



School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 24th March 2017

Dorset Road
Christchurch BH23 3DA

Number 14

Dear Parents

Lenten Alms- Sponsored Spell for Bamenda

In order to respond to Bishop Philip's request our Lenten charity this year will be Bamenda and we will be holding a sponsored spell in each class. Spelling lists and sponsor forms were given out by class teachers last Monday with the sponsored spell happening Monday 3rd April. Ducklings will be having a sponsored name write. We have chosen a sponsored spell as improving our spelling is part of our school improvement plan for this year.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, in Bamenda the average fees for one child for the year is £20, they also need uniform and materials. Just imagine with our efforts how many children might be able to access an education who currently can't. To find out more go to:

<http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/education.php>

Mini-Vinnies

The 'Cross of Life' flowerbed in our playground has been looking beautiful. As you may remember the flowerbed itself was donated by our PTA with bulbs coming from our 'Year of Mercy' week - donated by the school and by parents - supposedly being just purple and white to signify penance and God's grace. Amazingly many daffodils have also flowered, having presumably been left in the earth by the workmen. As one of our mini-vinnies said: *'It's as though the warmth of God's love surrounds those showing mercy and through recognising God's grace.'*

Parents' Evening

Don't forget parents evening will be Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. You should have received your appointment time by now. We ask all parents to attend these meetings as we share with you your child's work and their progress to date. I will be asking the teachers to contact you separately if an appointment is not made, as not only is working in partnership essential, but your child will want you to see their work.

Second-hand uniform sale

The PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale in the ICT during both parents' evenings, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Donations towards the uniforms you take can be left in an *honesty box*.

Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle

Our Year 6 children are trying to raise money towards their leavers' hoodies by raffling a selection of Easter eggs with the drawer happening during our final assembly of the term. Tickets will be sold during parents' evening and then on the playground at the end of the day during the week of 3rd April. Tickets cost £1. Thank you.

Smoking

Once again we would like to remind you that the entire school site is a **No Smoking zone**. Please note that this rule also applies to E-Vapours, Vapes and E-Cigarettes as well.

PTA Summer Fayre

As you know we no longer have a PTA committee as such, although we do have a small band of dedicated volunteers. So this year we will be trialling something many other schools do - holding our summer fayre on a Friday evening, rather than all day Saturday, so scaling down the amount of organisation required. So this year the summer fayre will be on Friday 16th June, 5-7pm. The PTA will still be organising the main attractions, such as BBQ and bouncy castle, while our Year 6 will still be organising and managing their stalls - a real highlight of the event. The PTA still need lots of volunteers for the event - both in setting up stalls throughout the afternoon and for the event itself.

If you are able to help please email ehemmingfield90@gmail.com or see me. All are welcome at the next two PTA meetings as well; 2pm Monday 3rd April (toys available for toddlers); 7pm Wednesday 26th April. In the meantime please can you consider donating a raffle prize if you are able to, possibly you own a shop, or work for a company that is generous to local causes? Thank you in advance for your support.

St Peter's School 80th Anniversary

On Saturday 29th April St Peter's is celebrating 80 years of excellence with an Anniversary Reunion. They hope that this will be a marvellous opportunity to catch-up with old school friends and reunite! Enjoy a FREE cream tea in our fabulous new building and view our exhibition celebrating the life of St Peter's. Let your friends know. For more information go to www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/80th-anniversary-reunion

Good bye Lauren

Today we say goodbye to Lauren, who has been involved in our Bright Sparks after school club for some years now. While we wish her every success and happiness in her promotion to a new nursery, we will miss her cheery self and care for the children.

School Uniform

For those of you who ordered uniform items at the beginning of term from QDOS most orders are ready to be collected from the School Office. Mrs Medcraft at QDOS can be reached on 01202 434233 or 07971 309826.

Sports Update

Football

The Year 4 boys and girls football team went to Christchurch Junior School to play in a round-robin tournament in the final match against Highcliffe. We were losing 2-1 with 10 minutes to play but some outstanding goalkeeping by Sam and great team work along with 2 great goals by Shane meant that we won 3-2 and finished second overall in the competition. Well done to Anna, Willow, Hughie, Leo, Shane, Sam, Freddie, Oscar and Joshua.

Netball

On 15th March Year 6 pupils played in a Netball Competition at The Grange. There were a total of 7 schools competing in a round-robin contest and St Joseph's acquitted themselves well by finishing fourth. This was an outstanding result considering they had never played netball before.

Sporting celebration assembly

On 17th March we held a sporting celebration assembly which was attended by Dan Moody. He presented the Year 5 sports leaders with their Level 1 certificates for completing their sporting duties and motivating other pupils. He also presented Igor in Year 6 with the first prize for the medal design which will be used in all Christchurch competitions this year. Well done Igor.

Kidz Kitchen – at Highcliffe Revival Food Festival Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May 2017

For children aged 7-11yrs old. Learn to make and cook tagliatelle with Rachel Hills of Skylight Kitchen Cookery School and Sarah Steward – Head of food at Ringwood School. Tickets £8 each from Chris Watson Family Butchers in Highcliffe.

Dates for 2017

Tuesday 28 th March	Parents' evening
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Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th March	Second Hand Uniform Sale – ICT Suite
Monday 3 rd April	Sponsored spell for Bamenda - Lenten charity
Monday 3 rd April, 2pm	PTA Meeting – all welcome
Monday 10th – Friday 21st April (inclusive) Easter Holiday	
Wednesday 26 th April, 8.45am	School Nurse Drop-In Clinic – all welcome
Wednesday 26 th April, 7pm	PTA Meeting – all welcome
8 th -12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 15 th May, 6.30pm	Avon Tyrrell Information Evening
Monday 22 nd May	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd May	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th May	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June (inclusive) Half Term	
Friday 9 th June	PTA Mufti Day for donations to the Summer Fayre
Monday 12 th June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 16 th June 5-7pm	Summer Fayre
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 Avon Tyrrell residential trip
Monday 26 th June	Year 6 Skateboarding
Tuesday 27 th June 6pm	Year 5 Parents – St Peter's Meeting
Friday 30 th June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th July, 7pm	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Church
Monday 10 th July 9.30am	Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th July, 2pm and 7pm	Year 6 Play Performance 1 & 2
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 Inter-House Finals
Wednesday 19 th July, 2pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 21 st July	Final day of school
Monday 24th July- Friday 1st September (inclusive) Summer Holiday	

Save a life, give blood

Giving blood saves lives. If you would like to donate, the next session is on Thursday 30th March Priory Hall, Princess Avenue, Christchurch, 12.30-3.30pm and 4.20-7pm.

PTA Events

Our next afternoon meeting is Monday 3rd April, 2pm, toddlers welcome. Our next evening meeting is Wednesday 26th April, 7pm.

Sainsburys Active Kids

We will once again be collecting the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. Over the years they have proved invaluable in providing the school with extra free resources so please make sure you and your family members keep hold of these when you are doing your shopping!

Final Inset Days

Please note the following days are school closures due to teacher training; Monday 22nd May, Monday 12th June and Friday 30th June.

Dates for Friday class assemblies

Families are invited to the following Friday assemblies.

Friday 24 th March, 2.30pm	Year 1
Friday 31 st March, 2.30pm	Ducklings

St Joseph's First Holy Communion dates

Sacrament of Reconciliation -

Saturday 25th March 4pm

Parents' Session Wednesday 29th March 7.30pm

Session 7a Monday 24th April 3.45pm

The next parent and toddler Mass at St. Joseph's Church is Tuesday 4th April at 9.30am.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton