



# School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dorset Road  
Christchurch BH23 3DA

Number 16

Dear Parents

Thank you to Father John for celebrating Mass with us on today and everyone who is able to join us.

## Easter Resurrection Garden Festival

Thank you to the few children who were able to make an Easter Garden. We will be able to celebrate them at Mass today.

## 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

## Action needed: New GDPR rules

As many of you will be aware, we have new data protection legislation starting in May. As part of this, schools are reviewing the way in which they collect, store and handle personal data. As part of this we have reviewed our photographic images consent form and have sent it out today. Please can you tick the boxes that show your preferences with regards to photos/videos and just as importantly complete the section with your name, signature and date and return to the school office as soon as possible. Please remember even if you grant permission for photos now it is your legal right to change your mind at any point and this can be done as simply as popping into the office.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:enquiries@qdosclothing.co.uk). Qdos now have a supply of summer dresses, with the majority of sizes priced at £11.00 and larger sizes aged 10-11 costing £12 each. We also have a few second hand summer dresses held by the PTA. Please come to the school office if you would like to look at them and make a donation.

## 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, 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.

## Sponsored Bounce

Well done to all our bouncy children who took part in the PTA fundraising. Please send money collected with your sponsor form to the office in an envelope with marked PTA sponsored bounce. Many thanks.

## Sports Day

Sports Day is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. 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

## 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 holding our summer fayre on a Friday evening to scale down the amount of organisation required, so this year the summer fayre will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 4-7pm. 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 the school office. 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:** Marie Delgado & Deborah Knights  
**Year 1:** Paula Harrison & Tish Dauncey; **Year 2:** Katya Benedetto; **Year 3:** Kate Aimson & Eve Holmes; **Year 4:** Dee Kenny; **Year 5:** Emma Piper & Lorraine Walters; **Year 6:** Jen Leonard & Dee Kenny;

There will be a **Mufti Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** in return for Summer Fayre donations. Our suggestions for donations are:

**Ducklings:** Homemade or boxed cakes to come in on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

## PTA Events

Our next meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May when we are planning future events including the Summer Fayre which is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018, so please put this date in your diary.

## Dates for 2018

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 6pm	St Peter's admissions evening for Year 5 parents, our school hall.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion at St Joseph's
Week beginning Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs (tests)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 7pm	PTA Meeting, all welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Leeson House residential visit
Week beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 Avon Tyrell residential visit
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June Half Term Holiday</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Mufti Day – non-uniform
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm New Parents' Liturgy
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day - school closed to children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 class Mass
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June, 4-7pm	Summer Fayre
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS1 9.20am KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day – as above
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June, pm	'Alice in Wonderland' performed by M&M Productions
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June am/pm	'Stay and Play' - Ducklings
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Book Fair
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary transfer day - Year 6
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm and 7pm	Leavers' Play
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July, 7pm	Leavers' Mass at Church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm	Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of school for pupils
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day - school closed to children
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August (inclusive) Summer Holiday</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day - school closed to children

## 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.

## School Closure - Inset Days

Please note Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June is a training day and so the school is closed to children.

Please note the final inset will be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. This means that the final day of the school year will be Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018. I am letting you know this early so you can book your holidays accordingly.

The children will be returning to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It won't be an inset day so please book holidays accordingly.

## Inset Day- academic year 2018-19

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September is the first of our Inset Days for 2018-19.

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for academic year 2018-19. These can also be found on the front page of our website under Term Tables.

## Admissions to St Peter's School – Year 5

There will be an information session on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm for all Year 5 parents who are interested in their child applying to St Peter's school for Year 7 (September 2019 entry).

## Dates for Year 6

### Year 6 SATs

These will be held week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> May and returning Friday morning, 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### Secondary School Transfer Day

This will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> July with refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

## Leavers' Play

Year 6 will be performing their play Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Dates for Friday class assemblies-summer

Families are invited to the following Friday assemblies in the summer term.

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm	Year 4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm	Year 3
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm	Year 5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm	Year 2
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Ducklings
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Year 1

## Sports Update

### Tag Rugby Festival

Twelve children from Years 5 and 6 went to the Tag Rugby Festival organised by Christchurch Junior School. We played against The Priory and CJS and the standard of rugby was extremely high from all teams. Each school won one game and we beat Christchurch Juniors 9-8. Well done to the children that played.

## Bikeability level 2- Year 5

Well done to all our Year 5 who achieved their Bikeability level 2. We hope they are now more confident and safe road users - and always remember to wear their helmet!

## First Holy Communion

Dates are as follows:

Session 7a- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9-11am

Session 7b- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9-11am

Rehearsal Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 6pm

First Holy Communion Saturday 12th May

## Weekend Mass Times

Mass at the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's Church, Purewell are; *Saturday vigil - 6.30pm, Sunday 9am*

Mass at Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe, is: *Sunday 11am Website: [www.avonstourpastoralarea.org](http://www.avonstourpastoralarea.org)*

Best wishes

**Louise Buxton**