



# NEWSLETTER

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**Friday 10th September 2021**



A warm welcome back to the new year!

What a fabulous first full week we have had. The children have settled into school life so well and the school is full of life, learning and laughter, children and staff alike. We have especially enjoyed seeing the children have fun at playtimes together.

Not only are we welcoming all the children back but we are also welcoming all the new reception children and new starters in others years. Well done to you all, it is so lovely to have you join our St Joseph's family.

A special welcome to our new teachers, Mr Heavey and Ms Clapham, teaching assistants, Mrs Raines and Miss Rexworthy and to Mrs Ainsworth who has joined the office admin team. You have transitioned into school life seamlessly, Thank you for all your hard work you have put into preparing for your start with us, we are blessed to have you on our team.

Mrs S Woods

## **Time to start school? Spread the word to family, neighbours and friends! DEADLINE 15TH JANUARY**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school for admission from September 2022 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2022. If your child is Catholic, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school by this date.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

## **Diary Dates the week ahead**

Tuesday 14th September—St Scholastica commencing weekly swimming at the Activity Zone. Term 1 and Term2

### **Parents Welcome Meetings**

#### **Tuesday 14th Sept. 2021**

St Francis – 3.30 – 3.45  
St Scholastica – 3.50 – 4.10

#### **Wednesday 15th Sept. 2021**

St Anthony – 3.30 – 3.45pm  
St Aldhelms – 3.50 – 4.10pm  
St Lawrence – 4.15 – 4.35pm

Wednesday 15th September—Sports Cluster meeting. Malmesbury Secondary school—Sports Captains to attend. 1-3pm

Thursday 16th September—Year 5 & 6 Football 3.15-4.15. Pre booked 20 spaces only

Thursday 16th September—Year 1-6 Fee Paid Art Club with Mr Owen. Booking forms to follow.

Wednesday 22nd September—Year 5&6 football festival. 1.30—4pm.

Wednesday 6th October—Year 3&4 Rugby 2.45pm—5.00pm  
Minety Rugby Club. Team to be decided shortly.

Wednesday 6th October—Rags2Riches collection date

## **After School—Extra Curricular Clubs**

We are delighted to inform you that we will be starting a new Sporting Collaboration with Grassroots Sports Academy and we are in the process of building the new afterschool sporting timetable for this term.

This term (Term 1) we will be running the Thursday football club for year 5 and 6 children. A club booking form will be emailed to this group shortly and the club will commence next Thursday 16th September.

Next term (Term 2) we will include sporting clubs for KS1 children and additional sports for Year 3 and 4.

From next week, we are launching a new “Sport for All” Cone Zone session during the lunch break. This will ensure that **all** children in the school are able access focused sports activities and the principles of sportsmanship, whilst following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Mr Owen will commence a fee paid Art Club from Thursday 16th for children in Year 1-Y6. Details will be sent home on Monday on how to sign up to this paid activity.

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



**St Francis have got well underway with their new project 'Reveal the River'** and created a human river model demonstrating the main features of a river; a lot of fun was had putting this together! We have been learning about each stage of the river and how the river makes it way to the sea. In gymnastics, we have made a start on bringing these ideas to life with performing river movement. The plan is to combine the movements and do a final river journey performance! St Francis have also enjoyed our maths lessons outside with the beautiful weather using Base ten equipment and chalk to show our understanding of place value and how we can round up and down.



## Don't Delay Apply Today!

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal paid for by the Universal Infant Free School Meal grant. **There are also additional benefits for some families who are receiving qualifying benefits and are on a low income.** Please check if you are eligible to apply for these additional benefits.

If you are eligible to apply for Free School Meals, the Government will give our school a Pupil Premium (Currently £1,345) for each child. This helps to pay for additional in class support, support towards the cost of school trips and resources to help your child's learning.

For the school and your child to benefit from this money we need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit. Please complete the claim form by following this link:

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

Qualifying benefits include:

Income Support

Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)

Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)

support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)



## K&S (tyKeS) Breakfast and Afterschool Club

We are delighted to offer wrap around childcare on the school site, which is run by K&S Tykes. If you would like more information or to book childcare please contact Karen on 07733 068519.



## Flu vaccination

This year your child will be offered a **free flu vaccination** in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that, due to an underlying medical condition, are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net). Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Team

## Message from

**Pope Francis: Each**

**encounter with Jesus, fills us**

**with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give**

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/jesus?pid=MTA101634&v=36.17>



**St Scholastic Swimming Permissions required. Please follow the link embedded in the swimming letter recently sent. Many thanks**

## Scoter and Bike park!

**Don't forget we have a scoter and bike park, inside the school gate. If you would like to leave your scoter or bike in school ask the member of staff on the main gate.**

# Advance Notice! Rags2Riches collection

**Wednesday 6th October- Start Collecting!**

## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2022?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at [wiltshire.gov.uk](http://wiltshire.gov.uk) or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

**12 midnight, 15 January 2022**

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

**Wiltshire Council**

## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2022?

You must apply for a secondary school place

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