



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'

# Friday Update



27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## Pleas for help:

- As we are now in the Summer Term children can wear summer uniform. Please remember that school shoes are part of the uniform not trainers and we ask girls to wear closed toe shoes for safety not open toe sandals. Ties must always be worn with shirts. Thank you.
- Please remember to apply suntan lotion to your child when necessary and always send them to school with a water bottle and sun hat.
- The staff car park has been used by parents as a 'drop-off' point and turning circle recently and there have been a few 'near misses' with children and adults. Please remember you MUST NOT use the staff car park unless asked to do so. Thank you.

## Unauthorised Leave

A recent letter from the Local Authority on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 drew attention to the challenges faced by schools when holidays are booked during term time. There is, I think, a collective concern about the price-hike that we all experience when trying to book family holidays during the 13 weeks of the school holidays available to us. However, given the demands of the school curriculum, schools must discourage holidays during term time. For this reason, in line with other schools, St. Joseph's School will support the Local Authority policy of issuing fines when holidays are taken during term time.

## Year 6 – SAT's

Year 6 are busy with SAT's preparation. These important tests take place during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. School attendance is always important but even more so that week. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school all week and on time.

## GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation changes

As from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May GDPR comes into force replacing the Date Protection Act. This will not make a lot of difference to school because we have always been very careful with your information and will be compliant with the new regulations. We will be sending a letter home soon explaining the changes.

## PTFA

- We are having a Magic Show for Reception (Hedgehogs) and Year 1 children. The dates are 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Letters to come home shortly.
- The PTFA members are busy getting ready for the Summer Fayre, which will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. If anyone is able to help with the preparations beforehand, setting up on the day or manning a stall, please let the office know. Thank you.
- Don't forget the textile recycling bin in the playground takes all good quality clothes and shoes and cuddly toys. Your donations have helped us to raise over £200 since January 2018. Keep up the good work and thank you. After the success of last terms collections for DVD's, CD's and books we are going to continue collecting this term to see if we can add to the amount raised. The collection box is in the office Reception area.

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who completed our parent questionnaire before Easter. In all we had 143 respondents. The results of our questionnaire are now available to view on our website in the parent letters section, website link: [www.st-josephs.poole.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs.poole.sch.uk). The main headlines for the questionnaire were that 99% of parents agreed their child felt safe in school, 95% of parents felt their child was making good progress and 99% of parents thought that children at school had a wide range of learning opportunities. There were also a number of additional comments on the questionnaire. Which are listed on the school website.

## Dates for your Diaries for this term:

<b>Sunday 6th May -</b>	First Holy Communion's at St. Joseph's Church 10.30 a.m.
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May -</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May -</b>	First Holy Communion's at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11.00 a.m.
<b>W/B Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SAT's week
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Year 3 Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion's in school
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class photos and year 6 individual photographs

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1st June – School Closed – Half Term Holidays**

<b>Wednesday 6th June</b>	Hedgehogs x 15 Forest School visit
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	A Year 5 class to the Watersports Academy
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mass lead by Class 5LL
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Hedgehogs x 15 Forest School visit
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Tank Museum visit
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	A Year 5 Class to the Watersports Academy
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS1 Sports Day (Years 1, 2 and 3) A.M.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New to Reception 2018 Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Hedgehogs x 15 Forest School visit
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Hedgehogs Sports Day A.M.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	PTFA BBQ
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day A.M.
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Hedgehogs x 15 Forest School visit
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 visit to Beaulieu
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	A Year 4 Class visit to Cranbourne
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	A Year 4 Class visit to Cranbourne
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Liturgy lead by Hedgehogs
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Transition Day for all classes
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 trip to Swanage
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Production
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Production
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Open Afternoon</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 trip to London
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Leavers Prom – 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole School Leavers Mass 9.15 a.m. in the playground
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes for the summer holidays at 1.30 p.m.</b>

Dates above include all of the school trips the classes will be going on during the second half of the summer term. More information will be coming home nearer the time.

### **Asthma Inhalers**

Please can you ensure that any children needing an inhaler have them in school and that they are in date. We are not allowed to give inhalers if they are out of date. If you have had any returned from please school please replace them and return as soon as possible. Thank you

### **Community News**

Home Start have arranged a Toddlethon 2018 which is a fun event for pre-school age children. This is a sponsored event taking place once around the cycle track in Poole Park where toddlers can walk, scoot or be pushed and is followed by refreshments, children's entertainment and a train ride as a thank you for taking part. For more information please phone 01202 742105 or 01202 520965. This event is to raise funds for several charities via Poole Bay Rotary Club which include Dorset Mind, Home Start, Life Education Wessex and End Polio Now.

*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.*