



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



Friday Update

13th January 2017

Pleas for help:

- We have noticed since Christmas that more and more 'treat type' food seems to be creeping into lunchboxes. Please can you help us to encourage the children with healthy eating by sending in fruit or veg for snacks and keeping chocolate bars etc. to a minimum in the lunchbox. We also ask you to remember that we are a 'nut free' school, and currently have 3 pupils with serious nut allergies – please do not send nuts or any products containing nuts into school. Thank you
- Just a little reminder about our 'voluntary one-way system' entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and leaving via Northmere Road. Sancreed Road is very narrow and does not allow for the safe passing of vehicles coming both ways with cars parked on one side. For the safety of our children we ask **ALL** parents to help us with the one-way system. Thank you.
- We have had a few cases of the little hair visitors reported recently. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat any family members who may be affected.
- If you have any empty margarine tubs/ice-cream containers or plastic take-away food containers you do not need, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our After Schools Club. They cook several times a week and need them to transport their cooking home. Please can we ask parents to return the containers to school as we go through quite a few every week. Thank you

Lost Property – will be on display before and after school from Monday 16th – Friday 20th January. Please reclaim any property your child may have lost, any left after that date will go to recycling.

Don't forget Monday 23rd January is a Staff Training Day – School is closed to all pupils

Hedgehogs – Reception – 'To Infinity and Beyond!'

Hedgehogs are thinking about the world around us and beyond, encouraging them to be imaginative and creative with art and D&T projects as well as learning a large amount of sounds for independent writing. Did your child tell you about the rocket that crash landed in the quiet garden? There will be a 'fab finish' nearer half term giving you the opportunity to come in and see the children's 'Infinity and Beyond exhibition'.

Owls and Squirrels – Year 1 – 'Step back in Time'

Year 1 have been learning about 'Victorian Times' and are visiting Priest's House Museum, Wimborne on either 30th January (Squirrels) or 31st January (Owls) to spend the day as Victorian children – this really helps them to appreciate life in Victorian times. We are also having a 'Victorian School Day' on Thursday 9th February when the children can come to school in Victorian clothes and spend the day as Victorian School children. If you have not yet paid for this trip please can you do so before next Friday 20th January 2017. Thank you

Foxes and Badgers – Year 2 – 'Fire Fire'

Year 2 are learning about the Great Fire of London. They are having a visit from the Fire Brigade including a Fire Engine and are spending a drama day on Friday 3rd February to bring to life the Great Fire of London in an amazing way without damaging the school! The children can wear old fashioned dress for the drama day.

Otters and Moles – Year 3 – 'Walk like an Egyptian'

The children in Year 3 are learning about life in Egyptian times, this was a very important era in the history of the world and the children are enjoying learning all about the pyramids, Egyptian artefacts and daily life etc. We will be having an Egyptian day at school on Wednesday 8th February, please can the children come to school dressed as an ancient Egyptian on that day. Thank you

Class 4DP and 4EC – Year 4 – ‘Fair For All’ and Staying Safe

Year 4 will be learning about Fair Trade and how it affects our lives and the lives of others through Geography and Literacy. The children will be running a Fair Trade stall after school nearer half term. We are also concentrating on ‘Friendship’ with the view to teach children about bullying. We will have a Friendship Week where we will explore what it means to be a good friend.

Class 5DP and 5PB – Year 5 – ‘Socket to ‘em!’

Year 5 have had a visit from the police force regarding burglar alarms and they have asked the children to design a new burglar alarm. They will be presenting the designs at the end of the project. This will link in with our Science focus this term which is electricity circuits, how to build them and use them safely, and will also strengthen Maths, Reading and Writing.

CI 6RG and 6LR – Year 6

The children in year 6 will continue their focus on the core skills in Numeracy and Literacy as well as looking at Tribal Art and ‘Staying Safe’ by being a good friend (anti-bullying) and making good choices online by knowing the dangers and reporting any concerns to an adult.

