



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



Friday Update

9th February 2018

Pleas for help:

- Once again, we have had phone calls from local residence regarding the poor parking. Please DO NOT park on the pavement or block drives. Children are also being dropped and allowed to cross the road on their own. We really are concerned with the safety of the children and the sanity of our neighbours. I know the camera car is going to be patrolling after half term so please park within the law. Thank you.
- The weather has turned really cold lately and is due to continue over the coming weeks. Please remember that your child must have a coat in school for playtimes. Thank you.
- We are very short of girls underwear and tights. If you have any in good condition that your daughter has grown out of we would be very grateful for them. Thank you once again.

Hedgehogs had a lovely end to their 'Helpful Heroes' topic. They had a visit from the Firemen showing them the fire engine and how to use the water hose. The children and staff dressed up as 'Helpful Heroes' on Wednesday.

Year 1 – Owls and Squirrels

Owls and Squirrels will be starting their new topic 'Mini-Beasts' after half term. They will have a visit from the Zoo-Lab on Friday 2nd March giving them the opportunity of seeing all the little mini-beasts up close and personal. Letter to follow after half term.

Year 2 – Foxes and Badgers

To end their Fire Fire topic, the children in Owls and Badgers enjoyed the recent visit from the Fireman who gave them a talk and demonstrations on safety involving fire. They had the opportunity of seeing a fire engine and watching how the fire hose worked.

The topic after half term for Year 2 is Happy Habitats. We have arranged for the Owl Sanctuary to visit school on Tuesday 6th March with some amazing owls. Please can you send the £1.50 to school by Friday 23rd February to cover the cost of the Owls visit.

Year 3 – Moles and Otters

Year 3 had a great day on Wednesday dressing up at Egyptians and having 'The Lost Tomb' drama in the hall during the afternoon. There were some wonderful outfits.

After half term Moles class will be visiting Lulworth Cove on Monday 5th March and Otters on Wednesday 7th March discovering the history of fossils and rocks as part of their Jurassic World project. They will be looking for, and making their own fossils. Please can you send the £6.00 cost for this trip to school by Wednesday 28th February.

Year 4 Samba Carnival

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about Brazilian culture including their Samba Music Workshops this half term. They gave their parents a wonderful experience of a 'Samba Carnival' yesterday with dancing, drums etc. An extravaganza even heard from the office!

Hooke Court (Yr 4) and PGL (Yr 6) Residential Visits

If your child is going on the residential trip to Hooke Court from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd March please remember that the last instalment is due by Friday 2nd March. If your child is going to PGL and you are paying in instalments, the first instalment was due on 23rd February. Thank you. Don't forget there is a **Hooke Court** Information Evening for parents on Monday 5th March at 6.30 p.m.

Year 6 enjoyed their trip to the Winchester Science Museum this week, looking at the planets, the sun and moon etc. and their effect on gravity, as a great finale to their topic 'The Final Frontier'.

Please remember that any of our school trips or extra-curricular events can be paid using our on-line payment system parentpay. If you need any information on this system please contact the office.

PTFA Date for your Diaries

- The next PTFA event is the Quiz Night on Friday 16th March. There will be a letter to follow after half term but get your teams together and enjoy a good evening.
- There is also a second hand uniform sale and tuck shop after school tonight.

The children from Year 2 to Year 6 really enjoyed their Disco evening on 31st January. Thank you to anyone who helped. We are always grateful for volunteers at any of our events.

Parent Governor

In the recent Parent Governor election, Kate Trott has been appointed to the Governing Body of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School as Parent Governor.

Mini Vinnies

During our Mass yesterday our Mini Vinnies were given their certificates and badges as part of their commissioning ceremony. Mini Vinnies meet once a week to discuss ways of helping to make things better in our school and community.

Sports – As the weather has turned so cold now, Mrs. Keohan says she is happy for children to wear layers during P.E. to keep them warm with sensible hats and gloves. There have been a lot of sporting activities lately and our children have been a credit to the school. Always well behaved and doing their best whenever they represent the school. We are very proud of them.

Advance notice for Sports Days in the Summer Term:

Hedgehogs – Thursday 21st June – A.M.

Years 1, 2 and 3 (Owls; Squirrels; Foxes; Badgers; Moles and Otters) – Tuesday 19th June A.M.

Years 4, 5 and 6 – Monday 25th June – A.M.

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – School Closed – Half Term

Thursday 1st March World Book Day – Dress as a Book Character

Friday 2nd March Zoo-Lab visiting Year 1 – A.M.

Monday 5th March Moles class visiting Lulworth Cove

Monday 5th March Year 4 Parents meeting for Hooke Court Residential Visit

Tuesday 6th March Owl Sanctuary visiting Year 2

Wednesday 7th March Otters visiting Lulworth Cove

Wednesday 7th March Spring Concert – School Band

Tuesday 13th March Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 15th March Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th March Year 4 Hooke Court Residential Visit

Tuesday 27th March Easter Reflection – Year 5

Thursday 29th March School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

Monday 16th April School opens at 8.50 a.m. for the Summer Term

Masses and Liturgies this term - We have had to cancel Class 6BA Mass for 7th March

Wednesday 28th February 9.15 a.m. Year 2 Liturgy led by Badgers Class

Wednesday 7th March 9.15 a.m. **Class 6BA Mass Cancelled**

Wednesday 28th March 9.30 a.m. Whole school Mass at St. Joseph's Church

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; Mrs. Hodson Mrs. Thomas. And Mrs. Lewry*