



School Newsletter

Friday 9th June 2017

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Dorset Road
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Number 19

Dear Parents

PTA Summer Fayre

Don't forget to come to our summer fayre this afternoon; 4.30- 7pm. We have bouncy castles, stalls selling a range of goods and having a variety of games, a karate demonstration and, of course, a BBQ. All money raised will be going towards replacing the pagoda (shelter) at the end of our sports field. Even though it's downsized this year, as we don't have a PTA committee, please come and support us - and if you do have any good ideas or would have done it differently yourself come and see me about joining.

New Parents' Welcome Liturgy

On Monday we welcomed the parents of our new children who join our school family this September. It was a lovely liturgy, where each of the children's names was read out and a candle lit. There was also a chance for parents to meet key members of the school community. We look forward to getting to know our new families better.

Mass celebrating First Holy Communion

On Monday 19th June at 2.00pm we will be celebrating a Mass at school for all those Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion. 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. This is a chance for us to celebrate this key moment of the faith journey.

St Joseph's Church - First Holy Communion 2018

We would like to invite all parents whose children will be doing their First Holy Communion next year to attend a meeting in St. Joseph's Church hall on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7.30pm.

Mr Curran speaking at Mass this Sunday

Mr Curran will be speaking at both Sunday Masses this weekend as part of the parish

Mission Month. He will be talking about the links between schools and parishes. I would like to thank Father Tom for all he does to support our school, and Mr Curran for speaking as I will be away.

R.E. - Pentecost

Miss Thomas, our RE subject leader writes: Currently our children are learning in R.E. about the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples after Jesus had ascended into Heaven, and the mission Jesus gave to his disciples. Our youngest will learn that the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and Jesus' promise to his disciples. They will also learn that we celebrate the birthday of the church at Pentecost.

Meanwhile, those who are slightly older learn about the Holy Spirit during Mass, as well as thinking about how the Good News shaped the lives of different saints and our lives today. Finally, our older children learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they impact on our lives today. Also, they will be thinking about the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages.' Acts 2: 4

House Points

Congratulations to St. Matthew's house who won last half term's house point competition with a whopping 3,942 points!

1st - St. Matthew's – 3,942

2nd - St. Mark's – 3,540

3rd - St. Luke's – 3,504

4th - St. John's – 3,100

Treasure Island Production

Thank you to everyone who has kindly made the voluntary donation towards this live staging of *Treasure Island* which is being performed on Wednesday 21st June. It is not too late to send in your donation as without donations we would not be able to afford such opportunities for the children.

School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, Qdos can be contacted on 01202 434233 or 07971 309826 or emailed at enquiries@qdosclothing.co.uk. We also sell ties from the School Office - £2.50 for an elasticated tie and £3 for a junior size tie.

PTA 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.

Final Inset Days

Please note the following days are school closures due to teacher training; 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.

Dates for 2017

Monday 12 th June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 19 th June, 2pm	Mass to celebrate Year 3 children's First Holy Communion. All invited.
Wednesday 21 st June, pm	Treasure Island performed by M&M Productions
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
Thursday 13 th July, 1.45pm	Samba concert for Year 4 parents
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

School Games

Tennis

We took two teams of Year 4 children to the tennis competition held at Christchurch Tennis Facility on the afternoon of 7th June. There were 10 teams competing from 6 schools and one St Joseph's team finished in 4th position and the second team was just beaten in the final and finished runners-up. However, this team has qualified for the School Games Finals at Bryanston School which will be held on 28th June. Congratulations to Shane, Freddie, Willow and Isla.

School Games Finals

Speaking of Bryanston, we have also been invited to send two teams of 7 children for the Handball Competition. These will be selected from Year 6.

Also, we have been invited to the Change 4 Life Festival at the same venue and we are taking 12 Year 5 pupils along to this event.

Dates for Year 6

Year 6 Trip to Avon Tyrrell

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 Grange School, The Arnewood School, 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.

Samba Concert for Year 4 parents

At present our Year 4 children are learning to play Samba drums - so I am often finding myself dancing down the corridor to the rhythms of South America (and occasionally closing all the doors between them and my office!).

All Year 4 parents are invited to attend their concert on Thursday 13th July, 1.45pm. It is always a great event!

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 23 rd June, 2.30pm	Year 3
Friday 7 th July, 2.30pm	Year 1
Friday 14 th July, 2.30pm	Ducklings

Weekend Mass Times

Mass at the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's church, Purewell are; Saturday vigil - 6.30pm, Sunday 9am and 10.45am.

Website: www.avonstourpastoralarea.org or email tomgrufferty1@gmail.com

St Joseph's Church

The next parent and toddler Mass at St. Joseph's Church is Tuesday 11th July at 9.30am.

Please remember Monday 12th June is an inset day and so the school is closed to children.

Louise Buxton