



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



# Friday Update

2nd December 2016

## Little pleas for help!

- Please remember to let the school know if someone different is picking your child up from school even if it is another parent. We **cannot** let children go without prior notice.
- We have had a cases of the little hair visitors reported recently. Please remember to check your children's hair regularly and treat any family members who may be affected. Thank you.
- As we now have to pay for carrier bags we would be really grateful if you could send a carrier bag to be kept in your child's PE bag for times when shoes/football boots or kit gets wet and muddy and have to go home. Thank you
- Thank you to those who have already returned their child's Data Collection sheet. If you have not yet returned the form please can you do so by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It is amazing how many changes there have been and it is really important that we keep contact information etc. up to date to enable us to contact you when necessary. If you received a medical form or asthma consent form for your child please can these also be returned by next Friday. Thank you.

## Bookings for Hot Meals and Breakfast and After School Clubs

The last date for booking **hot meals** is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December if you would like your child to receive a hot meal. Please remember to order hot meals even if your child is entitled to free school meals or is in Hedgehogs, Year 1 or 2. The new booking forms are now on the website.

### Breakfast and After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast or After School Clubs the first week back after the Christmas Holidays the last date is next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Any time in January has to be booked before 16<sup>th</sup> December. Advance booking means that the clubs are properly manned. Please keep last minute bookings for emergencies only and remember they must be paid for on the day. Don't forget you can also book using Parentpay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

## School Web-site – Parents view of the school

There is a lot of school information on our website including letters, topics for each year group and photos. Please remember to have a look. We have added a new Parents View of the School questionnaire which gives you the opportunity to give your views about the school. Please can you take the time to have a look and complete the questionnaire via the link on the school website or on the Ofsted website <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Thank you for your time.

**British Legion Poppy Appeal** – Wow well done! We raised £436.38. That is a record amount for one collection pot in Poole EVER. What an achievement Thank you all so much

**EAL Club** – Miss Anna is starting her very popular EAL Club after Christmas. If your child has English as a Second language and would like to join and you have not already received a letter please collect one from the school office. Thank you

**St. Joseph's Church** is holding a Festive Crafts Session after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This will include face painting, festive wreaths, making Christmas decorations etc for the children and tea/coffee and mince pies or cakes for the adults. The Children's Liturgy Team would love to see you there.

## **PTFA NEWS.**

- **Christmas Fayre** – A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations and the purchasing of raffle tickets which make the fayre possible. Hopefully you will be able to support the Christmas Fayre after school today. So much effort has gone into organizing one of our biggest fund raisers of the year and it would be lovely to see our families enjoying themselves whilst helping to raise much needed funds. Thank you all once again.
- **Christmas Cards** – Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support of the Christmas Card project. We raised just over £400, which is amazing, and the children's design were fabulously festive! If you placed an order, you have a further opportunity to buy other products featuring your child's designs – teddies, water bottles etc. Please see the code enclosed with your product for details. The PTFA will receive 10% from any of these orders.
- **Quiz Night** – a big thank you from us all for your support of the quiz, it was a really fun evening. Special thanks to Quizmaster David Kellard and to Julie Canham for helping mark the papers. The next quiz is in May, plenty of time to brush up on general knowledge and get a team together!

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### **The Run Up to Christmas – School Events**

As you can imagine this is a very busy time in school with the children practicing for the various events that are taking place between now and the end of term.

### **Years 1 and 2 – Lights, Camel Action – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been practicing for their performance next week, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 p.m. I hope you have already applied for your tickets they will be sent home today.

### **Hedgehogs – A Miracle in Town – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Hedgehogs have also been very busy and they will be performing their first school nativity next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 p.m. If you have not yet applied for tickets could you please return your form by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

### **Senior Citizens and Friends Party – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 2.00 p.m.**

If any of our grandparents would like to join our Senior Citizens party next Friday we would love to see them. Some of the choir and our musicians will be providing the entertainment followed by mince pies. Please let the office know if anyone would like to come by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

### **Whole School Mass – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be transported to St. Joseph's Church Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December for our whole school Mass. All other years will be walking. You are welcome to join us. Mass starts at 9.30 a.m. We would be really grateful for help walking the children to and from school. If you are able to help please phone the office. Thank you

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be having our Christmas Lunch in school on this day. If you haven't already ordered and you would like your child to have lunch please order by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### **Peter Pan Panto followed by Christmas Parties – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Another fun day for the children watching the pantomime in the morning followed by parties in the afternoon. This will be a non-uniform day for parties. Please can children wear sensible clothes and footwear with the playground in mind. (No fancy dress or football kits please). Thank you

### **Carols around the Christmas Tree – lead by Year 3 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 3 parents are invited to join us for Carols around the Christmas Tree followed by mince pies at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please can children wear Christmas or festive jumpers.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.**

## Dates for your Diaries:

Below are all the dates for every event that is happening between now and Christmas

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Peter Pan Panto in the school hall
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas parties P.M.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 carols 2.30 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at **1.30 p.m.**

## January 2017

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January Upper School Mass celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany at 9.15 in the hall (Years 4 – 6) –
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – School Liturgy lead by Year 1
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Staff Training Day – School Closed

We are now in the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas

We use the Advent wreath at school with the children at our Thursday Liturgies. This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. This is the meaning of the candles:



Candle One - Purple - The candle of Hope  
Our Hope comes from God (Romans 15:12-13)

Candle Two - Purple - The Candle of Love  
Help us to be ready to welcome you O God (Luke 3:4-6)

Candle Three - Pink - The Candle of Joy  
The Angels sang a message of Joy (Luke 2:7-15)

Candle Four - Purple - The Candle of Peace  
God sent his only Son to earth to save us (John 3:16-17)

Candle Five - White - The Candle for Jesus  
White candle reminds us of the birth of Jesus  
(John 1:29 and John 3:1-8)

We wish you all the joy and blessings of the season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas and hope that you and your families manage to find some peace during the busiest time of the year.

*Safeguarding is a priority at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers  
Mr. McDermott and Mrs. Perring.*