



School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 8th June 2018

Dorset Road
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Dear Parents

PTA Summer Fayre

Don't forget to come to our summer fayre this afternoon; 4-7pm. We have bouncy castles, stalls selling a range of goods and having a variety of games, a karate and a rugby demonstration, Year 5's choir and, of course, a BBQ. All money raised will be going towards furniture for our prayer garden and additional art and craft materials for all classes. The PTA will also be funding Mr G, an interactive science show for our next curriculum enrichment week.

It is our second year of downsizing this event, as we don't have many on the PTA committee. Please come and support us - and if you do have any good ideas come and see me about joining.

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

Year 5 and 6 Class Mass

Thank you Father John for celebrating Mass with our oldest children, and for all who were able to attend. Having Mass for just a couple of classes allows us the intimacy of a small group which is lovely.

New Parents' Welcome Liturgy

On Tuesday 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 over the next seven years.

Inset day this week

At this week's inset day staff received GDPR training (data protection), safeguarding reminders and our TAs worked on teaching reading skills and the teachers worked on the geography and history curriculum - ensuring coverage and refining assessment. Our final inset day will be Wednesday 25th July.

Avon Tyrell- Year 6

The week before half term Year 6 enjoyed five days away at Avon Tyrell residential centre. They attempted kayaking, shelter building, bush-craft, abseiling, mountain biking and, of course, attended the disco! The pupils were a credit to St Joseph's, facing new challenges and working as a team. The weather was kind to them (on the whole- give or take a few thunderstorms!) and the children were happy but exhausted by the end (as were the staff!). Thanks to Mrs Loader for all her hard work in organising the trip and to our staff for giving up parts of their week to help out.

Mass celebrating First Holy Communion

On Friday 22nd 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.

Holidays during term time

Recently there has been an increase in holidays being requested during school term time, and even when they are unauthorised they are being taken. One of our classes had an eighth of their children away this week due to unauthorised holiday absence - which made teaching anything new difficult. The class teacher had to readjust her planning due to this. I am aware that an increasing number of local schools are now fining for unauthorised holidays. This is not something I really want us to move towards but it may be something we consider if the trend towards increased unauthorised absence continues. We have 13 weeks of holidays a year in which to go away - and I am only allowed to authorise absence of a day or two under exceptional circumstance eg. a funeral or wedding.

Parents' Evening for Year 1 parents

As promised, two parents' evenings have been arranged for our Year 1 parents who weren't offered a parents' evening in the Spring term. These will be on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th July, 3.30pm-7pm with Mrs Hills and Mrs Corallo. We will be sending out return slips nearer the time for appointments.

Review Morning

All parents are invited into school on Friday 13th July, 9am-11.30am to review their child's work. Parents will go into class to collect their child and their work tray and are invited to sit anywhere in the school, perhaps even on the field if nice, so your child can share their learning. Books do go home at the end of that day. School reports can be collected from the class teacher during the review morning or from the class teacher at the end of the school day. We have made a change in our procedure due to GDPR.

House Points

Congratulations to St. Mark's house who won last half term's house point competition with a whopping 3,692 points!

- 1st - St. Mark's – 3,692
- 2nd - St. Luke's – 3,623
- 3rd - St. Matthew's – 3,530
- 4th - St. John's – 3,367

Theatre in Education project

Freddie, one of our pupils, is travelling with his family to the Indian Himalayas this summer, to deliver a unique Theatre In Education project. They will travel by yak, pony and jeep, working with local teachers and children, in villages, schools and monasteries.

A family friendly performance of their show 'Jambhala' is being held at St. Joseph's church

hall on Saturday 16th June at 3pm. This is a lively, interactive show, with live music, about a young boy's journey to seek his fortune. Tickets (by donation) £5 adult, £3.50 child or £15 for family of 4. Box Office 07855 117530. All money raised will go towards supporting the project.

School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, Qdos can be contacted on 01202 434233 or 07971 309826 or emailed at 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.

Action needed: New GDPR

If you haven't yet received, you will be receiving in the next couple of days our new Privacy Notice to ensure that the school is in line with the new General Data Protection Regulations. This will also be available on the website. Should you have any questions with regards to personal information, please see Miss Buxton.

Sports Day

Sports Day is Thursday 14th 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 19th June. Please can you ensure that your child has a T-shirt in the colour of their house team:-

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| 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.

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 20th June, 7pm when we are planning future events such as our Book Fair in July and events for the autumn term. Please consider popping along!

Sports Update

We are delighted to announce that for the second year running St Joseph's has achieved the **Gold School Games Mark Award** for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017/18! Thank you to all the pupils and parents who have supported the sporting activities throughout the year. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their achievements, and thank you to Mr Rickard for his dedication and efforts delivering sporting events for our children.

Dates for 2018

Friday 8 th June, 4-7pm	Summer Fayre
Thursday 14 th June	Sports Day KS1 9.20am KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 19 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th June	Year 3 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 20 th June, 7pm	PTA Meeting, all welcome
Friday 22 nd June, 2.15pm	Mass for First Holy Communion children. Year 3 parents invited.
Wednesday 27 th June, pm	'Alice in Wonderland' performed by M&M Productions
Thursday 28 th June am/pm	'Stay and Play'- Ducklings
Monday 2 nd July - Friday 6 th July	Book Fair
Wednesday 4 th July	Secondary transfer day- Year 6
Tuesday 10 th July and Tuesday 12 th July, 3.30-7pm	Year 1 Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th July, 2pm and 7pm	Leavers' Play
Friday 13 th July	Review Morning – all parents invited to come in and review their child's learning
Tuesday 17 th July, 7pm	Leavers' Mass at Church
Friday 20 th July, 2pm	Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of school for pupils
Wednesday 25 th July	Inset Day - school closed to children
Wednesday 25th July – Friday 31st August (inclusive) Summer Holiday	
Monday 3 rd September	Children return to school
Friday 7 th September, 2pm	Mass celebrating the new school year. All welcome
Friday 21 st September	Inset Day - school closed to children

School Closure - Inset Days

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

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

Inset Day- academic year 2018-19

Friday 21st 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 Year 6

Secondary School Transfer Day

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

Leavers' Play

Year 6 will be performing their play Thursday 12th 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 20th July

Dates for Friday class assemblies-summer

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

Friday 15 th June, 2.30pm	Year 2
Friday 6 th July, 2.30pm	Ducklings
Friday 13 th July, 2.30pm	Year 1

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

Best wishes

Louise Buxton