



Friday Update



12th January 2018

Pleas for help:

- Time-keeping seems to be an issue since Christmas. We know there are a lot of road works locally but please remember that school starts at 8.50 a.m. and finishes at 3.10 p.m. for Lower School and 3.15 p.m. for Upper School. We have our termly attendance audit next week and I know our Attendance Officer will be holding an Attendance Clinic for repeat offenders soon. Please make every effort to have your child in school before the 8.50 a.m. bell. 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 sickness etc. recently. Please remember that we ask you to keep children home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness to help avoid the spread of illness.

Updating Information – If any of your emergency contact information has changed since September i.e. mobile phone numbers, addresses, please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Hedgehogs – Reception – 'Helpful Heroes'

Hedgehogs are learning about the 'super heroes' who help in our community, police, firemen, nurses, doctors etc. We will be having visitors from the emergency services coming to school to talk to the children and say how they help. Our 'Fab Finish' to the topic is on Wednesday 7th February when we are asking all the children to come to school dressed as a super hero, either a real life hero as above or spiderman/supergirl etc.

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 Tuesday 16th January (Squirrels) or Wednesday 17th January (Owls) to spend the day as Victorian children – this really helps them to appreciate life in Victorian times. If you have not yet paid for this trip please can you do so before next Monday 15th January 2018. Thank you.

Foxes and Badgers – Year 2 – 'Fire Fire'

Year 2 are learning about the Great Fire of London. They are having a drama day on Friday 2nd 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. Letter to follow.

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 7th February, please can the children come to school dressed as an ancient Egyptian on that day. This will include a visit from Aesop's Theatre Company to bring the topic alive through drama and role play. If you have not yet paid for the drama day please can you pay by 31st January. Thank you.

Class 4PB 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 with Brazil being the main focus. We are also concentrating on 'Friendship' with the view to teaching children about bullying and what it means to be a good friend. We are having a Samba Music Workshop on Thursday 18th January.

Class 5GW and 5LL – Year 5 – ‘Socket to ‘em!’

Year 5's topic is based on Electricity and they will be learning how electrical circuits work and the impact they have on our everyday lives. The children will design and make a burglar alarm with a pressure pad system. They will be presenting their designs at the end of the project.

CI 6DP and 6BA – Year 6 – ‘The Final Frontier’

The children in year 6 are learning about space, looking at the planets, the moon and gravity etc. They will be visiting Winchester Science Museum on Tuesday 6th February. Again please can you pay for this trip by Friday 26th January. This will also link in with reading and writing as they will be creating their own space/sci-fi story.

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 Mrs. O'Donoghue. Thank you.

Don't forget all this information is available on the school website.

Sport

Spring Clubs are all up and running. 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.

PTFA. - Discos – 31st January. The Lower School (Y2 and Y3) disco will be from 4.15-5.45 p.m. and the Upper School disco will be from 6.00-7.30 p.m. Letter to follow next week.

Dates for your Diaries this half term:

Tuesday 16th January	Squirrels visiting Priest House Museum
Wednesday 17th January	Owls visiting Priest House Museum
Friday 2nd February	Year 1 Great Fire of London drama day
Tuesday 6th February	Year 6 Winchester Science Museum visit
Wednesday 7th February	Year 3 Egyptian Drama Day
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
Wednesday 7th March	Otters visiting Lulworth Cove
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
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

Wednesday 17th January	9.30 a.m.	Upper School Mass (Yrs 4, 5, 6) Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday 24th January	9.15 a.m.	Year 1 Liturgy led by Squirrels class
Wednesday 7th February	9.15 a.m.	Year 4 Mass led by Class 4PB
Wednesday 28th February	9.15 a.m.	Year 2 Liturgy led by Badgers Class
Wednesday 7th March	9.15 a.m.	Year 6 Mass led by Class 6BA
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.*