



# Friday Update



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Little pleas for help!

- Don't forget that the school is now open for children from 8.40 a.m. Children can go straight to class. This seems to have made parking easier but please remember to always park within the law and with due consideration to our neighbours. Any children who are late (after 8.50 a.m.) **MUST** be taken to the office and signed in by a parent not just let run in on their own. Thank you.
- We ask all parents to adhere to our voluntary 'one-way' system by entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and leaving via Northmere Road. The road is very narrow and it is impossible for 2 cars to pass with cars parked and makes it extremely dangerous for our children. Thank you for your co-operation.
- This is just a little reminder that we are a 'nut free' school. We have several children in school with severe allergies so we ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are ever sent in to school. Thank you for your support in keeping our children healthy.

**Hedgehogs.** We welcomed our first group of Hedgehogs starting part time today. The second group start next week and they will all be full time by next Friday 21st. We would like to welcome you all to our St. Joseph's family.

## School Day

The School Day starts for all children at 8.50 a.m. School finishes at 3.10 p.m. for Reception (Hedgehogs) Year 1 (Squirrels and Owls) and Year 2 (Foxes and Badgers) and at 3.15 p.m. for Years 3 – 6 (including Otters and Moles). Please make every effort to have your child in school before the bell and to pick up promptly at the end of the day. Thank you.

## PGL Information Evening for Year 6

There will be a PGL information evening for all Year 6 going to PGL in October on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.00 p.m. in Mr. Gardner's classroom. Please park in the playground and follow the signs to the entrance by the bike rack. Thank you. Please make every effort to attend.

## Hot School Meals

Please remember that **all** meals must be ordered, even those in Reception; Years 1 and 2 and children entitled to free school meals. This is to enable the correct amount of meals to be ordered and to cut back on waste. Order forms are available from the reception area by the school office or you can book on line using our Parentpay system.

## School Masses and Liturgies

A list of dates for school masses and liturgies are within the dates for your diaries which are coming on a separate attachment. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us for Mass and Liturgies.

## Sports Clubs

Sports clubs have been well supported and most of them are now full. Mrs. Keohan's clubs all start next week. Please remember that after schools sports club **finish at 4.30 p.m.** Any child left after that time will have to go to the after schools club for which there is **a charge**.

## **PTFA – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association**

The PTFA would like to welcome you all back for the new school year. We have started to plan fundraising events for this year! The first event will be a quiz night on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Letters have been sent home, get your teams together and see if you can beat our champions! Deadline for signing up is 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Planning for the Christmas Fayre is underway, if anyone is able to volunteer some time to help, please leave your details with the office and one of the PTFA committee will be in touch. We hope that you will help us by participating in the events, and helping us to raise money for the children. Our **AGM** meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> **October** at 6.00 pm in the school hall. This is open to everyone, if you would like to join the committee or just find out what the PTFA have supported over the past year, please come along.

## **Student Information Forms**

If you have not returned your child's student information form which was sent home with the school report please can you return as soon as possible having checked the data we have on them and update any changes including address, emergency contact numbers, e-mail address and any changes to medical information. We use a texting and e-mail system to contact our families and it really is important to be informed of any changes as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **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 evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. and an information morning on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## **Secondary Transfers (current Year 6)**

Children due to transfer to Secondary School next September have to apply by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The local Secondary and Grammar schools have open days for you to look around very soon. Please check their websites.

A guide to the application process is available on our website (About us – Admissions page).

## **First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19**

If you have a catholic child in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion this academic year please speak to Father Chris after Mass at the weekend. There will be information sessions at both churches shortly. It is really important that you speak to Father Chris if you wish to register your child on the course this year. Thank you.

## **Community Links**

- **South West Celebrate Weekend** is a joyful and faith-filled event for all the family on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14 October at Notre Dame School, Plymouth PL6 5HN with lively worship, drama and a variety of workshops for all the family. On line booking and more information on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or email [southwest@celebrateconference.org](mailto:southwest@celebrateconference.org)
- We have been contacted by Dorset Police regarding a new 'Dorset Road Safe' website with information about staying safe on our roads. The website has useful information and the address is <http://www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk>.
- We have been asked to remind parents that it is National Eye Health Week from 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September. It is really important for children and adults to have regular eye checks.

A list of Dates for your Diaries and Mass/Liturgy Dates will be sent as a separate attachment. If you would prefer a paper copy please come to the school office. Always remember to keep us up dated with any mobile or e-mail changes you have made. Thank you.

*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. Thomas.*