



Friday Update



19th January 2019

Pleas for help:

- Just a little reminder about our 'voluntary one-way system' entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and leaving via Northmere Road. Sancreed Road is very narrow and does not allow for the safe passing of vehicles coming both ways with cars parked on one side. For the safety of our children we ask **ALL** parents to help us with the one-way system. Thank you.
- We have had a few cases of sickness etc. recently. Please remember that we ask you to keep children home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness to help avoid the spread of illness.
- Please can you always send children to school with a coat and a water bottle – only water please no squashes etc. Thank you

Updating Information – If any of your emergency contact information has changed since September i.e. mobile phone numbers, addresses, please can you let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Hedgehogs – Reception – 'Helpful Heroes'

Hedgehogs are learning about the 'heroes' who help in our community, police, firemen, nurses, doctors, vets etc. Hopefully we will be having visitors from the emergency services coming to school to talk to the children and say how they help. Our 'Fab Finish' to the topic is on Wednesday 13th February when we are asking all the children to come to school dressed as a real life super community hero, or as spiderman/supergirl etc. if there is a problem.

Owls and Squirrels – Year 1 – 'Step back in Time'

Year 1 have been learning about 'Victorian Times.' They visited Scaplen's Court last Monday and spent the day as Victorian children, in a classroom, cooking on a range and doing chores – this really helped them to appreciate life in Victorian times.

Foxes and Badgers – Year 2 – 'Toy Story'

Year 2 are looking at toys and how they differ today from their parents and grand parents childhood. They are comparing the differences and learning through history.

Otters and Moles – Year 3 – 'Walk like an Egyptian'

The children in Year 3 are learning about life in Egyptian times, this was a very important era in the history of the world and the children are enjoying learning all about the pyramids, Egyptian artefacts and daily life etc. We will be having an Egyptian day at school on Thursday 7th February, please can the children come to school dressed as an ancient Egyptian on that day. This will include a visit from Aesop's Theatre Company to bring the topic alive through drama and role play. If you have not yet paid for the drama day please can you pay by 31st January. Thank you.

Class 4JF and 4KS – Year 4 – Strange and Dangerous Creatures We are having an Art Workshop next Tuesday 22nd January to give the children the opportunity of studying different art techniques. The children will be displaying their work for parents to see in the school hall on Wednesday 13th February from 2.30 p.m. If you have not yet paid for the Art Workshop please can you return the form and money by Monday 21st January. Thank you

Year 5 and 6 have weekly times-tables and spelling homework.

All of our children benefit from regular reading with an adult at home. This has a significant effect on their learning and is an important skill that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times a week. If you have any spare time through the week and can offer to come in and listen to children read please speak to Mrs. O'Donoghue. Thank you.

Don't forget all this information is available on the school website.

Lunchtime Supervisor – If you would like to become one of our Lunchtime Supervisors working from 12.15 – 1.15 p.m. Monday – Friday term time only please collect an application form from the school office. Thank you

Nurses Drop-In Session – There is a nurses drop-in session next Wednesday, 23rd January from 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. If you have any health concerns regarding your child, please drop-in.

Attendance Policy

All children were given a copy of the school Attendance Policy today. Please take the time to read the policy over the weekend. As a borough, Poole is trying to raise the attendance level in all schools. Our attendance registers are audited by them every six weeks and they are asking us to take action on any pupil who drop below the expected 95% attendance level. Please help us to achieve this level by keeping absences to a minimum. We know that sickness is unavoidable and we are not asking you to send poorly children to school but holidays taken during term time etc. do have a great impact on children's attendance and education.

Parent/Teacher appointments etc.

Just before Christmas we trialed a new booking system for tickets for Lower School Nativities using parents e-mails. It was very successful and we are going to use it through the whole school for Parents Evening appointments this term. To prepare for this a 'dummy event' is being sent to parents e-mail addresses over the next few days. If you have not received an e-mail by Friday of next week, 25th January, please contact the school to confirm we have the correct e-mail address for you. Thank you

Sport

Spring Clubs are all up and running. I think you will agree that Mrs. Keohan offers the children a lovely variety of sports clubs both before and after school giving them the opportunity to explore new sports or participate in clubs that they really enjoy. Thank you for your enthusiasm, Mrs. Keohan.

PTFA. - Discos – 31st January. The Lower School (Y2 and Y3) disco will be from 4.45-5.45 p.m. and the Upper School disco will be from 6.00-7.15 p.m. Please return form and money by Monday 28th January if you would like your child to attend. Thank you

Dates for your Diaries this half term:

Tuesday 22nd January - Year 4 Art Workshop in school P.M.

Thursday 31st January – PTFA School Disco: Yrs 2/3 from 4.45-5.45 Yrs 4-6 from 6.00-7.15 pm

Tuesday 5th February Safer Internet Day

Thursday 7th February – Year 3 Egyptian Drama Day

Wednesday 13th February – Hedgehogs Helpful Community Hero's dressing up day

Wednesday 13th February - Year 4 Art Show Case to parents at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February – School Closed – Half Term

Monday 25th February - School Closed – Staff Training Day

Masses and Liturgies this term

Wednesday 30th January 9.15 a.m. Year 1 Liturgy led by Owls class

Wednesday 13th February 9.15 a.m. Year 4 Mass led by Class 4JF

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday Liturgies for whole school

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.*