



Friday Update



2nd November 2018

Little pleas for help!

- We have just had an Attendance Audit with the borough and one of the things they have highlighted is punctuality and holidays taken during term time. Please remember that you can now bring children to school between 8.40 – 8.50 a.m. The gates close promptly at 8.50 a.m. and any child arriving after that time must come through the school office with an adult who has to sign them in.
- Please can you let us know of any changes to who is collecting your child at the end of the school day as early as possible in the morning so that we can pass messages at lunch time. It is really difficult to run messages round to classes at the end of the day. Thank you.
- We have had a few cases of the little hair visitors recently. If you discover any head lice in your child's hair please treat them and any other affected members of the family. Thank you.
- As the weather has changed since half term please can children come to school in winter uniform and always bring a coat. It can be really cold in our school playground. Thank you.

School Trips:

Our **Year 6** children will be visiting the Sea City Museum in Portsmouth on 14th November to enhance their topic about the Titanic. Giving them the opportunity to immerse themselves in the lives of the Titanic passengers and crew.

Year 5 children will be visiting Hampton Court on Wednesday 21st November to help them learn more about how the Tudor's lived for their project and **Year 2** children will be visiting a fire station sometime this month. If you have not yet returned the permission slip and payment please can you do so as soon as possible. Don't forget you can always pay using our on-line Parentpay system. Thank you.

Holidays taken during Term Time

As you know Headteacher's are not allowed to authorise holidays taken in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. These will be unauthorised. We are now having to **FINE** parents whose children have 5 or more unauthorised absences in any one rolling year. We are becoming concerned with the amount of parents reporting children as unwell when they have told their teachers and friends that they are going on, or have been on holiday. It is difficult for children and their friends to keep secrets so please help us to enforce truthfulness by being honest about holidays and completing a leave of absence form. Thank you.

British Legion Remembrance Poppy Appeal

Our School Council will be selling poppies, rulers (not slap bands) pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and reflective poppies in the school playground after school every day next week. Please try to support this wonderful cause.

Children in Need

We are asking all children to wear pyjamas to school on Friday 16th November for a £1 donation to support Children in Need. We are also holding a cake sale after school on that day and having a 'Bake Off' for children to bake either 6 small cakes or 6 biscuits at home with a 'Pudsey' theme. There will be a winner for both Lower and Upper school. The cakes/biscuits will then be added to the cake sale to help raise funds for this amazing charity. Please can you help by donating cakes and supporting the sale. Thank you all once again.

PTFA NEWS.

Christmas Fayre and Mufti Day - FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

We are really looking forward to this year's fayre. If you are able to donate any of the following items we would be very grateful – toiletries, bottles of alcohol/non-alcoholic drinks, new or nearly new gifts, chocolates, sweets and of course Lucky Jars. There are spare 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 Christmassy for a £1 donation or a bottle for the tombola. No football kits or high heels please.

Design a Christmas Cake Competition – You will be receiving information shortly with a cake template on the back. We are asking children to design a 'Christmas Cake' and return entries to school with 50p. The designs will be judged and the winner will have their design made into a cake which will be raffled at the Fayre. The winner will have a 'cake' prize.

Book Fair Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd November 2018.

There will be a Book Fair selling half price books in time for Christmas. They will be displayed in the playground after school or inside it wet. Please remember to support the Book Fair which raises money for new books in the school library. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 19th December. This will replace the usual Thursday roast dinner. If you have already ordered lunch for your child on that day you do not need to reorder. If you wish to order the Christmas Lunch please can you do so on the Hot Meal order forms outside the school office or via our ParentPay system. The closing date for Christmas Lunch orders is Monday 10th December.

SCHOOL TOPICS: The school topics being covered by your children this half term are on the school website. If you have a look there is a lot of information. Friday Update, parent letters, term dates, admissions information etc. The website is kept up to date weekly – just have a look!

Admissions: If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2019 now is the time to be applying for a place. We have an information morning on Wednesday 7th November at 9.30 a.m. Please come along for a chat and a coffee if you would like to learn more about the school. The closing date for Admissions for Reception 2019 is 15th January 2019.

Dates for your Diaries for the Autumn term:

- Tuesday 6th November – Hooke Court information evening for parents at 6.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 7th November – New to Reception 2019 information coffee morning 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 14th November – Year 6 visiting Titanic Museum Southampton
- Friday 16th November – Children in Need - Pyjama Day for children and staff
- Wednesday 21st November – Year 5 visit to Hampton Court
- Wednesday 21st November – Mass led by Year 4 (Class 4KS) school hall at 9.15 a.m.
- Friday 23rd November – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 27th November – Year 6 2019 PGL parents information evening 6.00 p.m. (current Year 5)
- Wednesday 28th November – PTFA Tuck and Cake Sale after school
- Thursday 29th November – Poole Schools Music Concert at Lighthouse with our choir
- Friday 7th December – PTFA Secret Santa Sale
- Tuesday 11th December – KS1 Nativity 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 13th December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 14th December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Tuesday 18th December – Year 3 Carols around the Christmas Tree 2.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 19th December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 19th December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 20th December – Beauty and the Beast Panto in the school hall and class parties
- Friday 21st December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

*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.*

