



# Friday Update



24th November 2017

## Little pleas for help!

- We have had several incidents of 'near misses' over the last two weeks. Last week, a car mounted the pavement when dropping a child to school and nearly hit a pupil walking along the pavement. They had to jump out of the way. This is not acceptable. Anyone seen driving on the pavement endangering the children will be reported to the police.
- Another unusual report was of children walking up the hill towards the school along Northmere Road being forced to go onto the road to go round parents walking towards them who did not allow them to pass. Please allow enough room on the pavements for others to pass safely. We do not want our children made to walk on the roads. Thank you.
- Third incident, we have had a few cases of children outside of school (but still wearing the St. Joseph's jumper), behaving badly. Please remember that whenever you are wearing our school uniform you are still representing the school and we expect you to behave well and not bring the good name of St. Joseph's School into disrepute .

## Early Birds and Late Owl Clubs

We ask you to book and pay for sessions in advance either via our ParentPay system or on the booking forms in the Reception area. We understand that there are occasional emergencies when you need to do a last minute booking but these **MUST BE PAID FOR** before you leave your child at Early Birds Club (£2 per session) or when you collect from Late Owls Club (£6 for up to 4.45 session or £9 for the 6.00 p.m. session).

## Children in Need

Wow! Thank you so much for your support and kind donations of cakes for the cake sale after school. We raised £618.92 in total. Thank you all once again.

## British Legion Poppy Appeal

What an achievement. We raised £605.42, an increase of £100 on last year and, once again, we were the best school in Poole for that collection. Thank you so much for your generosity. We had a phone call from the British Legion today also passing on their thanks to you all.

## PTFA NEWS.

### Christmas Fayre and Mufti Day - FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

We are really looking forward to this year's Fayre. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would still be very grateful – toiletries, bottles of alcohol/non-alcoholic drinks, new or nearly new gifts, chocolates and sweets and, of course, Lucky Jars. There are empty jars in the office to fill with treats and decorate for our popular stall. Non-uniform day is on the same day. Children are asked to **wear something red or a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation or a bottle for the tombola.** No football kits or high heels please.

The Fayre is from 3.30 pm until 5.30 pm in the school hall, and some of the classrooms. **Please enter via the Year 3-4 corridor exit (by the bike racks) not the main office entrance.** This year we have the old favourites and a few new activities that we hope you will enjoy. One of which is a Secret Santa Shop, where children will be able to go and choose a present for mum, dad, nan, grandad, brothers and sisters. All gifts will be wrapped before they leave the room, to help keep the gift a surprise. Prices will vary from £1.50 - £3. Please make sure the children have a couple of extra pennies if they want to do their own Christmas shopping.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**Christmas Colouring Competition** – The children brought home a Christmas Colouring Competition which will be judged at the Christmas Fayre. Don't forget to send them back with the **50p** donation if your child would like to enter the competition.

**Hedgehogs** We have had a message from the Bournemouth Echo. The children's class photo will be in the echo on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November as part of their First Class supplement.

**Hour of Computer Code for parents in Year 4, 5 and 6** – come and spend an hour after school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the IT suite to see how children learn computer coding and why they all enjoy it so much.

We have several **Christmas activities** taking place over the next few weeks. Various members of the choir are singing at the Lighthouse next week, 30<sup>th</sup> November. They are going to Waitrose, Poole Hospital and Elizabeth House before the end of term, bringing Christmas cheer.

Rehearsals are well underway for Hedgehogs and Years 1 and 2 Nativities. A letter will be sent home next week regarding tickets. Please can you send the children's costume for Year 1 and 2 (plain, long sleeved black top; black trousers or leggings) to school by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November clearly named and placed in a bag. Thank you.

**Christmas Lunch** will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Don't forget, if you wish to order Christmas Lunch the closing date is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. ParentPay still has the roast dinner showing on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, please ignore as the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> menus have been swapped.

### **Whole School Mass**

The whole school mass will also be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The children from Reception to Year 2 will be going to and from St. Joseph's Church by coach. The children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be walking to and from church. If anyone is available to walk with the children please can you let the office know. Thank you.

### **Admissions - Reception**

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 is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

### **Dates for your Diaries:**

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Life Education Bus in school
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Choir to Poole Lighthouse Christmas Concert 7.00 p.m.
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Non-uniform day for PTFA Christmas Fayre
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.45 a.m.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Panto in the school hall A.M.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Parties
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 carols 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

### **January 2018**

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - School opens at 8.50 a.m. for Spring Term

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If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers  
Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Thomas..*