



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



# Friday Update

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Little pleas for help!

- The children look lovely in their school uniforms and most of them are wearing their school ties which are **compulsory** for boys and girls when they wear shirts but we still have some repeat offenders. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing a tie. Thank you. Please don't forget children need coats now, the weather can be very changeable.
- Please continue to park within the law and with due consideration to our neighbours. There were some very near misses with cars hitting each other last year by drivers not adhering to the voluntary one-way system. The road is not wide enough to pass safely which is why we ask parents to enter Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and exit via Northmere Drive. Please can you help us to keep our children safe and help avoid accidents. Thank you
- It's that time of year again when we seem to have a few cases of the little hair visitors reported. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat any affected family members. Thank you

**Hedgehogs** have started full time today for the first time. It is lovely to have you all as part of our St. Joseph's School family.

## School Day

The School Day starts for all children at 8.50 a.m. School finishes at 3.10 p.m. for Reception (Hedgehogs) Year 1 (Squirrels and Owls) and Year 2 (Foxes and Badgers) and at 3.15 p.m. for Years 3 – 6 (including Owls and Moles).

## PGL Information Evening for Year 6

There will be a PGL information evening for all Year 6 going to PGL in October on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.30 p.m. in Mrs. Gould's classroom. Please make every effort to attend.

## Hot School Meals

Please remember that **all** meals must be ordered, even those in Reception; Years 1 and 2 and children entitled to free school meals. This is to enable the correct amount of meals to be ordered and to cut back on waste. Order forms are available from the reception area by the school office.

## Sports Clubs

Sports clubs have been well supported and most of them are now full. Most Sports Club's started this week with a few exceptions which you will have been informed of by text. Please remember that after schools sports club finish at 4.30 p.m. Any child left after that time will have to go to the after schools club for which there is a charge.

## PTFA – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

The PTFA are very grateful for all your support next year and are looking forward to the year ahead. The Annual General PTFA Meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. in Class 5DP (Mrs. Pipe). This will give you an opportunity to see how your money has been spent and what is planned for the future. It will only be a short meeting with drinks and light refreshments and it would be lovely if every family could be represented. Elections will also take place to join the committee or offer to be a volunteer at events. We really need your help - please come along

### **Information letters for all year groups**

You should have all received a letter by now from your child's class giving you information about their class routines and other important information including homework, P.E. days etc. The letters are also available on our school website.

### **Student Information Forms**

We will be sending your child's student information forms home soon. Please can you check the data we have on them and update any changes including address, emergency contact numbers and any changes to medical information. We use a texting and e-mail system to contact our families and it really is important to be informed of any changes as soon as possible. Thank you

### **Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court – Advanced notice**

Last week we sent a letter home with information about our forthcoming trip to Hampton Court on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November as part of our Tudor Topic. This will really immerse the children in the life of the Tudors at Christmas time including hands-on activities and how the Tudors celebrated Christmas. We would love all children to be involved, so please return your form or complete on ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you

### **Admissions**

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2017 now is the time to be applying for a place. We have an information evening on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 p.m. or Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 a.m. Please come along and have a chat and a coffee if you would like to learn more about the school. The closing date for admissions for Reception 2017 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### **Secondary Transfers (current Year 6)**

Children due to transfer to secondary school next September have to apply by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The local secondary and grammar schools have open days for you to look around very soon. Please check their websites. A guide to the application process is available on our website (About us – Admissions page).

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2016-17**

If you have a catholic child in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion this academic year there is an information session on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima and on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. It is really important for you to attend if you wish to register your child on the course this year. Thank you

### **Community Links**

- We have been informed by Poole Library that they have new Code Club starting at Poole Central Library every Wednesday during term time from 4.30 – 5.30 p.m. If you are interested or would like to book a place please phone 01202 262449 or e-mail [centrallibrary@poole.gov.uk](mailto:centrallibrary@poole.gov.uk).
- Bourne Valley Park have the Charles Cole Fun Fair on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September with all the usual fun of the fair. For more information phone 07966800145.

### **Wednesday Word**

The Wednesday Word will no longer be sent home to every family every week but copies are available in school. If you would like a copy please come to the school office. They are available every Wednesday.

A list of Dates for your Diaries and Mass/Liturgy Dates will be sent as a separate attachment. If you would prefer a paper copy please come to the school office. Always remember to keep us up dated with any mobile or e-mail changes you have made. Thank you