



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



Friday Update

14th October 2016

Little pleas for help!

- We are having a Lost Property reclaim next week from 17th – 20th October in the playground before and after school. If your child has mislaid anything please can you have a look and reclaim before half term. Any items left will be given to the PTFA for the Christmas Fayre second-hand stall.
- We have had a few cases of the little 'hair visitors' reported. Please can you check your children's hair and treat any member of the family who may be affected. Thank you.
- Please remember that we do not allow scooters or bikes to be used in the playground. If you or your child, ride to school on a scooter or bike please dismount at the gate and push to the scooter/bike park and push it back to the gate at the end of the day before mounting again. This is for the safety of our children, parents and staff. Thank you

Parking Issues

We have all been deeply touched by the death of a local 7 year old boy on Wednesday who was run over on his way to school on Canford Heath. This has been a concern for us as the parking on the local roads has become so congested. The problem has been made even worse by the painting of yellow lines in Northmere Road. We would love to be able to wave a magic wand and produce a parking area but unfortunately we have to cope with the situations as it is. We have asked for help from the local authority and the traffic police.

The National Safe Routes to School programme says that 'more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location. They offer the following advice:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school or in the middle of the road
- Carpool if possible to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.
- Park a little further away and walk the last few minutes if possible.

We do understand that several of our parents hold blue badges and normal parking restrictions do not apply to them but as long as everyone parks with due care and attention between us we should ensure that one of our children do not become another terrible statistic. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the 7 year old boy at this time.

PGL for Year 6

PGL have had a wonderful week and were very lucky with the weather. We are expecting our weary travellers back at around 3.45 p.m. We will give you a full report in the next update.

Year 4 – Farm to Fork

Year 4 have been investigating how our food comes from the farm to our forks as part of their 'Healthy Me' project by visiting Tesco's this week. They were shown how to prepare a fish, how bread is made and the cheese and meat counters. They also had a visit from a lady from Tesco's yesterday and had a 'tasting session' with her. Why not ask your child what they have learnt when you next take them shopping.

Book Fair – Our School Book Fair will be after school from Monday 31st October until Thursday 3rd November after school – leaflets will be in the school book bags next week.

Sports Fixtures Our sports teams have been very busy this half term. Years 3; 4; 5 and 6 Football teams have all been in action. They represented the school very well and all enjoyed themselves. Our Year 4 children have had fencing sessions all this half term with Stuart Kingsley Smith and our Year 6 Sports Leaders are attending the Sports Leaders Academy Day at Poole High next week.

PTFA

We are delighted to see work has started on the new play trail in the playground! It is thanks to your support of our events that the PTFA has been able to fund this exciting play equipment to

benefit the whole school. To say thank you we will be giving out free light refreshments and officially opening the equipment in the playground after school on Tuesday 1st November! We would love to see you there!

- We will be holding a **Tuck Shop** after school next Thursday 20th October
- **Textile recycling** – Our recycling bin has had lots of donations – thank you! If you are having a clear-out, please bring your unwanted clothes and textiles to school and place in the red recycling bin in the playground. Our last collection raised £91.
- **Quiz Night** Friday 25th November £7.50 to include a chip supper with a choice of cod; jumbo battered sausage or veggie burger. Teams of up to 8 adults are invited to come along for a fun social evening held in the school hall with a licensed bar. More information and order forms will be sent home in bookbags soon. Please save the date.
- **Christmas Fayre Friday 2nd December after school until 5.30 p.m.** We are really excited about the Christmas Fayre this year. We have had lots of ideas for stalls and games – if you are able to help at the event, our next PTFA meeting is on 2nd November at 6.00 p.m. We are really desperate for more parents and carers to help as we only have 10 committee members and there is only so much we can do. If you are able to help, even for only half an hour – please email stjosephs_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you

Admissions - Reception

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**.

Secondary Transfers – Closing Date 31st October 2016

Don't forget if you have a child due to transfer to secondary school next September you **have** to apply to the borough by 31st October 2016. This date is fast approaching.

Dates for your Diaries including Christmas Events:

- Tuesday 18th October – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 19th October – New to Reception for **2017** Information meeting 9.30 a.m. school hall
- Thursday 20th October – Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
- Friday 21st October – STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term – School Closed
- Monday 31st October – School reopens after half term.
- Monday 31st October – Thursday 3rd November – Book Fair
- Wednesday 9th November – Mass lead by Year 5 at Our Lady of Fatima at 9.30 a.m.
- 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.

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- Tuesday 3rd January – School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term
- Wednesday 4th January Upper School Mass celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany at 9.15 in the hall (Years 4 – 6) – due to lack of space in the hall this Mass is for children only
- Wednesday 18th January – School Liturgy lead by Year 1
- Monday 23rd January – Staff Training Day – School Closed