



Friday Update



3rd May 2019

Pleas for help:

- As we are now in the Summer Term children can wear summer uniform. Please remember that school shoes are part of the uniform not trainers and we ask girls to wear closed toe shoes for safety not open toe sandals. Ties must always be worn with shirts. Thank you.
- Please remember to apply suntan lotion to your child when necessary and always send them to school with a water bottle and sun hat.
- We have had a serious incident in the last week involving a child being knocked off his bike by a parent parking badly. This will be addressed in a separate letter but I ask you to be very careful when parking before a child or adult is actually killed outside of our school.
- If you arrive early to collect your child from school, perhaps you could go for a walk or wait round the back of the school out of the sight of the children who are having a P.E. lesson on the school playground. It is very distracting for them to have adults watching and unfair on the teacher who is giving the lesson.

Unauthorised Leave

This is a timely reminder of a message sent out this time last year regarding holidays taken during term time. *"There is a collective concern about the price-hike that we all experience when trying to book family holidays during the 13 weeks of the school holidays available to us. However, given the demands of the school curriculum, schools must discourage holidays during term time. For this reason, in line with other schools, St. Joseph's School will support the Local Authority policy of issuing fines when holidays are taken during term time"*. We have had to fine several families this year and wanted you to know that the Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch combined local authority fine each child and can fine each parent. This can increase the cost of the fine considerably. The fine is issued if any days are taken, totalling 5 days or more over the course of any 12 month period. We now ask that you give 4 weeks notice if you intend taking your child out of school during term time.

Year 6 – SAT's

Year 6 are busy with SAT's preparation. These important tests take place during the week beginning 13th May. School attendance is always important but even more so that week. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school all week and on time.

PTFA

- The PTFA members are busy getting ready for the Summer Fayre, which will be on 21st June. If anyone is able to help with the preparations beforehand, setting up on the day or manning a stall, please let the office know. Thank you.
- As some of our members are moving on because their children are transferring to Secondary School we would love some new faces to join us. If you would like to know more about being a member of the PTFA or offering to help at special events please give your name to the office and a member of the committee will contact you. If you ever have new ideas for fund raising or social events we could consider once again can you please give your name to the office. Thank you

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who completed our parent questionnaire before Easter. In all we had 186 respondents. The results of our questionnaire will be available to view on our website in the parent letters section, website link: www.st-josephs.poole.sch.uk. The main headlines for the questionnaire were that 98% of parents agreed their child felt safe in school, 95% of parents felt their child was making good progress and 92% of parents thought that children at school had a wide range of learning opportunities. There were also a number of additional comments on the questionnaire. Which are listed on the school website.

Dates for your Diaries for this term:

Sunday 5th May -	First Holy Communion's at St. Joseph's Church 10.30 a.m.
Monday 6th May -	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8th May -	Year 3 trip to Lulworth cove
Wednesday 8th May -	Year 1 Pyjama Party – 5.30 – 6.30 p.m.
Saturday 11th May -	First Holy Communion's at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11.00 a.m.
W/B Monday 13th May	Year 6 SAT's week
Wednesday 22nd May	Year 3 Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion's in school

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – School Closed – Half Term Holidays

Friday 7th June	Class photos and year 6 individual photographs
Tuesday 11th June	Year 1 trip to Swanage
Wednesday 12th June	Mass lead by Class 5LW
Thursday 13th June	Year 3 visiting Bovington Tank museum
Friday 14th June	A Year 5 class to the Watersports Academy
Tuesday 18th June	A Year 5 Class to the Watersports Academy
Tuesday 18th June	New to Reception 2018 Parents Evening
Wednesday 19th June	Year 4 going to Lighthouse for BSO concert
Friday 21st June	PTFA Summer Fayre and BBQ
Monday 24th June	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 25th June	Year 2 visiting Marwell Zoo
Wednesday 26th June	Lower School Liturgy led by Badgers Class
Wednesday 26th June	PTFA Cake Sale
Monday 1st July	EYFS and Year 1 Sports Day (Reception & Years 1) - A.M.
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 2, 3 and 4 Sports Day – A.M.
Wednesday 3rd July	Hedgehogs visiting Kingston Maurward
Friday 5th July	Transition Day for all classes
Tuesday 9th July	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day - A.M.
Wednesday 10th July	A Year 4 Class visit to Cranbourne
Wednesday 10th July	Lower School Liturgy led by Hedgehogs Class
Wednesday 10th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
Thursday 11th July	A Year 4 Class visit to Cranbourne
Thursday 11th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 trip to London
Thursday 18th July	Leavers Prom – 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.
Friday 19th July	Whole School Leavers Mass 9.15 a.m. in the playground
Friday 19th July	School closes for the summer holidays at 1.30 p.m.

Dates above include all of the school trips the classes will be going on during the second half of the summer term. More information will be coming home nearer the time.

Asthma Inhalers

Please can you ensure that any children needing an inhaler have them in school and that they are in date. We are not allowed to give inhalers if they are out of date. Thank you

Community News

St Edwards School are holding a 'Taste of India' evening on Saturday 11th May from 6.30 p.m. The tickets are £12 for adults, £8 for children or a family ticket (2 adults & up to 3 children) £35. This includes a three course home cooked Indian meal, live music and Indian dancing. Tickets are available from the St. Edward's school finance office.

*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. Lewry and Mrs. Hardwick*