



Friday Update



12th October 2018

Little pleas for help!

- If you have any spare time, we would be really grateful for help with readers. The children benefit greatly from one-to-one reading. We have a lovely, small team of parents and parishioners who come in and listen to children read and would love to expand it. This would only entail perhaps an hour or maybe an afternoon a week if you can spare the time. If you are able to help can you please let the school office know. Thank you
- **Parent's Evenings – Tuesday 16th or Thursday 18th October**
To comply with the new GDPR regulations we are asking all parents to wait outside their child's classroom, on the chairs in the corridor, before going in to see the teacher. You will also be given a photograph permission letter which must be signed and returned to school, again this is to comply with the new GDPR regulations. Thank you for your understanding.

PGL for Year 6

Year 6 children attending PGL have been blessed with lovely weather so far. They are having a great time. Parents can follow them on twitter. The school account is @stjosephspoole, you have to request to join (please choose a name which we will recognize as a school parent) then you can follow their antics.

Hot School Meals and Breakfast and After Schools Club

The booking forms for Hot School Meals and Breakfast or After Schools Club for after half term are available now. 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. You can also book and pay for meals or clubs via our ParentPay system if you prefer. The last day for ordering for the week after half term (week commencing 29th October) is Monday 15th October. Any orders received after that date will miss the dead line.

PTFA

You will be receiving your child's Christmas card design today with a covering letter and order form. We have to have these back for ordering very quickly. Please can you return any orders by Monday 15th October. Thank you. The quiz night last Friday was great fun and enjoyed by the teams taking part. We raised £233.67 on the night. Don't forget the Christmas Fayre is approaching, keep the date in your diaries, Friday 23rd November 2018. More information to follow.

Harvest Festival

We are holding our Harvest Festival next Thursday 18th October. We would like to support the Poole Food Bank by collecting tins, biscuits, baby products, toiletries etc. for those in need in our own area. Please can you send any donations to school by Thursday 18th October. Thank you. On this occasion we are also supporting the HCPT which is a charity who take disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes for Easter every year. This is a wonderful and often life changing opportunity for the children and their helpers. We would like the children to wear something bright on Thursday 18th, i.e. socks or t-shirt for a £1 donation. Thank you once again for your wonderful support for our chosen charities.

Lost Property

We will be displaying lost property before and after school in the playground next week. If your child has lost anything, please have a look. We would like to clear all lost property by half term. Good quality donated uniform will be on sale after school on Tuesday & Thursday next week to raise money to help with the Shoe Box appeal postage. It costs £5 to post each box.

The PTFA 'de-clutter' project is back! Please bring any unwanted books, CD's and DVD's to the office and place in the red container under the reception window. To date we have raised £189 for PTFA funds.

Community News

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.

Secondary Transfers (current Year 6)

Children due to transfer to Secondary School next September have to apply by 31st October 2018. A guide to the application process is available on our website (About us – Admissions page).

Don't forget if you are applying for Reception or Secondary transfers on faith ground, you must complete the supplementary information form which has to be supported by your priest or minister.

The **Borough of Poole** is running a survey to collect feedback from local parents of children with a Special Educational Need or Disability (from birth to 18 years old) about how easy or difficult it has been for them to find sufficient childcare in Poole. If you would like to take part use the link: www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp – deadline is Sunday 28th October 2018

Dates for your Diaries for the Autumn term:

- Tuesday 16th October – Flu immunization Reception to Year 5
- Tuesday 16th October – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 17th October – Year 2 Liturgy (led by Foxes) 9.15 a.m. in the hall
- Thursday 18th October – Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
- Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – Half Term – School Closed
- **Monday 29th October – STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 30th October – School reopens after half term
- Wednesday 31st October – Mass led by 5WP in the hall at 9.15 a.m.
- 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
- 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.*