



# NEWSLETTER

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**Thursday 15th October 2020**



**What a fantastic term 1** it is so lovely to have the children back in the 'new normal!'. I cannot believe how fast the term has flown by. Thank you all for your continued support in making St Joseph's such an exceptional place to be. so many of you supporting the children and school in this way. **Eco day last Thursday** was also filled with thought, prayer and fun thinking about our special planet and the endangered animals around the world and what we can do help. Here are some photos of our day! Have a great half term break, see you back on Monday 2nd November.



**COVID SAFE—No need for additional bags in school...** Please remember that children should only bring a bookbag, lunchbox and coat to school. There is no requirement for a rucksack or backpack and these need to be left at home please.

## **Hands – Face – Space**

As we draw to the end of Term 1, we are so pleased that we have all stayed safe and well. As you are aware, we have worked incredibly hard as a school community to keep our "bubbles" separate and to adhere to Government guidance to keep children and staff safe. Our full and comprehensive COVID risk assessment can be found on the school website.

We very much hope that you will continue to be COVID vigilant over the next two weeks and building on keeping to the rule of 6 and Hands – Face – Space, so we can all return to school in November safe and well for the exciting run up to Christmas!

End of Term 1—Friday 16th October Usual end of the day pick up time. Children return to school on Monday 2nd November.

**WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

St Anthony £23  
St Aldhelms £20.10  
St Lawrence £30  
St Francis £22  
St Scholastica £29.80



A fabulous total of £124.90 was raised for our chosen charity Apostleship of the Sea. They are delighted!

Many thanks

Weekly Attendance 5th—9th October	St Lawrence 99.7%
St Anthony 99.3%	St Francis 95.4%
St Aldhelm 97.6%	St Scholastica 100%

### COVID 19 Pandemic Information for Parents

Children should not be at school if they have **ONE** or more of the following symptoms (as defined by the [NHS](#)):

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

To find out more or to book a test, visit: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

### Weekly Message from Pope Francis



'What does it mean to be 'Blessed'? To be blessed means to be happy.'

Please take a moment to follow the Wednesday Word link below...

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/Forthcoming-Resources/>

<https://www.paper-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/generous?pid=MTA101634&v=3.3>

## In Class Next Term

### St Anthony

Next term...

Why do squirrels hide their nuts?

### St Aldhelm

Maths—Adding and taking away

Writing: describing Musical Instruments

RE—Prayers Saints and Priests

### St Lawrence

Our new topic next term is

#### Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

In the Rocks, Relics and Rumbles project, we will be learning about the different layers of the Earth, including plate tectonics and their potential effects on the Earth's surface. We will investigate different types of rock and learn about their uses and properties. We will also investigate soil and fossils. We will be using maps to learn about the lines of latitude and longitude and a compass to learn about the cardinal and intercardinal points. We'll also learn about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and the long and short-term consequences that these can have.

### St Francis

Thank you for a wonderful term. Everyone has adapted amazingly to the changes and has been really supportive. We are looking forward to our engage week for our new topic about the Roman Empire (check out our topic knowledge organiser on the class page on the school website) when we return after the break. Have a restful half term!

Mrs Butt

### St Scholastica

English - Beginning our new topic - Hola Mexico

Maths - Mixed numbers and improper fractions

RE - Prayers, Saints & Feasts

### Parent evening—Telephone Appointments.

Please look out for a letter emailed home with a link to book your parent / teacher telephone consultation. 10 minute consultations can be booked for either 17th or 19th November. Deadline to register your interest is Monday 2nd November

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Book your tour - Nov 7th 10am-12noon

### Primary Admissions 2021—Open Day Tours

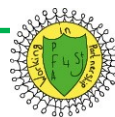
It is that time of year once again when we invite prospective parents into our school as they make their important school choices for September 2021.

This year we have made a virtual school tour for our website which will give a good insight of all that St Joseph's has to offer. We will also show prospective parents around on Saturday 7th November 10am—12noon.

**How can our existing parents be involved?** We would be so grateful if you would spread the word about our lovely school to neighbours and friends of preschool children. We will also send home an A4 poster with each family and ask you to display this in your car or a window at home. This will help to spread the word. Many thanks in advance for your help.



# THE PFA



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Parents and Friends Association

Registered Charity No: 1145152

We have a few things on the go at the moment. But first, I would like to invite all parents to join our [PFA AGM call \(part 2\), on the 5th of Nov @8pm](#). Unfortunately, we did not have enough people on the call to cast votes for new committee members at our last meeting. These meetings are not only for committee members, but for all parents and carers too. We are immensely grateful for all your fundraising support but without your attendance, feedback or just a raised hand to cast a vote we can not function as a committee. So please join our call, in whatever capacity you are comfortable with.

On that note we are looking for nominations. The committee positions are: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are able to support, please get in touch. Nominations can be emailed to [pfa@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:pfa@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) or just chat to myself, Candice Devenish (Chair); Charlie Taylor (Secretary) or Trevor Batey (Treasurer).

Our usual events and fundraising activities are on hold for the time being, but there are still some quick and easy ways to support. Check out our [6 WAYS YOU CAN HELP](#) newsletter which will accompany the school newsletter. We also have a few exciting activities to do over half term - **Autumn Harvest Pumpkin Carving Contest** or create a beautiful autumn picture. There is a prize per year group! Get your entries in by the 31st of October.

We have also organised an exciting **Christmas Design Project** for this Autumn term! On the last day of the term your child will bring home an A4 sheet of paper on which to create a Christmas design along with an order form to order a range of products. The Christmas designs can be professionally printed and purchased on a range of products including Cards, Tags, Wrapping Paper and Gift Mugs. All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by the 10th of November.

## PFA Meeting

Email your nominations to  
[pfa@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:pfa@st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk)

### ZOOM MEETING: PFA AGM

Time: Nov 5, 2020 08:00 PM London




Meeting ID: 955 861 7810

Passcode: 6VkiYi3

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## The PFA newsletter

### 6 easy ways you can help.

1. Become a committee member
2.  [easyfundraising](#)  
feel good shopping
3.  [smile.amazon.co.uk](#)
4.  [Classlist](#)
5. Match-funding/  
grant writing
6. Volunteer -  
Skills / time



**AUTUMN HARVEST PUMPKIN carving CONTEST**

£1 entry fee payable via ParentPay.

Send a photo of your pumpkin carving or your autumn harvest picture along with your **name and class** to the PFA via email WhatsApp Classlist by the 31/10/2020

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## Thanks for your support!

 [Classlist](#)

Regards,  
Candice Devenish, PFA Chair  
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