



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



# Friday Update

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Little pleas for help!

- Please continue to park within the law and with due consideration to our neighbours. We have already had several phone calls from neighbours saying they have been unable to access their drives. There were some very near misses and cars hitting each other last term 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, our neighbours happy and help avoid accidents. Thank you.
- This is just a little reminder that we are a 'nut free' school. We have several children in school with severe allergies so we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are ever sent in to school. Thank you for your support in keeping our children healthy.
- 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.

## STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

**Hedgehogs.** We welcomed our first group of Hedgehogs starting part time today. The second group start next week and they will all be full time by next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would like to welcome you all to our St. Joseph's 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 Otters and Moles). Please make every effort to have your child in school before the bell.

## PGL Information Evening for Year 6

There will be a PGL information evening for all Year 6 going to PGL in October on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at 6.30 p.m. in Mrs. Pipe'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 or you can book on line using our Parentpay system.

## Sports Clubs

Sports clubs have been well supported and most of them are now full. 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 would like to welcome you all back for the new school year. We have lots of exciting fundraising events lined up for this year! We hope that you will help us by participating in the events, and helping us to raise money for the children. Our **AGM** meeting will be **4th October** at 7.00 pm. We hope that you can join us, to see what we have achieved and our plans for the future. We will be hosting a **Quiz Night** at the school on **13th October**. Get a team together and come and join the fun.

We will be holding a **Tuck Shop** on **19th October**, after school.

The **Christmas Fayre**, one of our main fund raisers, will be held on **1st December**. If anyone would like a stall, or is able to help man a stall, please contact the PTFA or come along to the AGM.

### **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**

If you have not returned your child's student information form which was sent home with the school report please can you return as soon as possible having checked 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 2 SATs Information Evening**

We are having a SAT's Information evening for parents on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall at 6.30 p.m. This will give parents an opportunity to find out what is involved and to ask any questions.

### **Admissions**

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2018 now is the time to be applying for a place. We have an information evening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. and an information morning on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 a.m. Please come along for a chat and a coffee if you would like to learn more about the school. The closing date for Admissions for Reception 2018 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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

Children due to transfer to Secondary School next September have to apply by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. 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 2017-18**

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 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima and Saturday 14<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 Libraries that they have new Code Clubs starting at various libraries every week during term time. 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).
- There is a Youth Rally organized by the Diocese of Plymouth for 8 – 17 year olds on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 1.00 – 6.00 p.m. at St. Ritas Centre, Honiton EX14 1AP. This will include games: It's a Knockout; Tug of War; Netball; Football etc. followed by BBQ and youth Mass. Admission £5.00.

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

*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, Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Thomas.*