



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 19th November 2021

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent's evening this week. I have received good reports of our new booking system, which has really streamlined parent/teacher appointments. Many thanks for your feedback about this.

Next week St Scholastica will have their Parent's evenings, if you have not had a chance to book please can you do so as soon as possible.

This week I have been busy showing new prospective parents around the school who are considering St Joseph's from September 2022. The deadline for applying is 15th January online, however please remind other parents and friends if the child is Catholic, they must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school by this date.

Please spread the word about our Every Day is an Open Day. We hope to show off our lovely school to as many new prospective parents as we can before the deadline to apply.

Many thanks for your help.

Mrs Woods

 **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**
Malmesbury

Every day is an Open Day!

 **Admissions**
All faiths welcome
Tel: 01666 822331 to book

Call for an appointment

Diary Dates November

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH NOW!

Deadline 26th November



Thursday 25 th	Parents evening appointments from 3.30pm-6pm St Scholastica ONLY
Friday 26 th	Flu nasal vaccinations Reception to Year 6
Friday 26 th	St Francis Class Egyptian day
Friday 26 th	Deadline for booking Christmas lunch—Don't miss it!
Tuesday 30 th	Parents evening appointments from 3.30-6.00pm St Scholastica ONLY

December

CHANGE OF DATE Sorry! WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Nativity performance EYFS & KS1 2.00-2.30pm

LIVE STREAM FROM THE CHURCH

Wednesday 8 th	PFA Bring your unwanted Christmas Jumpers to school for resale
Thursday 9 th	Theatre production. Travelling theatre. A Snow Queen
Thursday 9 th	Last football club
Wednesday 15 th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 17 th	Whole School Mass 10am (St Aldhelm's Church live stream)
Friday 17 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17 th	End of term 2. Children leave at 1pm

January

Tuesday 4th Children return to school Term 3

Children late arrivals

Our school gate opens at 8.30am. The school bell is rung at 8.50am at which point the main school gate will be closed.



It is hoped that your child will arrive in school on time, however if this is not the case, children will need to be walked down to reception and parents will need to sign their child in.

Safely Walking to school

As you are aware the path to and from school is incredibly narrow and we want to remind parents and children about walking safely to school. Please can we ask parents to encourage their children to walk in single file along the pathway, this will ensure there is space for all pedestrians to walk on the pavement and not be tempted to step on to the road.



If all grownups can work with our young people to be more road aware that would be very much appreciated.

Pumpkin Carving Competition.

We had some fantastic entries and pleased to announce the winners of a Jackdaws Café Hot Chocolate voucher



Eilis—St Anthony
Felicity—St Lawrence
Donal—St Lawrence
Jack P—St Francis
Brownyn—St Scholastica

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS, LOVING AND SERVING TOGETHER

Our Feedback and Marking Policy

has been updated and is published on the school website.

We approach marking as an essential tool for planning, assessment, evaluation and learning. By responding to pupils' work through constructive and positive criticism, we are able to acknowledge successes, promote pride in personal achievement and improve standards of both teaching and learning. Assessment **for** learning is essential for feedback and marking within our school. It is ongoing, informative and moves learning forward. Feedback to pupils about their progress is key. Written marking should tell the "story of learning" and the child's journey should be clear in all their books.

It is essential that marking is consistent and age appropriate across the school.

Please visit www.st-josephs-malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk for the full policy

PFA Volunteer Vacancy!

We are looking for an organised and energetic individual to take the Chair role of our PFA. The PFA offers an abundance of support and the school community is forever grateful. The successful candidate will work closely with the school to lead fund raising and social events. A full hand over will be given.

This is a fantastic opportunity, so please come and talk to us if you would like to take on this important role for our school. We are looking forward to working with you!



A collection box will be placed at the school gates. Please bring in your washed donations - children and/or adult sizes by the 8th of December.



DONATED JUMPERS WILL BE SOLD FOR £3 TO RAISE FUNDS AT THE

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
15.00 - 17.00 @ St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 9th December 2021



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Parents and Friends Association
Registered Charity No: 1145152

You'll be all set then for Christmas jumper day at school on the 17th of December

Weekly Attendance Monday 11th—15th November

St Anthony 96.9%

St Aldhelm 96.9%

St Lawrence 96.6%

St Francis 97.5%

St Scholastica 96.4%

A Message from Pope Francis "Jesus leads us on our journey towards eternal life"



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/leader?pid=MTA101634&v=44.8>



During this uncertain time prayer is more important than ever. All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all that work and learn in them. Please try to spend some time, each week, thinking and praying for the schools

Prior Park College, Bath St Patrick's Primary School, Corsham

Holy Spirit, be with the children of these schools we pray for this week.

Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge and strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.

Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to their community.

May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well. Amen

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>