



# Friday Update



28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Little pleas for help!

- If you have any spare time, we would be really grateful for help with sports events and walking children to the field for P.E. Sports fixtures are usually after school but can occasionally be during the school day. Mrs. Keohan often needs another adult to accompany her either by helping with a second team or helping supervise a small group of children. If you are able to help can you please let the school office know. Thank you.
- **Lateness** Please don't forget that if your child arrives in school after 8.50 a.m. you have to bring them to the school office and sign them in. At the end of the day, any child who is not collected by 3.15 p.m. will be in Miss Furey's classroom with a member of staff, but once again they must be signed out. Parking has been made easier by the new system of children coming into school from 8.40 a.m. but we have an Attendance Audit next month and punctuality was one of her concerns last year. Please make every effort to adhere to the school times, in school by 8.50 a.m. and leaving school at 3.10 p.m. for lower school (Reception – Year 2) and 3.15 p.m. for upper school (Year 3 – Year 6).

## Hedgehogs

We would like to give our new Hedgehogs who have now joined us full time, a big St. Joseph's welcome, it is lovely to have you all as part of our school family.

## PGL for Year 6

Our Year 6 children attending PGL will be going soon. Let's hope they have a lovely time and the weather is kind to them. Please can parents return medical forms to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 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.

## Hot School Meals and Breakfast and After Schools Club

Don't forget you can book Breakfast and After Schools Club and order Hot School Meals by using our on-line ParentPay system. You can also pay for school trips on-line. If you haven't been given a user name and password or are having trouble please phone the office. Thank you.

**School Photos** Fraser Portraits will be taking individual and sibling photos of children attending school next **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. They now have an on-line ordering system entitling you to 4 wallet sized prints if you order on-line. More information will be available with the photo order pack.

## PTFA – Parent, Teacher and Friends Association

The PTFA 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 **Annual General Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 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.

## 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 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 an information meeting for parents at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. The date for St. Joseph's to be confirmed. It is really important that you come to the meeting 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)

### Dates for your Diaries:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – New to Reception for **2019** Information Evening 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 3 Liturgy (Led by Otters) 9.15 a.m. in the hall
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – PTFA AGM at 7.00 p.m.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographs – individual and siblings
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – PTFA Quiz Night
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 PGL Residential Visit
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Flu immunization Reception to Year 5
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.**
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Liturgy (led by Foxes) 9.15 a.m. in the hall
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival with collection for Poole Food Bank
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.**
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term – School Closed
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School reopens after half term.

*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*