



Friday Update



8th March 2019

Pleas for help:

- We have had a few incidents of the little hair visitors recently, please be vigilant, check your child's hair and treat anyone in the family who may be affected. Thank you.
- We have noticed a few 'non-uniform' items being worn to school. Please remember that the school colour is **Navy** for girls, either skirt, pinafore or tailored trousers. Ties are to be worn at all times with a white shirt until the girls wear summer uniform which can be worn during the summer term. Please name ALL ITEMS including water bottles and lunch boxes. Lost items can then be reunited with their owners quickly. Thank you
- Well done parents, we have managed a whole two weeks without any phone calls or e-mails of complaint over parking etc. Please keep it up.

Year 1 – 'Mini-Beasts'

Owls and Squirrels are having a visit from Zoo Lab on Friday 15th March. This is a great opportunity for the children to get close up to the bugs they are studying. If you haven't yet paid the £3.50 for the session please can you send it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Hooke Court (Yr 4) and PGL (Yr 6) Residential Visits

If your child is going on the residential trip to Hooke Court from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March there is a parents information evening on Monday 11th March at 6.00 p.m. in the school hall. Any information, kit list etc. will be given at that meeting and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If you haven't paid the last instalment please can you pay asap. Thank you.

Internet Safety

We are very aware of the dangers on the internet. Please remain alert at all times when your children are on the internet. Set appropriate parental controls to keep your children safe. More information is available from www.thinkuknow.co.uk or pop in to school and speak to Mrs. Lewry if you have any concerns. We are arranging another Internet Safety day for our Year 5/6 children next term.

Monty

Can you believe it has been a year since we took over the responsibility of 'Our School Dog' Monty from the charity Woofability. A big Thank you to the PTFA for covering his insurance, for one of our Mums for sponsoring his vet check-ups etc and to the parents who have given donations towards his food. Monty is such an asset to our school that it is great how you have all helped to enable us to keep him. Thank you so much. If anyone would like to donate anything towards this years upkeep we would be very grateful.

Lost Property will be on display in the playground before and after school on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March. If your child has lost anything please come and have a look. There will be a second hand uniform sale after school on Wednesday 13th March in the school playground and any lost property left after the 12th will be given to the sale. Thank you.

PTFA Updates

- Unfortunately our Quiz Night on 15th March had to be cancelled due to lack of support.
- We are collecting DVD's and CD's again to raise funds. There is a collection box in reception. In the last 12 months we have raised over £200 from these collections.
 - Vacancies on the PTFA - we are looking for new parents to get involved and join our friendly team. Please do come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 27th March, tea and coffee from 5.45 p.m., in the school library or email stjosephs_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk if you can help.

World Book Day

I hope your children came home and told you all about the fun they had yesterday. Every class teacher chose an activity reflecting their favourite book and children had the opportunity to try the different activities. There was Balloon Art/Goblets of Fire/Stick Men/Super Tato/Cup cakes/Handbags to name but a few. What was your child's favourite activity? In the afternoon the children had 'Book Buddies' where the older children read to the younger children. A very successful World Book Day with lots of happy faces.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March 2019

We are celebrating Comic Relief next Friday 15th March by asking the children to come to school wearing their own clothes, but with their jumper/t-shirt worn back to front for a £1 donation towards this wonderful charity. Our School Council are holding a 'design a red nose' competition. Children were all given the template and asked to design the red nose and return to school with 20p. The winner will be chosen on 15th March.

Easter Reflection – Year 5

The children in year 5 will be doing an Easter Reflection for parents on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.00 p.m. in the school hall. Please keep this date in your diary. It is always a very poignant and reflective way for us to celebrate the season of Lent and Easter.

Hot School Meals

The summer menu starts after Easter for hot school meals. The order forms will be available week beginning 18th March or you can order on-line via parentpay from that date. The last date for ordering meals for week beginning 23rd April is Monday 1st April. Please remember that you must book **Hot School Meals** even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 or are entitled to Free School Meals.

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:

Monday 11th March -	Hooke Court Information Evening for parents 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 13th March -	Second Hand Uniform Sale in the playground
Friday 15th March –	Comic Relief Day
Friday 15th March -	Zoo Lab visiting Year 1
Monday 18th March -	On-line bookings for parents evening go live this week
Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th March –	Year 4 Hooke Court Residential
Monday 1st April -	Parents Evening to see teachers 3.30 – 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 3rd April -	Parents Evening to see teachers 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 2nd April	Easter Reflection to Parents
Friday 5th April -	School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 p.m.

Masses and Liturgies this term

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.*