



Friday Update



8th December 2017

Pleas for help:

- Could one of your New Year's resolution be to park with due care and consideration to our neighbours and fellow parents. We had so many phone calls on Tuesday regarding drives being blocked because of parents coming to watch the Year 1 and 2 Nativity. We have also had several reports of parents hitting cars and not stopping or taking responsibility for their actions. Let's put it right in the New Year and become caring, responsible drivers.
- The weather has been very cold or wet just lately. Please remember that all children should be in winter uniform now and **always** have a **named** coat in school. Thank you.

School Panto – Aladdin and School Show - Jamie Jambo

The children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 (Hedgehogs; Squirrels; Owls; Foxes and Badgers) are looking forward to watching Jamie Jambo next Thursday morning. Year 3 – 6 are having the pantomime Aladdin by M&M Productions next Thursday afternoon. If you haven't already paid for your child to attend, please can you send the money in by Wednesday 12th December. This is a non-uniform day with class parties during the day. No need to bring food for the parties. Thank you.

Hedgehogs 'Wriggly Nativity'

As you can imagine getting our youngest children to learn their songs, lines and actions is quite an achievement when they have only been with us since September. With guidance from the Hedgehog team and musical accompaniment from Mr. Lewry, they were wonderful. The costumes were amazing. You should have seen the 3 Wise Men! It is a joy to see them on stage as they portray the true meaning of Christmas and we hope you all enjoyed it.

Years 1 and 2 'Super Star'

What a wonderful nativity. The children were amazing and gave us an hour out of our busy lives to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. They have been practicing under the guidance of Mrs. Cook and our Year 1 and 2 staff who have worked so hard with them, and I think you will all agree it was worth the effort.

Year 3 – Carols around the Christmas Tree

We are being entertained by Year 3 next Tuesday as they sing Carols around the Christmas Tree all wearing their Christmas jumpers. They really help us all to get into the Christmas Spirit. Thank you once again to the PTFA for providing the refreshments.

School Choir at the Lighthouse

On Thursday 30th November, our choir took part in the Poole Schools Carol Concert at the Lighthouse. Mrs. Cook has worked hard with other music co-ordinators in our local schools and the concert was amazing. Those present were given a real treat to see so many children singing so beautifully on stage.

Our School Choir are also involved in carol singing at Poole Hospital, Waitrose supermarket and Elizabeth House bringing a little Christmas cheer to patients in the hospital and home and weary shoppers at Waitrose. All love listening to the children sing.

Senior Citizens and Friends Party

This afternoon we are entertaining some of our senior citizens and friends in the school hall. It is an event that is enjoyed by one and all. They have a wonderful afternoon of entertainment from the choir, Year 5/6 vocal group, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and our violin group followed by mince-pies, biscuits tea and coffee etc. Thank you to the PTFA who helped to serve and provide the refreshments.

PTFA Christmas Fayre What a success, lots of whacky photos, amazing presents from Secret Santa Shop and good prizes on the raffle etc. This money is still being counted but will exceed

£1,000. The PTFA would like to thank you all for your continued support. If you would like to give feedback on the fayre please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JZ2JGTV>.

Whole School Mass

The whole school are going to St. Joseph's Church to celebrate a Christmas Mass with parents, parishioners and friends at 9.45 a.m. next Wednesday 13th December. This is an annual event that brings us all together to celebrate the Mass in God's house which is very uplifting and spiritual. We are still looking for people to help us walk with the children to church and back. If you are available please can you let the office know. Thank you.

What Talent!

We all know that at St. Joseph's we are so blessed with our staff. All the staff who work in Hedgehogs, Years 1, 2 and 3 have given so much of their time to the performances and we are so lucky with Mr. Lewry, our Site Manager who copes with setting up the hall and playing the piano for Hedgehogs and Senior Citizens concert. A big thank you also to Mrs. Cook our music teacher who has worked hard with the children in Year 1, 2 and 3 and the school choir and continues to give our children the opportunity to enjoy the gift of music to such a high standard and to give our parents and the local community such wonderful opportunities to hear them perform. Thank you all so much. Don't forget band starts after Christmas every Wednesday 3.15 until 4.00 from 10th January 2018. If your child plays an instrument at any standard please complete the form and return to school. Thank you.

Governor News

One of our Parent Governors' 4-year term of office is about to expire. 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 is being e-mailed to parents, placed on the school website or can be obtained from the school office. Nominations must be received by 12.00 noon on Thursday 18th January 2018.

Community News

We have had a message from St. Mary's and St. Anthony's parish inviting anyone who is interested in joining their Alpha course (Is there more to life than this?) which runs every Wednesday at St. Anthony's church Hall from 10th January 2018. More information from andrewwilliams1150@gmail.com

January 2018

- Tuesday 2nd January – STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
- Wednesday 3rd January - School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term
- Wednesday 10th January – Upper School Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 9.30 a.m.
- Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th – Year 1 visit to Priest House Museum
- Wednesday 24th January – Year 1 Liturgy lead by Mrs. Tansills' class 9.15 school hall

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year on 3rd January 2018.

Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the humility of the shepherds, the faith of the wise men and the Peace that Jesus brings, fill you hearts and your homes this Christmas and forever more.

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/Mrs. Hodson/Mrs. Thomas