



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'



Friday Update

30th September 2016

Little pleas for help!

- We have had several complaints from both parents and neighbours about the driving and parking in the roads adjacent to the school. This morning a very concerned neighbour phoned because one of our parents had verbally abused the carer who was trying to get to her husband using very bad language. It was a parent driving a black 4 x 4 with 3 children in the car. Please remember to treat our neighbours with respect and park with care as we have several seriously ill neighbours who have need to keep their parking space clear for emergencies. We know that the school was built before parents drove their children to school and provision was never made for so many cars but we would greatly appreciate your help with us trying to keep our children safe and our neighbours happy. Thank you. If there is any chance that you could park a little further away and walk the last little bit to school it may ease the congestion.
- **Time Keeping** Please remember that school starts at 8.50 a.m. I know we have had a few traffic problems this week but time keeping does seem to be a bit of a problem. Registers are taken straight away in class to enable lessons to begin. Anyone who misses the register is marked as late which goes onto the electronic register system and is picked up during the register audit every half term by the local authority! Please aim to get your child to school before the 8.50 bell not after it. Thank you

PGL for Year 6

Our Year 6 children attending PGL will be going soon from 10th – 14th October. Lets hope they once again have a lovely time and the weather is kind to them.

Hot School Meals and Breakfast and After Schools Club

The booking forms for Hot School Meals and Breakfast or After Schools Club for after half term are available now. Please remember that you must book Hot School Meals even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 or are entitled to Free School Meals. You can also book and pay for meals or clubs via our ParentPay system if you prefer.

PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who came to the AGM – they are really grateful to the new members who have stepped forward to help support our school community. The next meeting is on 5th October at 6.00 p.m. in Moles classroom. If you could not make the AGM but are interested in helping at the next quiz or Christmas Fayre we'd love to see you there.

A plea for help – the PTFA accounts for the last school year need auditing – are any of our parents or carers Accountants or have links with an Accountant who is able to do this for us? One of our parents very kindly took this on previously but has now moved away – we are hoping someone can put themselves forward to help. Please e-mail stjosephs_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 4th October** during school assemblies. We will be supporting the Poole Food Bank as in previous years and would be really grateful for donations of Milk (UHT or powdered); Cereals; Tinned Soup; Fruit Juice (carton); Pasta Sauces; Sugar (500g) Rice/Sponge Pudding (tinned); Tomatoes (tinned); Coffee; Tinned Fruit; Bottles of squash; Instant Mash Potato; Tinned Meat/Fish; Biscuits or snack bars. Thank you for your support In addition to the Harvest Festival Mrs. Perring is going to the refugee camps at Calais next week and is taking new **saucepans with lids**. If you would like to donate one please can you send it in on Tuesday to be part of the Harvest Festival assembly. Thank you again.

Community News

Catholic Children's Society are holding the Big Diocesan Quiz next Friday 7th October at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Wimborne Road, Poole from 7.30 p.m. If you would like to take a team of six or to join another group to create a team please ring 07734503363 or 07786003737 to book your place.

Admissions

If you have a child due to start Reception in September 2016 now is the time to be applying for a place. We have an information morning on Wednesday 19th October at 9.30 a.m. Please come along and have a chat and a coffee if you would like to learn more about the school. The closing date for admissions for Reception is 15th January 2017.

Secondary Transfers

Children due to transfer to secondary school next September have to apply by 31st October. The local secondary and grammar schools have open days for you to look around. Please check their websites.

First Holy Communion Programme 2016-17

If you have a catholic child in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year there is an information session on Saturday 15th October at 11.00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church or you can speak to Fr. Chris.

Torquay Celebrate Weekend

A team from the Plymouth Diocese have arranged a 'joyful and faith-filled' event for the whole family on 15th and 16th October at St. Cuthbert Mayne School Torquay. If you would like more information please contact www.celebrateconference.org, phone 01803 606256 or e-mail torquay@celebrateconference.org.

School Centred Initial Teacher Training

Have you ever considered teaching? There is a 'Get into Teaching' recruitment event on Tuesday 4th October from 5.00 – 7.00 p.m. at Poole High School, Wimborne Road if you would like to attend for more information please book by ringing 01202 662038 or e-mailing WSTP@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk

Dates for your Diaries up to Half Term:

- Thursday/Friday 6th and 7th October – Year 1 visit to Poole Park A.M.
- Friday 7th October – School Photographs – individual and siblings
- Friday 7th October The Great Big Diocesan Quiz St Mary's Catholic Church Hall - 7.30 p.m.
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th October – Year 6 PGL Residential Visit
- Monday 10th October – Year 2 football coaching by AFC Bournemouth coaches in school
- Wednesday 12th October – Year 2 Liturgy 9.15 a.m. in the hall
- Tuesday 18th October – Parents evening 3.30 – 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 19th October–New to Reception for **2017** Information meeting 9.30 a.m. school hall
- Thursday 20th October – Parents evening 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
- Friday 21st October – STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term – School Closed
- Monday 31st 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 or Mrs. Perring*