



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



Friday Update

4th November 2016

Little pleas for help!

- Please can children who cycle to school wear a cycle helmet for their own safety. Remember that children must dismount their bikes or scooters at the school gate and push them in the playground **at all times**. This includes pre-school children please as there have been a few 'near misses' in the playground recently. Thank you
- We have had a few reports just lately of the little 'hair visitors.' Can you please check your children's hair regularly and treat any members of the family affected. Thank you
- If you have not yet returned the data sheets for your children can you please do so as soon as possible. It is amazing how many alterations there have been since last year already and it is really important that we can keep your information up-to-date so that we can contact you easily by text or e-mail. Always remember to let us know of any changes through the year to your phone numbers or address. Thank you
- If a yellow medical form was sent home for your child, please can you return it, even if they no longer have any medical conditions, so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you

Hot Meals!

There has been a slight change to Week One menu on Wednesdays. It will be reverting back to falafel – the macaroni cheese didn't go down so well. This year the Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 14th December. These meals have to be ordered by Monday 5th December. A letter will follow next week. This means that Thursday's roast will be replaced with the Wednesday meal that week which is Falafel with potato wedges and crudités.

CHILDREN IN NEED – Please can children come to school wearing their pyjamas on Friday 18th November and donate £1 for Children in Need. We are also holding a cake sale after school on that day to help raise funds for this wonderful cause. Please can you help by donating cakes and supporting the sale. Thank you all once again.

British Legion Remembrance – We have poppies, slap band rulers, bracelets, friendship bands and reflective poppies for sale in the office or the School Council will be selling them in the playground before and after school.

PTFA

- **Quiz Night** – Friday 25th November £7.50 per person to include a chip supper. This is a really fun, friendly evening to socialize with other parents. Why not get a team together of up to 8 people and join in the fun. There is a licensed bar and raffle. To enter your team please complete the attached form and return to school. Thank you
- **Mufti-Day – Friday 2nd December** This is to support our Christmas Fayre, please wear something red or Christmassy and bring £1 or a bottle for the tombola. No football kits or high heels. Thank you
- **Christmas Fayre FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER AFTER SCHOOL.** It is that busy time of year again where there is a lot happening. The PTFA Christmas Fayre is on 2nd December after school. We are looking for donations of bubble bath, perfume, soaps, bottles for the bottle stall, chocolates, unwanted gifts for the tombola, cakes, teddies, bric-a-brac and of course the ever popular Lucky Jars. We will soon have some spare jars in the office for you to collect and fill with child-friendly items such as sweets, small toys, craft etc. Please bring donations to the school office from the 21st November. If you can help at the Fayre please e-mail stjosephs_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk Thank you

THE NEW PLAY TRAIL – is finally open and the children clearly love it! Many thanks again to everyone for helping us to fund this big project by coming to our events and buying from the tuck shop and cake sales, the smiles on the children's faces say it all – thank you for your support.

Use of the Play Trail - We have a rota system in school at playtimes to ensure there are not too many children on the play trail at any one time and it is supervised. The play trail is not designed for pre-school children. Therefore to comply with the Risk Assessment please do not let your children (of any age) play on the play trail before or after school. Any child on the play-trail before or after school is not covered by the school's insurance.

Hedgehogs – Twinkle Bright Colours Delight - Hedgehogs classroom has been transformed with beautiful colours today. The children (and staff) are wearing lovely bright and sparkly clothes to launch the start of their project and they all look lovely. Hedgehogs will also be holding an information session on the new 'Starting Out' Programme next Wednesday 9th November 2.45 p.m. to which parents are invited.

Year 4 – Hook Court - We have arranged a 3 day residential visit to Hook Court next year for Year 4 from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd March. Please come to the information evening next Wednesday 9th November at 6.30 p.m. in Mr. Gardner's classroom.

Year 5 will be going to **Hampton Court Palace** on Tuesday 29th November to as part of their Tudor topic to see how the Tudor's celebrated Christmas. If you have not yet returned your permission slip and money please can you do so by Friday 18th November if you would like your child to attend.

Year 6 – PGL Trip - Year 6 had a great week at PGL just before half term. They came back full of tales of lovely new experiences and absolutely shattered. What a fantastic opportunity for our children.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A message from Dorset Police

Fireworks This year "FireKills" (the national fire safety campaign) have teamed up with Fireman Sam as part of a Bonfire and Fireworks safety campaign. All resources can be found on the following website <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/follow-ben-and-fireman-sam/> or short Fireman Sam Bonfire and Fireworks safety tips on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqRDOA2DTibAKBeCudbUFtQ6WDUCuyqGg>

Admissions - Reception

Don't forget if you have a child due to start Reception in September 2017 now is the time to be applying for a place. The closing date for admissions for Reception is **15th January 2017**.

Dates for your Diaries up to Christmas:

- Wednesday 9th November – Upper School Mass lead by Year 5 Our Lady of Fatima Church 9.30
- Friday 18th November – Children in Need
- Friday 25th November – PTFA Quiz night
- Tuesday 29th November – Year 5 visit to Hampton Court
- Wednesday 30th November – Mass lead by Year 4 school hall at 9.15 a.m.
- Friday 2nd December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 6th December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 7th December – KS1 Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 8th December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 9th December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 14th December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 15th December – Peter Pan Panto in the school hall
- Thursday 15th December – Year 3 carols 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 16th December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

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