



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



# Friday Update

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Little pleas for help!

- I have been totally shocked and saddened by the phone calls we have received from local neighbours this week. Parents are parking across neighbours drives to such a degree they cannot get into or out of their properties, some parents are even parking on neighbours drives!! We have parents ignoring the voluntary one way system, entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and exiting via Northmere Road. This causes chaos because the road is not wide enough for two way traffic at that time. We have also had several near misses with parents parking on pavements and children nearly being hit by cars. To add to that we also have had parents being verbally abusive to our neighbours. We would not accept that sort of behaviour from our children and expect our parents to have the same standards of behaviour towards our neighbours. We are so concerned with the standards of parking we have contacted the community police and asked them to patrol our school at busy periods and to add us to the camera car rota. Please help us to live alongside our neighbours in harmony and to keep our children safe by parking with due care and attention.
- It has been noted that some parents are leaving very small children in their car when they bring school children into school or collect them at the end of the day. I know it is difficult but for the safety of the younger children please do not leave them in your car. Thank you

## Magic Breakfast

We are one of the schools who are trialling the new National School Breakfast Programme funded by the Department for Education and delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast. Next week different classes will be given the option of a bagel when they come to school (younger children will have a smaller amount). From the 14<sup>th</sup> January all children in school will be involved. This is for 4 terms initially and free of charge. More information to follow after Christmas.

**Year 5** children enjoyed their visit to Hampton Court last week despite the traffic on the way home.

**Year 2** children had a great time at the fire station this week. They learnt a lot about what happens at a fire station and the work of the firemen and women.

**Year 4** children are walking to Our Lady of Fatima Church today because the weather won last week and they had to change the day. Thank you to those who walked with the children, it is your help which make these excursions possible.

**Year 1** have also been plagued by the weather for their Road Safety sessions walking round the local area on Friday mornings. We are still looking for people to walk with them for the next few weeks. If you are available and happy to spend time helping please can you let the office know. Thank you.

## Year 1 Reading

The teachers have noticed that there are lots of children in Year 1 who are not reading often enough at home. Reading is a key skill that needs daily practice. Please do ensure that you read with your child regularly and please initial their reading record so we know that they have been reading with you. Thank you. This is a life skill that is beneficial to all age groups in school.

## Christmas Nativities

Hedgehogs and Years 1 and 2 are in full swing with rehearsals for their Nativities. Hedgehogs Nativity to parents is at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Years 1 and 2 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 a.m. or 2.00 p.m. More information to follow regarding tickets next week.

## **PTFA NEWS.**

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre, we raised £1,831 a great total. It was just slightly short of what was raised last year but we still have secret Santa to add to it so it is still possible we might beat last year's total. Secret Santa is taking place on the 7th December and is an opportunity for the children to buy pre-wrapped gifts for their parents and siblings. The gifts range from £1.50 to £3.50 if your child would like to buy gifts they need to bring their money into school on the 7th December, (in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name, class and Secret Santa), the children will be taken a class at a time to select their gifts.

## **Children in Need**

Thanks to your support we raised £454.66 in total for Children in Need. Mufti raised £325.00 and the cake sale after school raised £129.66. This would not be possible without your help.

## **Book Fair**

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair last week. We raised £210 towards books for the school library.

**Christmas Lunch** will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This will replace the usual Thursday roast dinner. If you have already ordered lunch for your child on that day you do not need to reorder. If you wish to order the Christmas Lunch please can you do so on the Hot Meal order forms outside the school office or via our ParentPay system. Don't forget the closing date for Christmas Lunch orders is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Christmas Fayre at St. Joseph's Church**

St. Joseph's is holding a Christmas Fayre after 5.30 p.m. Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> December and 10.30 a.m. Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> December, come along for creative activities including painting nativity decorations etc.

## **Dates for your Diaries for the Autumn Term:**

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Secret Santa Sale
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Hedgehogs Nativity 2.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Senior Citizens concert 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. in the school hall
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Carols around the Christmas Tree 2.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch for all children who order
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Beauty and the Beast Panto in the school hall and class parties
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30 p.m.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – School opens for the Spring 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.*