



School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dorset Road

Christchurch BH23 3DA

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Dear Parents

Commemorating Holy Week in school

Throughout this week we have been commemorating the events leading to Christ's death in school this week - from Palm Sunday, the washing of feet, through to the Last Supper and the Stations of the Cross. This year it was particularly nice being able to do stations around our Cross of Life. Meanwhile last week our older children had the opportunity to go to confession with Father Tom. Thank you Father for all your support.

Holy Week & Easter at St Joseph's Church

Attached to this newsletter are details of the Holy Week Services at St Joseph's Church.

Easter Fayre Posters

Our Year 6 pupils have designed some wonderful posters for our Summer Fayre. You should now have received them in book bags. Please can they be coloured in and displayed in homes and cars to help advertise our exciting summer event on Friday 9th June, 4.30-7pm.

Easter Resurrection Garden Festival

Attached to this newsletter is an invite to design and make a miniature Easter Garden to be brought in after Easter. This is something we have done for the past couple of years - so I suppose it is now a St Joseph's custom! Last year we had thirty entries - let's see if we can double this. They will be kept in the Prayer Garden for viewing and to aid our Easter worship. If making a small garden is not your thing then we also have invited religious Easter cards and poems to be sent in as part of this festival.

Lenten Alms - Sponsored Spell for Bamenda

Well done to all those children who made such an effort learning their spelling or practising writing their name in order to raise money for our sister diocese of Bamenda. After Easter, once the money has been handed in, I will let you know the grand total raised! Thank you parents, grandparents and family friends for supporting

this event. Thank you if you've already returned your sponsor money. If you still have sponsor money to return, please could you hand this into the School Office in the first week after the Easter break.

Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Easter egg raffle - which helps towards buying each of the children a leaver's hoodie. The raffle raised £189.

Parents' Evening

It was good to see many of you during our two parents' evenings. If you were unable to make an appointment for these, please can you arrange to see your child's teacher as the home-school link is so important and something that can really make a difference.

House Points

Congratulations to St Mark's house who won this half-term's house point competition. They enjoyed an extra break this week as a thank you for being wonderful.

1 st	St Mark's	2844
2 nd	St Luke's	2816
3 rd	St John's	2754
4 th	St Matthew's	2266

Children's Easter Craft Workshop

Following the children's *Stations of the Cross* service at 11.30am on Friday 14th April at St Joseph's Church, children will have the opportunity to enjoy an Easter Craft Workshop in the Parish Centre. A variety of art and craft activities will be on offer as well as refreshments and hot cross buns. The activity is aimed at children from Reception to Year 6.

This is a ticketed event on a first-come-first-served basis. Tickets are £2 per child. If you would like to reserve a ticket please fill in the reply slip sent to you via Parentmail or contact Jen Leonard via email at jennifer.leonard@ntlworld.com.

The organisers would gladly welcome volunteers to organise and run a craft table or help with the

refreshments. Please return all reply slips to the School Office with payment.

Buxton Best Break

Each class teacher has chosen two children, who show good behaviour and do as they are asked, to have an additional break with me over at Waterman's Park. Well done to the following children for being shining examples of how to behave:

Ducklings	Henry	Ines
Year 1	Ryan	Hannah
Year 2	William	Hollie
Year 3	Ellie	Thomas
Year 4	Lloyd	Katherine
Year 5	Erin	Charlie S.
Year 6	Gian	Georgia

Attendance Update

The attendance figures for the school year so far from September up to last week are as follows:-

Ducklings	95.1%
Year 1	95.1%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	96.2%

Well done Year 3 for best attendance this year so far. Well done to the following children for 100% attendance to date:

Ducklings – Xander, Jamie
Year 1 – Fletcher, Tyler
Year 2 – Finley, Reece, Charley
Year 3 – Chester, Harrison
Year 4 – Felix, Oscar, Ella
Year 5 – Giles, Jayden, Grace
Year 6 – Emily, Robyn

PTA Summer Fayre – new date

The date for our Summer Fayre has changed – it will now be held on Friday 9th June, 4.30-7pm. 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 PTA as well; 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

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.

School Mass to celebrate Easter

Everyone is invited to our Mass on our return after the holidays, Monday 24th April, 2pm.

Sports Update

Year 2 Football Festival

Six Year 2 children went to Highcliffe School for a Football Festival. The sports leaders from Highcliffe set up a range of activities to practise their skills and then they took part in a mini competition. The children represented the school well and particularly Joshua in goal.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Twelve children took part in the Tag Rugby tournament at Chapel Gate. This tournament concentrated on the disciplines of tag rugby including determination, self-respect and teamwork. Over 24 teams took part in the competition and St Joseph's were undefeated and showed all the qualities of the above disciplines.

Girls' Football Tournament

The Girls' Football Tournament was held at Mundeford Junior School where there were 6 teams competing. St Joseph's played 5 matches and were undefeated. We are very pleased to announce that we were champions of this tournament. Well done to Mariella, Anna, Emma, Rosie, Amy, Alice, Hannah, Fiona and Ella. A big thank you to Frank and Stuart from Mundeford Phoenix for managing the team, and Mr Rickard for refereeing.

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

Monday 10th – Friday 21st April (inclusive) Easter Holiday	
Monday 24 th April, 2pm	Whole School Mass – all welcome
Wednesday 26 th April, 8.45am	School Nurse Drop-In Clinic – all welcome
Wednesday 26 th April, 7pm	PTA Meeting – all welcome
Tuesday 2 nd May, 1.45pm	PTA Meeting – all welcome
8 th -12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Sunday 14 th May	1 st Holy Communion
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
Friday 26 th May	PTA Mufti Day for donations to the Summer Fayre
Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June (inclusive) Half Term	
Monday 5 th June, 7pm	New Parents Liturgy
Friday 9 th June, 4.30-7pm	Summer Fayre
Monday 12 th June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
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
Wednesday 28 th June	Stay and Play
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	
Monday 4 th , Tuesday 5 th , Wednesday 6 th September	Home visits for new Ducklings children
Thursday 7 th & Friday 8 th September	Home visits for Ducklings (youngest AM, oldest PM)
Monday 11 th September	All Ducklings full time

School Sports Team Photos

Please return your sports team photos to your class teacher or school office by Thursday 27th April.

PTA Events

Our next afternoon meeting is Tuesday 2nd May, 1.45pm, toddlers welcome. Our next evening meeting is Wednesday 26th April, 7pm.

Admissions to St Peter's School – Year 5

There will be an information session on Tuesday 27th June, 6pm for all Year 5 parents who are interested in their child applying to St Peter's school for Year 7 (September 2018 entry).

Sainsburys Active Kids

Thank you for all the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers that you have kindly been handing into the school office. Over the years they have proved invaluable in providing the school with extra free resources. We are still collecting so please make sure you and your family members keep hold of these when you are doing your shopping! Thank you for your support.

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 in the summer term.

Friday 12 th May, 2.30pm	Year 4
Friday 19 th May, 2.30pm	Year 5
Friday 9 th June, 2.30pm	Year 2
Friday 23 rd June, 2.30pm	Year 3
Friday 7 th July, 2.30pm	Year 1
Friday 14 th July, 2.30pm	Ducklings

St Joseph's First Holy Communion dates

Session 7a Monday 24th April 3.45pm
 Session 7b Monday 8th May 3.45pm
 Rehearsal Saturday 13th May 1pm
 First Holy Communion Sunday 14th May
 Session 8 Monday 15th May 3.45pm

The next parent and toddler Mass at St. Joseph's Church is Tuesday 9th May at 9.30am.

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back Monday 24th April.

Louise Buxton