



Friday Update



26th January 2018

Pleas for help:

- We need your help!! At the Attendance Audit last week with the Attendance Officer from the Borough, it was hi-lighted that our children's time keeping is below the acceptable standard. She was actually outside school watching!! Please remember that the school bell goes at 8.50 a.m. Children should be ready to go to class at that time. Every child who comes in after the school gates are closed must be brought to the office to be signed in by an adult. They were also concerned with the amount of illness that seems to result in 'broken weeks' attendance or attached to holidays. I know this isn't always avoidable, we do not want to spread illness throughout the school, but we ask you to encourage attendance in school whenever you have a doubt. We will always call you if your child is unwell in school. We have an audit every half term and the next one is due in March. Please can you help us by showing improvement in attendance and time-keeping. Thank you. This is also an OFSTED requirement and was one of the points of concern raised by them at the last inspection.
- We have had a few cases of the little hair visitors recently. Please remember to check your children's hair regularly and treat any family members who may be affected. Thank you.

Updating Information – As you know we use the texting and e-mailing system to contact parents wherever possible to cut down on the amount of paper used. Just recently a lot of e-mails have 'bounced back' when trying to send the Friday Update etc. If you have changed your e-mail address since September please can you let us know. If you have never given the school an e-mail address and would like letters sent electronically please can you give the office your address. Don't forget, copies of letters are also available on the school website.

Naming Property

We seem to have a lot of Lost Property which we cannot return to its owner because it is not named. This includes water bottles and 'Smiggle Bottles'. Please remember to name all your children's belongings so that we can return them when misplaced. Thank you.

Hedgehogs – Reception – 'Helpful Heroes'

Hedgehogs are having a visit from the Fire Brigade on Monday 5th February unless they are on an urgent call. Don't forget 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 had a great time visiting Priest's House Museum, Wimborne last week, spending the day as Victorian children. They looked really great dressed in their outfits, children and staff alike. Did any of you see our adult chimney sweep?

Foxes and Badgers – Year 2 – 'Fire Fire'

Year 2 Great Fire of London day is on Friday 2nd February when the children come to school wearing old fashioned Victorian styled dress for the drama day.

Otters and Moles – Year 3 – 'Walk like an Egyptian'

Year 3 Egyptian day is in 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.

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

The children in year 6 are visiting Winchester Science Museum on Tuesday 6th February. If you have not yet paid for this trip, please can you pay by Wednesday 31st January.

Payment for school trips and Extra-curricular events.

All of our children benefit from school trips to enhance their topics and give them educational opportunities that are meaningful and very enjoyable. This includes drama days and theatre visits. We also provide the opportunity for children to learn to play instruments during the school day for a fee. Unfortunately, the money needed to cover the cost of these events is rarely met because not everyone pays the amount asked for. We try very hard as a school to offer these experiences for the children but may have to consider stopping or reducing them if we cannot cover the cost. Please help us to maintain these truly beneficial areas of education for the children by paying promptly for any visits etc. Thank you for your support.

Hot Meals

The **deadline** for ordering Hot School meals for after half term week commencing Monday 19th February, is Monday 5th February. Please order your children’s meals even if they are entitled to a hot meal (Reception – Year 2) or a free school meal. Thank you.

Sports Days Advance notice for Sport’s Days in the Summer Term:

Hedgehogs – Thursday 21st June – A.M.

Years 1, 2 and 3 (Owls; Squirrels; Foxes; Badgers; Moles and Otters) – Tuesday 19th June A.M.

Years 4, 5 and 6 – Monday 25th June – A.M.

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. Please return permission slips by Monday 29th to enable your child to attend. No child can attend without a permission slip. Thank you. We are holding a second hand Uniform Sale after school on Friday 9th February, selling donated uniform. This will also include a tuck shop. Please come and have a look and possibly save some money.

Dates for your Diaries this half term:

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
Wednesday 7th March	Spring Concert – School Band
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
Tuesday 27th March	Easter Reflection – Year 5
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 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.*