



Friday Update



20th October 2017

Little pleas for help!

- Please remember that we do not allow scooters or bikes to be used in the playground. If you or your child, ride to school on a scooter or bike please dismount at the gate and push to the scooter/bike park and push it back to the gate at the end of the day before mounting again. This is for the safety of our children, parents and staff. Thank you
- We are really concerned for the safety of pre-school children who come into the playground to collect siblings. Please can you keep them safe by **not letting them climb on the playtrail** which is not age appropriate for pre-school children. Last week we had a new club starting in the playground called Scooter Madness, at the end of the session some of the very young siblings were climbing on the scooters and trying to use them. They are not intended for little ones and we are concerned there could be a nasty accident. Thank you for your support in keeping all children in the playground safe.

STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 20th October 2017
Half Term – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2017
School opens after half-term on Monday 30th October 2017

Parking Issues

This time last year we were all deeply touched by the death of a local 7 year old boy on his way to school on Canford Heath. We asked for your help with parking and driving around school to keep our children safe. Just lately there have been incidents reported where parents are driving against the voluntary one-way system (entering via Newlyn Way and exiting into Northmere Road), letting children out in the middle of the road and a real worry is parking on the pavement. This endangers the lives of parents and children alike, who can either be hit by the parking car or by other cars because they have to go into the road to pass the car on the pavement. Please help to keep our children safe – we do not want to be reporting an accident around our school and need your help. The traffic is terrible with local road closures at the moment, it may be easier and ease congestion if you could park a few minutes walk away to avoid the chaos. Thank you for your help.

PGL for Year 6

Year 6 had a great residential visit to PGL last week, the weather was a little challenging but the children really enjoyed themselves, abseiling, giant swing, archery, zip wire, quad biking and raft building etc. This was an amazing experience for the children.

Book Fair – Our School Book Fair will be after school from Monday 30th October until Thursday 2nd November in the playground of Class 6DP if it's raining – leaflets will be in the school book bags today.

Sports Clubs

Please remember that outdoor after schools sports clubs run by the school **finish at 4.15 p.m.** after half term because of the failing light. Any child left after that time will have to go to the after schools club for which there is **a charge**.

Sports Fixtures Our sports teams have been very busy this half term. Years 3; 4; 5 and 6 Football teams have all been in action. They represented the school very well and all enjoyed themselves. Our Year 2 children had a morning with AFC Bournemouth Coaches and Year 3 have had 6 sessions with them this half term. Year 6 Sports Leaders attended the Sports Leaders Academy Day at Poole High this week. The Cross-Country team have been out twice and some of our children took part in a Boccia event at Victoria School. Well done children.

PTFA – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

Great fun was had by all at last week's quiz. We managed to raise £201.26! Thank you to all who helped to arrange and took part!

Don't forget 1st December is our Christmas fayre. It's time to start having a sort out and getting donations ready for the PTFA! If anyone has any suggestions for stalls, or if you are able to help with setting up on the day, or manning a stall, please contact a member of the PTFA (or pass a message on through the office).

School Photo orders are being collected on Friday 3rd November. Please can you return envelopes by Thursday 2nd November. Thank you

Admissions

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2018 now is the time to be applying for a place. The closing date for Admissions for Reception 2018 is 15th January 2018.

Secondary Transfers (current Year 6)

Children due to transfer to Secondary School next September have to apply by 31st October 2017. A guide to the application process is available on our website (About us – Admissions page). Remember if you are applying to a faith school on faith grounds for Reception or Secondary schools you will need a Supplementary Information Form supported by your priest or vicar. These dates are strictly adhered too. Please have applications in on time.

Dates for your Diaries:

- **Friday 20th October – STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 23th – Friday 27th October – Half Term – School Closed
- Monday 30st October – School reopens after half term.
- Tuesday 31st October – Friday 3rd November – Book Fair
- Wednesday 8th November – Mass led by 5GW in the hall at 9.15 a.m.
- Friday 10th November – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
- Wednesday 15th November Mass led by Class 4EC
- Tuesday 21st November – PGL information meeting for current Year 5 parents
- Friday 24th – Flu immunisation for Reception – Year 4
- Monday 27th – Thursday 30th November – Life Education Bus in school
- Thursday 30th November – Choir to Poole Lighthouse Christmas Concert 7.00 p.m.
- Friday 1st December – Non-uniform day for PTFA Christmas Fayre
- Friday 1st December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 5th December – KS1 Nativity 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 7th December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 8th December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 13th December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.45 a.m.
- Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 14th December – Panto in the school hall
- Thursday 14th December – Class Christmas Parties
- Thursday 14th December – Year 3 carols 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 15th December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

January 2018

- Tuesday 2nd January – Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 3rd January - School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term
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If you would like another copy of the Holiday Dates for 2017–18 they are available on our school website or paper copies are available from the school office. Please note a slight change in the holiday dates. The Staff Training day on 9th March has been cancelled and school is now finishing on Tuesday 24th July 2018 not 25th July.

*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.*