



#### Friday 23rd September 2022

#### **Diary Dates—Term 1**

Saturday 24 Sept.	PFA Event - Town Hall at 2pm for a special screening of THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN.	
	Tickets will be available on the door. Please support this.	
Sunday 25th Sept.	Deadline to register nasal flu vaccinations R-Y6	
	https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/wilts	
Wednesday 28th	Coffee morning for new parents at the Jackdaws after drop off from 9-10 am. Please come along meet your School's PFA and a friendly cuppa. We look forward to seeing you there!	
October		
Tuesday 4th	Whole school mass led by St Scholastica 10am in church	
Tuesday 4th	Hockey afterschool club c <b>ancelled</b> due to staff training.	
Tuesday 4th	Our PFA Annual General Meeting The Old Bell @ 6pm. Please support	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for new prospective parents. 9.30am, 11.30am.	
	Spread the word to neighbours and friends	
Wednesday 5th	Nasal Flu vaccinations. School Nursing Team.	
Thursday 6th	Year 3 and 4 Rugby tournament. For selected team. Minety RFC 5pm collection.	
Thursday 6th	Infant Free Meal Funding Census Date. ALL KS1 to take up meal please.	
Tuesday 11th	Deadline for Harvest Festival Gift collection for The Filling Station Charity	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 1.30pm	
Wednesday 12th	Year 5 and 6 Rugby Tournament. For selected team.	
Wednesday 12th	After School Sports Club CANCELLED. Mr Plank is attending the Rugby.	
Monday 17th	OPPORTUNITES HOLIDAY CLUB—PREBOOKING ESSENTIAL	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day. School closed for children	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day. School closed for children	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day. School closed for children	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1.	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline date to book school meals for week commencing 31st October. We cook to order. If you have not ordered your child's meal, we will not be able to cater for additional meals on the day.	
Monday 31st	Term 2 Children return to school	
Monday 31st	Deadline to apply for a Year 7 Secondary School place	
	https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-secondary-school-place/wiltshire	
November		
Monday 7th	School photographer. Portraits. More details to follow.	
Tuesday 15th	Parents Evening (3.30pm—6.30pm). We will send an electronic booking system shortly.	
	n Socks day—supporting Anti—Bullying week	
Thursday 17th	Parents Evening (3.30pm—6.30pm)	
Monday 21st	Year 6 Residential Kilvrough Manor week. Please ensure all payments are up to date.	

### Y5/6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to our year 5 and 6 children who attended the first sports tournament of the year....they were great ambassadors for the school, showing enthusiasm, sportsmanship and dedication to the school. All the children had a great time and Mrs Bennett and Mr Plank were very proud of the St Joseph's teams....Well done.

Our girls team did fantastically well, playing an impressive 6 matches resulting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall!

The boys – up against some very tough competition – did equally well with some very close matches, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in their group.

Well done again to all our super footballers and a big thank you to the parents for their continued support of our sporting events.





**Morning!** We will be sending home some flyers with your child and we would be so grateful if you would pass these on to neighbours or friends who may be interested in joining us for our Open Day for prospective new parents. Many thanks. For all children in St Anthony and St Aldhelm Class. IMPORTANT DATE Thursday 6th October is a Government funding date when schools will get allocated money to cover the cost of the free Infant Free School Meals. The Government base our income on the number of meals served on Thursday 6th October. Please can I ask each and every child to take up their free meal on this date. It is just one day and this will help the school to receive its full financial allocation which pays for our school kitchen.

If you usually have a school meal, please order in the usual way.

If you don't YOU CAN CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH YOUR MENU CHOICE.

Sweet and Sour Chicken Cheese & Tomato Pin wheel Jacket Potato with choice of fillings

Yum! Please support us by ordering a school lunch on funding census day!

ACTION REQUIRED



We wish Mrs Vella a fond farewell as she moves onto pastures new. She leaves us at the end of next week to begin her career as a driving instructor. This has been something that Mrs Vella has been working towards and has now passed her 'L' plates!

Mrs Vella would like to share with the whole school community that she has been very happy working at St Joseph's for the past 3 years and is sad to be moving on.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Toni well and we look forward to seeing her around as she remains a parent and part of our school community.

# We are collecting Harvest Gifts which will be given to THE FILLING STATION, a

charity for homeless people in Swindon. Gifts will need to be non-perishable and easy to open A box will be left in the playground each day or children can pass to their class teachers.

Please put yourself in the position of a person sleeping on the streets, or living in a bedsit with limited, if any, cooking facilities. Consider whether it can be eaten from the can, heated simply, and opened easily (ring pull).

#### Suggested gifts are:

Tinned food with ring pull - Peaches or Fruit, Baked beans with sausage, Rice Pudding, Tuna Chunks, Corned Beef, Soup, Baked Beans/Spaghetti/Ravioli. (Please no tinned vegetables or tinned tomatoes. Please think "Can I eat it now!")

**Toiletries** The life of most of the clients is such that they need everything, every week. Surprisingly, soap is one thing we don't need, as there is limited access to water to use it.

We have listed some suggestions. Small and many is better than big, as they will get lost quickly! Roll-on deodorant, Shampoo, Shaving cream, Loo rolls, Household candles

← Tweet Pope Francis Poperfrancis Pope	When contacting the school office, either by telephone or email, <b>please can you include which</b> <b>class your child is in</b> . This would be extremely helpful. A reminder the school office is open from 8.50am
human development of all peoples. Let us renew the covenant between human beings and the environment, a mirror reflecting the creative love of God. #TimeofCreation	<b>Reminder!</b> We just wanted to remind you that the wearing of a school tie is a
12:30 PM · Sep 22, 2022 · TweetDeck	compulsory part of our school uniform and your child will need to come to school each day
follow the Wednesday Word link below	wearing either an elastic tie for KS1 children or a formal tie for children in KS2.
https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/sharing? pid=MTA101634&v=69.10	Many thanks

# **ACTION REQUIRED**

# **Don't Delay Apply Today!** Super important as deadlines apply. Do this today!

# For children from Reception to Year 6. Financial Support. Please apply. Get help with school trips, vouchers and other financial support.

https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents

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. This can include help towards school trips, vouchers during the holidays, additional financial support over the free school meal served in school.

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:

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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)