



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



# Friday Update

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

## Pleas for help:

- We have had two near misses this week with parents driving on the pavement, on both occasions they nearly hit a child. **This is illegal and dangerous.** Please consider the safety of others when you are parking. Thank you
- We have had a few incidents of the little hair visitors recently, please be vigilant, check your child's hair and treat anyone in the family who may be affected. Thank you.
- We are collecting Sainsbury's Keep Active vouchers again this year. They provide valuable equipment for our games lessons and lunchtime. Please can you encourage your friends and families to collect them and send them into school. Thank you.
- If you have sent a request to join St. Joseph's Twitter Account and you have not been accepted yet it may be because your account name is not easily linked to your child's name. Please phone the school office and say what your twitter account is called and they will arrange for it to be accepted. Thank you. You can all follow the happenings at St. Joseph's via twitter on @stjosephspoole

## OFSTED

We have received a letter containing our OFSTED Report following the school's inspection on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in which we have been judged to be good. The report is being sent as a separate attachment. If you would like a paper copy they are available from the school office.

## Year 1 – 'Mini-Beasts'

Owls and Squirrels have had a visit from the Zoo-Lab today. They enjoyed seeing all the little mini-beasts up close and personal. If you haven't yet paid the £4 for the session please can you send it to school as soon as possible. Thank you. Why don't you ask your child if they were brave enough to hold or touch a mini-beast?

## Year 2 – 'Fire Fire'

The children in Owls and Badgers enjoyed the recent visit from the Fireman who gave them a talk and demonstrations on safety involving fire. They were very sorry that they could not provide a Fire Engine for the children to see because they were called out; but they have promised to visit again at a later date but were unable to confirm when.

The current topic for Year 2 is Happy Habitats. We have arranged for the Owl Sanctuary to visit school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March with some amazing owls and a trip to Upton House for pond dipping and exploring wildlife at the Park at the end of March (as per letter sent home last week). Please can you send the £7.50 to cover both to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Hooke Court (Yr 4) and PGL (Yr 6) Residential Visits

If your child is going on the residential trip to Hooke Court from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March please remember that the last instalment is due today. If your child is going to PGL and you are paying in instalments, the first instalment was due on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

Don't forget there is a **Hooke Court** Information Evening for parents next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 p.m.

## Internet Safety

We are very aware of the dangers on the internet. Please remain alert at all times when your children are on the internet. Set appropriate parental controls to keep your children safe. More information is available from [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) or pop in to school and speak to Mrs. Lewry if you have any concerns. We are arranging another Internet Safety day for our Year 5/6 children and parents next term.

### **Plea from After School's Club**

We have been very fortunate to have a Wii donated to the club with one controller but we lack games and perhaps another controller or two. If you are updating your Wii or no longer use it and have anything you can donate to the club they would be really grateful.

### **PTFA Date for your Diaries**

Our next event is the Easter Bingo and Mufti Day on 31st March. A letter with all information will be sent home next week. There is a Quiz Night on 19th May, more information to follow.

- Vacancies on the PTFA - some of our members are moving on and we are looking for new parents to get involved and join our friendly team. In particular, anyone with administrative experience to take on the Secretary role. Please do come along to a meeting or email [stjosephs\\_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephs_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help.
- Commission for the PTFA - earn us money while you shop!
- [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) for strong name labels that stick to bottles, clothes, shoes, anything! Please quote 20068 when you order.
- [www.butlins.co.uk](http://www.butlins.co.uk) - if you are booking a Butlins holiday, please quote STJO1 to get some money for our School!
- [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk) - This company produce personalised stamps and ink pads which can be used to label your belongings. Please quote SANCREED when ordering. Thank you.

### **School Council and CAFOD**

We are now in the season of Lent and we would like to support the CAFOD Lenten Appeal by collecting any coppers you may like to donate. The school council will be in the playground before and after school every Friday with their buckets. There will also be a box in each class for any coppers you may like to send in with your child

### **Dates for your Diaries not included above:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Parents information meeting re – Hooke Court Residential

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Spring Music Concert from all our musical groups including instruments

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Owl Sanctuary visiting Year 2

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 4 Hooke Court Residential

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3 Brass Concert to parents 2.30 p.m. in the school hall

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – **Comic Relief** – more information to follow

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – PTFA Mufti Day – Family Easter Bingo 6.00 p.m. – information to follow

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – **Year 5** Easter Reflection – 7.00 p.m.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – **School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 p.m.**

### **Masses for the Spring and Summer Term**

8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	9.15 a.m.	Year 2 Liturgy lead by Badgers Class in the school hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	9.15 a.m.	Year 6 Mass lead by Class 6RG
5 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>9.45 a.m.</b>	Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	9.15 a.m.	Year 1 Liturgy lead by Owl's Class in the school hall
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	9.15 a.m.	Year 3 Mass celebrating First Holy Communions
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	9.15 a.m.	Whole School Mass celebrating 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	9.15 a.m.	Year 5 Mass lead by Class 5PB
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	9.15 a.m.	Hedgehogs Liturgy lead by HH2 class in the school hall
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	9.15 a.m.	Whole School End of Year Mass school playground

You are always welcome to join us for our Masses and Liturgies – we would love to see you

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