



School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dorset Road

Christchurch BH23 3DA

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Number 16

Dear Parents

Mass to celebrate Easter

Thank you to Father Tom for celebrating Mass with us on Monday and to our Mini-Vinnies who prepared for and read at the Mass.

Easter Resurrection Garden Festival

We have had a lovely selection of Easter Resurrection Gardens which your children have brought in and seemed to have loved making. Thank you for all your efforts. Please take time to look on the website gallery and browse the photographs of them. You are welcome to come along and have a look at them in our Prayer Garden after school.

The Season of Easter

At present the children are learning all about Easter in their RE - the scripture associated with this season and what it means to us as Christians today. Our youngest children will be learning about Jesus' resurrection and how the disciples felt when they saw the empty tomb, then realised that Jesus had risen. Lower KS2 will start to make links between the resurrection, Jesus' ascension into Heaven and the Christian belief in eternal life. Meanwhile, the oldest children will show a good understanding of eternal life by answering questions such as, *Does everyone have eternal life?* Class and school worship will be based on the joy of Easter. Please visit our website page for more thoughts on Easter.

'He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him.' Matthew 28:7

Lenten Alms - Sponsored Spell for Bamenda

Thank you to everyone for their efforts to raise money for Bamenda. Thank you to the children for learning their spellings, to their friends and family who sponsored them and to those who have returned the money. We will let you know the grand total in the next newsletter- however it is already obvious you have all been very generous. Thank you.

Buildings Fund

Requests for summer term contributions will be coming out shortly. Thank you to all the families who contribute to this fund; recognising that as a Catholic school the diocese has to fund a proportion of building work - unlike a community school would need to.

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 contact your class representatives, listed below. All are welcome at the next PTA as well; 1.45pm Tuesday 2nd May and 7pm Wednesday 17th May. 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.

Class Representatives:

Ducklings: Tish Dauncey; **Year 1:** Katya Benedetto; **Year 2:** Kate Aimson; **Year 3:** Dee Kenny; **Year 4:** Emma Piper; **Year 5:** Jen Leonard; **Year 6:** Janet Abraham.

There will be a **Mufti Day on Friday 26th May** in return for Summer Fayre donations. Our suggestions for donations are:

Ducklings: Homemade or boxed cakes to come in on the morning of 9th June;

Year 1: Children's Tombola Unisex Pocket Money Toys (approx. value £1-2);

Years 2 & 3: Bagged or wrapped sweets (no chocolate please);

Years 4, 5 & 6: Bottles for the Tombola.

All year groups: Nearly new books and toys suitable for all ages 4-11. If bringing games and puzzles please ensure that there are no missing pieces. Please bring in on the mornings of the week commencing 5th June. Thank you.

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.

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

House Captains

The following Year 6 children are our new house captains; Alice (St John's), Naomi (St Luke's), James (St Mark's) and Archie (St Matthew's). These children were chosen for displaying good leadership qualities.

Summer curriculum letters

Next week you will receive the termly letter from your child's class teacher informing you of the curriculum they will be studying throughout the summer term. These will also be available on our website.

School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, Qdos can be contacted on 01202 434233 or 07971 309826 or emailed at enquiries@qdosclothing.co.uk.

Summer uniform

Children are now expected to wear summer uniform:

Boys:

Mid-blue (sky blue) short-sleeved cellular cotton polo shirt, grey shorts.

Girls:

Light blue striped dress (obtainable from our uniform supplier Qdos, Barretts, Marks & Spencer and other stores).

We ask that shoes are black, brown or blue and of a sensible style for school, preferably not open-toed or sling-backed, for safety reasons. Thank you for ensuring that hairbands are plain, dark and suitable for school.

Sainsburys Active Kids

Thank you for your donations so far! The box is filling nicely.

Sports Day

Sports Day is Tuesday 23rd May with KS1 (Ducklings, Years 1 and 2) events starting at 9.20am and KS2 (Years 3-6) events starting at 1.30pm. Should we need to cancel due to the weather the reserve day will be Thursday 25th May. Please can you ensure that your child has a T-shirt in the colour of their house team:-

St Mark's – yellow

St Luke's – blue

St John's – green

St Matthew's – red

Dates for 2017

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
Wednesday 17 th May, 7pm	PTA Meeting – All welcome
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
Friday 29 th September	Inset Day – school closed to pupils

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.

Inset Day- academic year 2017-18

Friday 29th September is the first of our Inset Day's for 2017-18.

Social Networking Sites

As we enter the season of fayres, sports days and school leavers' events, can I remind everyone that while the school allows you to photograph your own children, permission must be obtained from the parents of anyone else who happens to be in the photo before they are placed on any social networking sites.

PTA Events

Our next afternoon meeting is Tuesday 2nd May, 1.45pm, toddlers welcome. Our next evening meeting is Wednesday 17th May, 7pm.

Dates for Year 6

Avon Tyrell Residential- Meeting for Parents

This will take place on Monday 15th May at 6.30pm in the Year 6 classroom

Year 6 SATs

These will be held week commencing 8th May. A timetable for this week was given out at the SATs information evening. Please ask the teachers for another if required.

Year 6 Trip to Avon Tyrell

Leaving Monday 19th June and returning Friday morning, 23rd June.

Secondary School Transfer Day

This will be held on Wednesday 5th July for our Year 6 children who are going to St Peter's, Highcliffe, the grammar schools or Twynham School.

Leavers' Mass

Year 6 parents and family are invited to the Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Church, 7pm Tuesday 4th July with refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

Leavers' Play

Year 6 will be performing their play Tuesday 11th July 2pm and 7pm to which Year 6 parents, family and friends are invited too.

Leavers' Assembly

Year 6 parents are invited to the Leavers' assembly 2pm, Wednesday 19th July.

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).

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 16 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

Change of date for Year 2 class assembly

Please note the change of date for Year 2 class assembly - which is now Friday 16th June, 2.30pm. This change was required due to the change in the PTA summer fayre.

St Joseph's First Holy Communion dates

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
Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday 21st May 9.00pm

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

Reminder Year 5 Bikeability

Just a quick reminder that Year 5 children are completing their Bikeability scheme as soon as we return after the bank holiday next Tuesday 2nd May and thereafter at dates already given to parents. If you wish for the bikes to be stored overnight we ask that you tell your child to wheel their bike around to the bike rack through the staff carpark, securing them with a lock. This ensures the bikes don't attract unwanted attention from people using the park!

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend

Louise Buxton