Year 5 and 6 have weekly times-tables and spelling homework

All of our children benefit from regular reading with an adult at home. This has a significant effect on their learning and is an important skill that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times a week. If you have any spare time through the week and can offer to come in and listen to children read please speak to Mr. Gardner. Thank you

Sport

Spring Clubs are all up and running. We have a new ‘Fencing Club’ for Years 3- 6 after school every Friday in the school hall – there is a £4 per session charge for this club, please ask at the office if you are interested. I think you will agree that Mrs. Keohan offers the children a lovely variety of sports clubs both before and after school giving them the opportunity to explore new sports or participate in clubs that they really enjoy. Thank you for your enthusiasm Mrs. Keohan

We often send leaflets home from sports clubs that are given to us in school. Although we like to promote sport for the children’s health and well-being we would like to remind you that we do not check the child protection procedures, we encourage parents to always check the safe-guarding and DBS checks the clubs have in place. The following website has advice for parents regarding choosing appropriate sports clubs: <https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/related-information/information-for-parents-and-carers#what-to-look-for-in-a-sports-club>

Governors – Parent Governor Nominations

One of our Parent Governors' 4-year term of office is about to expire. Mrs Valinski has already advised me that she would like and is willing to serve a second term but this is an opportunity for any other parent who wishes to become more involved with the life of the school to put themselves forward as a possible candidate. The Governors are responsible to the Trustees of Plymouth CAST Multi Academy Trust for:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school;
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

In the event of more than one candidate putting themselves forward there is a process which results in a ballot in which all parents have the opportunity to vote and the democratic winner becomes the new Parent Governor. Further information and application forms can be obtained from the school office or Chair of Governors, Hugh Fogarty. Nominations must be received by 3 p.m. on Friday 20th January 2017

Poole Library have started their **Code Club** on a Wednesday evening, it is free and is for 9-11 year olds. Please contact the Library for more information.

PTFA. – Dates for your Diaries

Discos - 1st February. The Lower School (Y1-Y3) disco will be from 4.45-5.45 p.m. and costs £3.50, to include a choice from the Tuck Shop. Squash and water will be available to children free of charge at both discos. The Upper School disco will be from 6.00-7.00pm and will cost £2.50. The tuck shop will run as normal during the Upper School event so if your child would like to make a purchase, please do not send them with more than £2 to spend. Letter to follow next week.

Hedgehogs Magic Show - 2nd February. We are inviting the Hedgehogs to a fun magic show on the 2nd February. Krazy Kev will be performing an hour of magic and fun games. The evening costs £3.50 to include refreshments and snacks. Letter to follow next week

We are very grateful to the teachers for helping us run the Discos and Magic Shows for the children and hope they will be lots of fun for all.

Tuck Sale - 10th February. Advance warning to save up your pocket money for our end of half term tuck sale to be held after school in the playground.

Easter Bingo - 31st March. We are looking forward to running this event again. 31st March is a mufti day and we are asking children to bring in an Easter egg or £1 on that day. We will then have a fun evening of Bingo from 6.00pm in the School Hall to win hampers of Easter Eggs. Tickets are lower in price this year, at £3.50 each or £12 for a family of 4. Last time we ran the event it was great fun and we hope to see lots of you there.

Dates for your Diaries not included above:

Monday 23rd January – School Closed for all pupils - Staff Training

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February – School Closed – Half Term

Tuesday 21st February – David Lawrence Jones - Author visiting school and leading assemblies

Thursday 23rd February – Booking Signing from David Jones of any books purchased

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – activities in school – no dressing up

Friday 3rd March – Zoolab visiting Year 1

Monday 6th March – Year 4 Parents information meeting re – Hooke Court Residential

Tuesday 7th March – Spring Music Concert from all our musical groups including instruments

20th – 22nd March – Year 4 Hooke Court Residential

Friday 24th March – Comic Relief – more information to follow

Tuesday 28th March – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 30th March – Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Friday 31st March – PTFA Mufti Day – Family Easter Bingo 6.00 p.m. – information to follow

Tuesday 4th April – Year 5 Easter Reflection – 7.00 p.m.

Friday 7th April – School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

Masses and Liturgies this term

18 th January 2017	9.15 a.m.	Liturgy lead by Year 1 (Squirrels Class)
8 th February 2017	9.15 a.m.	Mass lead by Year 4 (Class 4EC)
1 st March 2017	a.m. x 2	Ash Wednesday Liturgy Lower/Upper School
8 th March 2017	9.15 a.m.	Liturgy lead by Year 2 (Badgers)
22 nd March 2017	9.15 a.m.	Mass lead by Year 6 (Class 6RG)
5 th April 2017	9.30 a.m.	Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church

We had a lovely upper school Mass on January 4th to celebrate the start of our new term and the Epiphany 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 one of our designated Safeguarding officers
Mrs. O'Donoghue; Mr. McDermott; Mr Gardner; Mrs. Thomas.*