



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



Friday Update

27th January 2017

Pleas for help:

- Just a little reminder that we operate a voluntary one-way system in front of the school for the safety of our children and parents. The road is very narrow and it is difficult to pass with cars parked aswell. We enter via Newlyn Way and leave via Northmere Road. There have been cases of near misses between cars and children lately. Please try to adhere to this system. Thank you
- There have been a few occasions lately where parents have not informed the school that someone else is going to pick their child up at the end of the day. Please remember to either let the teacher know in the morning or phone the office by lunchtime if possible, if there is going to be a change of the responsible person collecting your child. This is so important for the safety of our children and we will not let them go unless we have been informed. Thank you

Helping your child in school

Every year group is set a certain amount of Home Learning appropriate to their age and ability. Please can you try to encourage your child with their home learning and remember to practice spellings, reading and times tables/number bonds (depending on their age) with them at home. They also have a project every half term which involves a little bit of work at home. Thank you for your support. It really has a great effect on the children's ability. Our Hedgehogs are trialing a new system 'Enjoy reading at home with your child'. It is so beneficial for every child to read at home we ask you all to try and devote time every week to read with your children. Thank you.

Hot School Meals

The dead-line for ordering Hot School meals when we return after half term on 20th February is Monday 6th February. Please order your meals even if your child is entitled to a hot meal (Reception – Year 2) or a free school meal.

Internet Safety

We are all very aware of the dangers lurking on the internet for the safety of our children. It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February and we will be having special assemblies to highlight staying safe on-line on that day. Please can you always be aware of what your children are doing when they are on-line and talk to them about staying safe on-line.

Poole Library are holding a 45 minute Cyber Security workshop for families, helping parents to learn alongside their children in a simple and fun way. This will be on Tuesday 7th February from 4.30 – 5.15 p.m. at Poole Central Library.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We have started to collect the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again. If you shop at Sainsbury's please don't forget to ask for your vouchers and donate them to school to help us with extra sports equipment for the children. It really is beneficial, thank you.

Message from Mrs. Keohan

If you are having your child's ears pierced at any time please remember that they cannot take part in P.E. lessons until they are able to remove their earrings. We recommend that you wait until the beginning of the Summer Holidays to have them pierced to allow them to heal. On the rare occasion that your child is unable to remove their earrings they will only be able to participate in P.E. lessons if you write to school saying you take responsibility for any injuries that may occur.

PTFA

Wednesday 1st February – Discos

Lower School (Year 1 - 3) 4.45 – 5.45 p.m. (£3.50)

Upper School (Year 4 – 6) 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. (£2.50)

Only if permission slip and payment have been received by Friday 27th January 2017

Thursday 2nd February – Hedgehogs Magic Show 3.10 – 4.45 p.m. (£3.50)

Friday 10th February – Tuck Shop in playground after school

Friday 31st March – Easter Family Bingo session – more information to follow

Community Links:

Do you agree or disagree with the recommendations for National Health Care in Dorset. We have been contacted by NHS Dorset about making your voice heard. You can collect a questionnaire from the GP, your nearest hospital or complete on line by going to www.dorsetvision.nhs.uk

School Website

Have you looked at the school website lately? All the important information about the school is updated regularly and you can find booking forms for hot meals and Early and Late Clubs. All the letters are updated weekly and there are lots of photographs about the activities the children have been involved in.

Dates for your Diaries:

Dates for your Diaries not included above:

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February – School Closed – Half Term

Tuesday 21st February – David Lawrence Jones - Author visiting school and leading assemblies

Thursday 23rd February – Booking Signing from David Jones of any books purchased

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – activities in school – no dressing up

Friday 3rd March – Zoolab visiting Year 1

Monday 6th March – Year 4 Parents information meeting re – Hooke Court Residential

Tuesday 7th March – Spring Music Concert from all our musical groups including instruments

20th – 22nd March – Year 4 Hooke Court Residential

Friday 24th March – **Comic Relief** – more information to follow

Tuesday 28th March – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 30th March – Parents evening 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Friday 31st March – PTFA Mufti Day – Family Easter Bingo 6.00 p.m. – information to follow

Tuesday 4th April – **Year 5** Easter Reflection – 7.00 p.m.

Friday 7th April – **School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 p.m.**

Masses and Liturgies this term

8 th February 2017	9.15 a.m.	Mass lead by Year 4 (Class 4EC)
1 st March 2017	a.m. x 2	Ash Wednesday Liturgy Lower/Upper School
8 th March 2017	9.15 a.m.	Liturgy lead by Year 2 (Badgers)
22 nd March 2017	9.15 a.m.	Mass lead by Year 6 (Class 6RG)
5 th April 2017	9.30 a.m.	Whole School Mass at St. Joseph's Church

*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, Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Thomas.*