! The book jars were phenomenal and the creativity involved in the adjective costumes truly was amazing! All of our visitors commented on the positive atmosphere of our school and exemplary behaviour of pupils. Your generosity at the book fair has raised over £100 for the school library, so many thanks for your continued support. I hope you all enjoyed celebrating reading with your children.

### Notices for the Newsletter

Just a reminder that any notices relating to school (Governors, Church, PFA, Parish, etc) should be emailed to Nicola Kershaw in the office on [assistant@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:assistant@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) She writes and publishes the newsletter on Mondays and requests that info should be sent by 9am.

### School Lunch Orders - this is Week 3

Deadline for meal orders for 16<sup>th</sup> March has now passed.  
Deadline for meal orders for w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March is today 9<sup>th</sup> March.  
Deadline for meal orders for w/c 30<sup>th</sup> March is 16<sup>th</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: Introducing the concept of Zero  
Literacy: Narrative - invent a real life super hero, including super powers. RE: To know that Lent is a time when Christians prepare for Easter. SUPERHERO WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH.  
Letter has gone out - please send £2 into school as soon as possible.

**St Aldhelm** - Writing: Reports Maths: Vertex and Vertices  
RE: Lent (Forest School - Friday)

**St Lawrence** - Maths: Perimeter  
English: Fact files continued  
RE: Lent & Easter Production rehearsals

**St Francis** - English: Persuasive writing  
and oral presentations Maths: Decimals  
RE: Lent & Easter Production rehearsals

**St Scholastica** - English: Formal writing  
Maths: Converting measures RE: Lent

Please can costumes be brought into school by next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March ready for our Y3/Y4 Easter production dress rehearsal. Thank you.

### Class Attendance

	St Lawrence - 95.2%
St Anthony - 93.7%	St Francis - 97.8%
St Aldhelm - 96.1%	St Scholastica - 96.5%

### St Aldhelm Visit to Abbey House Gardens

St Aldhelm class will be visiting Abbey House Gardens in the afternoon of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March as part of this term's topic. We would be grateful if parents could send children in with a pair of wellies in a named carrier bag on this day.

### St Lawrence Class Trip to Bristol

This week on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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 topic. The trip is within normal school hours so please drop your child in the usual way and collect as usual. Please ensure your child is in promptly so the coach can leave on time.

### St Lawrence Sugar Talk

We were very grateful to Dr Bruce Morden from Barley Mow Dental Care for coming into St Lawrence recently to talk about teeth and caring for them. Today Colin Kershaw, one of our Governors who has been in the food industry all his working life, is visiting St Lawrence to give a talk about sugar. We are always grateful to all our volunteers who come into school to help educate our children.

### Y3 Braeside Residential Trip - June

Our annual Y3 Residential Trip (2 nights) to Braeside, Devizes, with Miss Soper, 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 TODAY, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March please.

### Y6 Kilvrough Manor Residential Trip

Thank you to all Y5 children and their parents for attending Mr Dawson's information meeting last week. This promises, as always, to be a fantastic experience during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. Please can deposits be paid and permission slips returned by 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### Diary Dates

**March** **Monday 9 March** – St Lawrence Class Sugar Talk

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

**Sunday 15 Mar 10.30am**– Family Mass, St Church

**Tues 17 Mar 10am** –Whole School Mass – St Aldhelm leading

**Tuesday 17 March 3.30pm** - Parents Evening

**Thursday 19 Mar** – St Aldhelm visit to Abbey House Gardens

**Thursday 26 March 3.30pm**– Parents Evening

**Tuesday 24 March 2pm & 6pm** – **Y3/Y4** Easter production in school – all welcome to come and join us in the school hall

**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

**Thurs 26 March 1-4pm** - Futsal Festival, Malmesbury 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

**April** – **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Break up for Easter Holiday at 1pm

**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**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATs week

**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, Activity Zone

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

**July** **Wed 22 July** – Break up for summer holiday at 1pm

**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

### Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'We pray that the Church may always be a true family that brings God's love to everyone.'

### 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 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	Classroom	3.30-4.30pm

### 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.

### Isaac's Art Club

There are a few places left in Art Club which is run by Isaac after school on Fridays. Please contact the school office to enquire.

### Swimming & Water Skills – St Francis

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.

### 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.

### Coronavirus Information

We would like to reassure parents that the school is following all DfE guidelines. Teachers have explained to their classes the importance of washing hands frequently throughout the day and MDSAs are ensuring all children wash hands before lunch. It is advised that if anyone is worried about themselves or anyone else, to stay indoors and phone 111. We have emailed information to all parents giving guidance.