



# School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dorset Road  
Christchurch BH23 3DA

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Dear Parents

## First Holy Communion

Last weekend 14 of our children made their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church. It was a real privilege attending the Mass and seeing our children receive the Eucharist for the first time. I hope many "forever" memories were made that day and that each child is able to receive this sacrament regularly throughout life.

It was also lovely that other Year 3 families were able to come and join in on this celebration.

## Mass celebrating First Holy Communion

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm we will be celebrating the fact that those Year 3 children have made their First Holy Communion by holding a Mass.

Our Year 3 parents are invited to attend and the Year 3 children are allowed to bring their special Holy Communion outfits to change into for the Mass. Those Year 3 children who did not make their First Holy Communion are also allowed to bring a special dress or shirt to change into if they would like to help with the celebrations. This is a chance for us to celebrate this key moment of the faith journey.

## The Royal Wedding

Thank you for all the effort you have made for our special Royal Wedding celebrations today. The children are looking wonderful in their red, white and blue and we are truly blown away by the efforts made with the hats fit for a royal wedding!!!

We enjoyed welcoming you at lunchtime from 12 noon to 1pm; it's good to feel part of the St Joseph's family – something that I really value. I would like to thank the PTA for donating all the materials for the commemorative mug that the children will be bringing home. It is probably better that these are hand washed rather than going into the dishwasher as the colours may fade. Please consider coming along to support our PTA – especially next year if you still want a PTA to be there for the school.

## Year 5 Residential to Leeson House

Miss Thomas has phoned me to say our Year 5 children had a fantastic three days at Leeson House. Luckily the weather was on their side as they spent three days outside walking and seeing the beautiful Jurassic Coast, playing games, team building, pond dipping and orienteering. The children were a credit to the school - behaving well and also sleeping well (much to the relief of the adults!) Thank you to Miss Thomas who organised this trip and to those who gave up their time to ensure our children had a wonderful experience.

## Well done Year 6

I just want to congratulate our Year 6 for all their hard work and conscientious attitude as they approached and completed their end of key stage SATs. We are so proud of how they rose to the challenge. Each and every one of them should be proud in knowing they did their best. I hope they really enjoy their time at Avon Tyrrell on the residential trip next week. Work hard, play hard!

## Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 Cake Sale last Friday. We raised £78 which will go towards the Leavers' hoodies.

## Year 4 trip to Cranborne Technology Centre

Year 4 children had the chance to have a taste of Roman life on their recent trip to The Ancient Technology Centre at Cranborne. They enjoyed blacksmithing when they made their own Roman knife, cob brick making and willow weaving. This was linked to our current history topic, The Romans. We enjoyed lunch around a Roman camp fire which the children learnt to light themselves and we all had a go at the Roman water wheel which resulted in many staff members getting wet! Thank you to the staff who organised this and to the parent volunteers.

## Bikeability

Year 5 have been completing their *Bikeability* Award at school. The children now have a good understanding on how to stay safe on the roads - especially remember to wear a helmet!

## Cycling to school

While thinking of cycling and with the improvement in weather, it is good to see so many children using the school cycle racks in the playground. May we remind you that any bicycles or scooters left on school property remain your responsibility and that they must be padlocked should the need arise to leave them overnight. The gate onto the playground is open from early in the morning and access to the cycle racks is unsupervised.

## 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).

## 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	Eden	Daniel
Year 1	Alex	Indi
Year 2	James	Hannah
Year 3	Shay	Sian
Year 4	Oliver	Lucas
Year 5	Katherine	Leo
Year 6	Sky	Charlie S

## Action needed: New GDPR rules

Currently we are working alongside the other Christchurch primary schools to ensure we are compliant with the new general data protection regulations. Once we have finalised the policies and procedures we will be informing you of a new privacy notice and anything further that we need to share with you. Thank you to everyone for returning your photo permission forms. If you haven't already returned it please bring your completed form to the school office.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 Summer Fayre

As you know we no longer have a PTA committee as such, although we do have a small band of dedicated volunteers. This year's summer fayre will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 4-7pm, rather than all day Saturday, so scaling down the amount of organisation required. 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.

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, good quality 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 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

## Class Representatives:

**Ducklings:** Marie Delgado & Deborah Knights  
**Year 1:** Paula Harrison; **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.

### PTA Events

Our next meeting is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June when we are planning future events. The Summer Fayre is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### School payments – download the App

We hope you are finding our new online payment service +Pay a convenient way to pay for school items. Don't forget to download the free ParentMail App to make online payments easier. To do this simply search for 'ParentMail' in your App store. If you need any additional information or assistance please contact Mrs Holmes in the school office.

### Sports Update

#### Tri-Golf

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May we took 10 pupils from Year 4 for the Tri-Golf tournament at The Grange. We competed against seven other schools with a total of 16 teams, and we are pleased to announce that we won and have qualified for the Summer Games Finals at Bryanston on 20<sup>th</sup> June. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row that we have been successful at this event. Well done to all the children involved.

#### Tennis

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May we took two teams of 4 children from Years 3 and 4 for the Tennis Competition held at The Christchurch Tennis Facility. The two teams competed against 12 other teams and we are pleased to say that they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Well done to the children involved.

### 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.

Term dates for this year, and the following two academic years are available on our website.

### Dates for 2018

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
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 7pm	PTA Meeting, all welcome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2.15pm	Mass for First Holy Communion children. Year 3 parents invited.
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

## Dates for Year 6

### Year 6 Trip to Avon Tyrell

Leaving Monday 21st 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 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

## **First Holy Communion**

Dates are as follows:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 9am – Mass of Thanksgiving

## **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)*

## **Head Lice – guidance for parents**

You will be receiving a letter updating you with the most recent advice from the school nursing service with regards to head lice. They recommend that alert letters are not sent to the whole class as they are not deemed effective and if teachers suspect that a child has head lice parents are to be approached directly. To be honest, this is not something a teacher would relish doing although we do recognise that any family can get head lice. We hope that the letters will prevent teachers having to have these conversations and support you in the control of head lice – which we know can happen to all of us.

Best wishes for our First Holy Communion children and their celebration this weekend.

**Louise Buxton**