



Friday Update



1st February 2019

Pleas for help:

- **We really need to tighten driving before and after school. We have had several 'near misses' this week, complaints from both parents and neighbours about parents parking dangerously, blocking drives and driving the wrong way down the road. Please remember our 'voluntary one-way system' entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and leaving via Northmere Road. DO NOT block neighbours drives and please remember parents of St. Joseph's are expected to treat our neighbours with respect NOT to confront them in a rude and aggressive manner. Once again today, we had reports of parents letting their young children out into the road and expecting them to cross on their own. Parents need to bring their children into the playground. We also have parents parking on the pavement, this has resulted in both children and parents almost being hit. This is not allowed by law. Finally, please do not use the staff car park to drop children off or as a turning circle. One of our children was nearly hit this week on their way into Breakfast Club by a car turning in that entrance. There is a turning circle at the end of Newlyn Way, please use it. All the above is for the safety of our children we ask ALL parents to help us avoid an accident or upset our neighbours. Thank you**

Updating Information – Thank you so much for the 'dummy exercise' of e-mailing all parents over the last few weeks. We now only have 32 parents who have not logged on to the test booking event for parents evening. We have now gone to an electronic system for booking Parents Evenings/ tickets for Nativities/Shows etc. There will no longer be lists outside of classrooms, everything will be done electronically so it really is important that you keep your information up to date. Thank you

Hedgehogs – Reception – 'Helpful Heroes'

Hedgehogs are having a visit from the Firemen bringing their Fire Engine to school next Thursday 7th February. Don't forget our 'Fab Finish' to the topic is on Wednesday 13th February when we are asking all the children to come to school dressed as a real life super community hero, or as spiderman/supergirl etc. if there is a problem.

Owls and Squirrels – Year 1 – 'Step back in Time'

As part of their Victorian Project, Year 1 children will be coming to school dressed as Victorians on Monday 4th February and spending the day as Victorian school children.

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

We are having an Egyptian day at school next Thursday 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 are one of the few parents who have not yet paid for the drama day, please can you pay by Monday 4th February. Thank you.

Class 4JF and 4KS – Year 4 – Strange and Dangerous Creatures The children enjoyed their Art Workshop last Tuesday. The children will be displaying their work (inspired by the Art Workshop) for parents to see in the school hall on Wednesday 13th February from 2.30 p.m.

Lunchtime Supervisor – If you would like to become one of our Lunchtime Supervisors working from 12.15 – 1.15 p.m. Monday – Friday term time only please collect an application form from the school office. Thank you

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Jazz Concert

On Monday 11th February, Sound Storm are sending 3 of their wonderful musicians to give a Jazz Concert to our KS2 children. This will be in school during the afternoon – a lovely experience for the children to hear a professional Jazz Trio.

PTFA - Discos – 31st January. The children had a great time at their Disco's on Thursday. The older children even had the excitement of leaving in the snow. Thank you to all those who helped in anyway on the night, everything went very smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Hot School Meals and Breakfast/After School Clubs

The order forms to book Hot School Meals and Breakfast/After School Clubs are now available in the Reception area. Please remember that all hot meal orders for after half term **MUST** be booked by Monday 11th February either by using our on-line Parentpayment system or completing the forms. Thank you.

Tesco's On-Line School Uniform will be closing on 12th February 2019. They have contacted us to say that their supplier has set up an alternative service called My Clothing and they are working closely with them to ensure a simple transition for schools and parents. More information is available on their website <https://schooladmin.myclothing.com>.

Stay Awake - Dorchester This is an event which has been inspired by a 19 year old girl from Weymouth. She has organised a wonderful day for all the family to attend great talks and workshops based on 'Stay Awake' (Mark 13:32-37). This is being held at Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester DT1 2ET on Saturday 16th February from 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Children from Reception to Year 9 have their own age related fun programme which is free. Adults pay £10. More information from www.stayawakejc.com.

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day dates are:

Hedgehogs and Year 1	Monday 1 st July	9.30 – 12.00
Years 2, 3 and 4	Tuesday 2 nd July	9.30 – 12.00
Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 9 th July	9.30 – 12.30

Dates for your Diaries this half term:

Monday 4th February -	Year 1 spending a day as a Victorian Child in school
Tuesday 5th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 7th February –	Year 3 Egyptian Drama Day
Thursday 7th February -	Fire Engine visiting Hedgehogs class
Wednesday 13th February –	Hedgehogs Helpful Community Hero's dressing up day
Wednesday 13th February -	Year 4 Art Show Case to parents at 2.30 p.m.
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February –	School Closed – Half Term
Monday 25th February -	School Closed – Staff Training Day

Masses and Liturgies this term

Wednesday 13th February	9.15 a.m. Year 4 Mass led by Class 4JF
Wednesday 6th March	Ash Wednesday Liturgies for whole school
Wednesday 13th March	9.15 a.m. Year 6 Mass led by Class 6MR
Wednesday 3rd April	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 our designated Safeguarding officers
Mr. McDermott, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hardwick.*