

THIS IS WEEK 1 FOR
HOT SCHOOL UNCHES

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury



CLUBS: GYMNASTICS
IS CANCELLED
TUESDAY &
DODGEBALL IS
CANCELLED THURSDAY

THIS WEEK'S
UPDATES:

NEWSLETTER 24

Monday 16th March 2020

From Mrs Woods

I would like to thank you all for your kind words and support whilst we come together as a community. It is important that we continue to remain positive whilst following the guidance from the DfE and Public Health England. St Lawrence had a great time '@Bristol' on Friday; they came back inspired, talking about many of the experiments and experiences they took part in when exploring their topic! Thank you to all the adults and volunteers who helped on the day. I think they all had a good night's sleep on Friday ...and that is not just the children! What a great 'super hero' day on Friday! St Anthony met a real life Super Hero, who showed them a truly authentic heroic dance. They all looked fabulous in their costumes. Thank you to the Year 1 child who warned me 'Mrs Woods... you will not like this but we have a REAL super hero in school!' Excellent!

Coronavirus Update

We would like to reassure families that the school is following all Department for Education guidelines. Please see our Head Teacher's letters dated 13th and 16th March - emailed out to parents today and attached to this newsletter for more information.

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 24th March. All welcome. Please can tunic costumes be in school by first thing on Thursday 19th March.

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 27th April so please drop them either at the Walking Bus or at the school gate between 8.30am and 9am.

Parents Evenings - 17th & 19th March

Appointment times have been sent out to parents. If you haven't made an appointment but would like to, please contact your child's teacher.

Weekly Message from Pope Francis

'God grants us his love, which give us strength and heals us.'

School Lunch Orders - this is Week 1

Deadline for meal orders for 23rd March has now passed.

Deadline for meal orders for w/c 30th March is today 16th March.

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New summer term menus and order forms will shortly be on the school website and on the desk in the school office.

If you would like to repeat your three week order until the end of the summer term, please ensure you tick the box on the form.

We would like you to be aware that due to current supply & demand on some food items, our kitchen will be making some changes to the school lunch menu. We thank you for your understanding & continued support.

Notices for the Newsletter

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

In Class this Week

St Anthony - Maths: Building with blocks & exploring space and pattern. Literacy: Fact files - describe our won 'super qualities' and write interesting facts about ourselves. RE: Lent - to talk about how Zachaeus wanted to change to become a better person

St Aldhelm - Maths: Exploring patterns and 3D shapes

Writing: Reports and instructions

RE: Lent - The Lost Sheep (Forest School - Friday)

St Lawrence - Maths: Perimeter &

Assessments. English: Assessments

RE: Lent & Easter Production rehearsals

St Francis - English: Persuasive Writing

Maths: Decimals continued

RE: Lent & Easter Production rehearsals

Please can costumes be brought into school this week by Thursday 19th March ready for our Y3/Y4 Easter production dress rehearsal.

Swimming Tuesday

St Scholastica - English: Assessments

Maths: Assessments

RE: Lent

Class Attendance

	St Lawrence - 94.9%
St Anthony - 93.5%	St Francis - 97.8%
St Aldhelm - 96.0%	St Scholastica - 96.5%

St Aldhelm Visit to Abbey House Gardens, St Aldhelm Parents Evening and Whole School Mass this week POSTPONED

Apologies that these are cancelled this week. We will let you know re-scheduled dates in due course. Thank you for your understanding.

PFA Ladies Day Market - Fri 20th March

This will be in the school hall at 1pm. Gifts will be a £1 voluntary donation per child. If you can help, please come in at 12.30pm. Thanks.

Class Trips

We have been organising some future class trips but with concerns surrounding the virus at the moment, we are putting things on hold for the moment. We hope everyone will be understanding of the situation.

Walking Bus

Please be reminded that children should not be dropped off at the church before 8.15am. Thank you to all volunteers who continue to support the Walking Bus on a regular basis. This is a great service the school offers and would not be able to continue without their support so huge thank you

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 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.

Y6 Kilvrough Manor Residential Trip

This promises, as always, to be a fantastic experience during the 1st week of September. Please can deposits be paid and permission slips returned by 30th March.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Diary Dates

March **Tues 17 Mar 3.30pm** - Parents Evening not St Aldhelm
Thur 19 Mar: Postponed St Aldhelm to Abbey House Gardens
Please be advised that unfortunately, we have had to postpone the whole school Mass this week.

Thursday 19 March 3.30pm - Parents Evening

Thurs 19 Mar - Costumes to be in school for dress rehearsals

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 - Ladies Day Market

Wednesday 25 March 12-1pm - Cancelled - Choir to 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 3rd 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**

11th - 14th 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 1st September - Y1-Y5 Back to school

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th - Y6 to Kilvrough Manor Residential

Head Lice!

Please be aware that we have a few children with suspected head lice and would therefore be grateful if you could treat your child if necessary.

School Closure due to Bad Weather or any Other Reason

In the event of very bad weather, or any other reason, 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 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 CLUB	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 31st March, St Francis Class are participating 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.

Hand Washing

Teachers have explained to their classes the importance of washing hands thoroughly and frequently throughout the day. MDSAs are ensuring all children wash hands before lunch.