



Friday Update



23rd March 2018

Pleas for help:

- Time keeping at the end of the day is becoming an issue. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.10 p.m. for Lower School (Reception, Years 1 and 2) and at 3.15 p.m. for Upper School, ((Years 3; 4; 5 and 6). We currently have a lot of children being left until 3.30 p.m. before being collected. This facility was only offered to parents in case of emergency and on rare occasions, it was never intended as a daily service to help with parking or working longer. Please remember that school finishes at the above times, any children left after that time when we return after the Easter Break will be kept in the main office area and repeat offenders will be charged at the £6 rate of After Schools Club. There are too many children being left and the staff are not available to care for them. Please make every effort to collect your children on time.

Owls and Squirrels – Year 1 – ‘Mini-beasts’

Zoo Lab visit went ahead on 13th March. The children were very impressed with the mini-beasts that they brought with them. Didn't the children look great in their 'Ugly Bug' outfits on Tuesday. I hope you enjoyed them singing to you as part of the Ugly Bug Ball yesterday afternoon, a fitting end to their project.

Foxes and Badgers – Year 2 – ‘Owls visit as part of Happy Habitat topic’

Year 2 enjoyed having 3 lovely Owls visiting their classroom last week. From a really tiny Owl to a really large Owl, which was your child's favourite?

Moles and Otters – Year 3 – ‘Jurassic World’

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Lulworth Cove at the beginning of the month. Moles were lucky that the snow had gone but it was very cold when they visited, the weather had warmed a little for Otters.

Year 5 - Easter Reflection

Year 5 have been busy practicing for the Easter Reflection which they are performing in the school hall next Tuesday 27th March at 7.00 p.m. If you would like to come and your child is NOT in Year 5, please phone school so that we can ensure enough seats are available in the hall. Thank you.

Clarinet Concert

Our Year 3 have been learning how to play the clarinet. The children will be giving a concert to parents next Tuesday morning at 11.00 a.m. if you are able to attend.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Please remember that you must book and pay for your child half a term in advance. We appreciate that occasionally things crop up and you have to make a 'last minute booking' but please keep these to a minimum because we have to adjust our staffing levels. Any last minute bookings must be paid on the day when you drop off or collect your child. Please remember that the school is only insured to have children on site until 6.00 p.m.

Hot Meal Menu

The 'Summer Menu' starts after Easter. Don't forget Monday is the last chance for you to order meals for the first week back after the holidays. This includes children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Thank you to those who have already ordered.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent quiz night. It was a big success. Hopefully we will see more of you there next time!

There are still a few more days for you to have a go at guessing the name of the bunny. The winner will be drawn on Wednesday 28th March. Our next PTFA meeting will be held on 28th March at 6.00 p.m. in Moles classroom. If anyone is interested in helping the PTFA please come and join us. Thank you.

Summer Term

The Summer Term starts when we return after Easter. Hopefully the weather will be getting warmer. Please remember to send your child to school with a clear, named bottle of water. Thank you. Summer uniform can be worn as follows:

BOYS - SUMMER	GIRLS - SUMMER
White short or long sleeved shirt	Knee length light blue gingham or striped dress
Grey tailored trousers or grey school shorts	Navy/black tailored trousers or knee length navy skirt with white blouse
Tie	Tie
School baseball cap/unbranded cap	School cap/unbranded cap

Year 4 – Hooke Court

Year 4 are looking forward to their residential trip to Hooke Court next week. I am sure they will really enjoy it no matter what the weather is like.

Whole School Mass – Wednesday 28th March 2018

We will be walking the older children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to church and back and would be very grateful for any adult help. If you are free to walk with us please can you phone the office. You are also welcome to join us at the church. Thank you

Patchwork Parenting

The school will be hosting a Patchwork Parenting Course this May which will run on a Thursday afternoon during school time. Please contact Mrs. Hodson via the school office if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child's welfare during the Easter Holidays, Poole's Safeguarding Hub phone number is 01202 735046. It is all our responsibility to report safeguarding concerns.

Staff news – We are really pleased to report that Mrs. Turner had a lovely baby girl three weeks ago. Mother and baby are doing very well. We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Baker who is leaving us after 10 years as a Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor and wish her luck in her new job.

Dates for your Diaries not included above:

26th – 28th March – Year 4 Hooke Court Residential.

Tuesday 27th March – Year 3 Clarinet Concert to parents 11.00 a.m. in the school hall.

Tuesday 27th March – Easter Reflection to parents – Year 5.

Wednesday 28th March – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.45 a.m.

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 for the Spring and Summer Term

28 th March 2018	9.45 a.m.	Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church
25 th April 2018	9.15 a.m.	Year 1 Liturgy lead by Owl's Class in the school hall
23 rd May 2018	9.15 a.m.	Year 3 Mass celebrating First Holy Communions
13 th June 2018	9.15 a.m.	Year 5 Mass lead by Class 5LL
4 th July 2018	9.15 a.m.	Hedgehogs Liturgy lead by HH2 class in the school hall
24 th July 2018	9.15 a.m.	Whole School End of Year Mass school playground

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your Families a very happy and Holy Easter and thank you for your support during the Spring Term.



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. And Mrs. Lewry