



# School Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
Dorset Road  
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Number 20

Dear Parents

## Staffing Next Year

Now that the governors have appointed teachers for next year I am able to share with you our staffing news.

Mrs Dunn will be leaving as a full time class teacher but will remain with us, I am pleased to announce, as a supply teacher. She has had a big impact on the school in a short time and I am delighted that we will still be seeing her in the classes.

Meanwhile Mrs Corallo is going part time this year but remains in Year 2 - where she has much experience and so the children can still benefit from her expertise and kindness.

We welcome Mrs Callister, Mrs Whyte and Mrs Nicolet to the school for the following year. They are all established and experienced teachers and I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the St Joseph's school family.

I can confirm classes for 2017-18 will be as follows:

Ducklings (EYFS)	Miss Fox
Year 1	Mrs Hills
Year 2	Mrs Corallo (Mon-Wed) Mrs Nicolet (Wed- Fri)
Year 3	Mrs Dayantis (Mon-Wed) Mrs Walls (Wed-Fri)
Year 4	Mrs Callister (Mon-Wed) Mrs Whyte (Wed -Fri)
Year 5	Miss Thomas
Year 6	Mr Curran (Mon-Wed) Mrs Loader (Wed-Fri)

## PTA's Summer Fayre

The PTA's Summer Fayre was once again a great success- even with it being held on an evening and was technically a downscaled affair. As always there was a lovely feeling of community - with the St Joseph's family and local community enjoying the dry, if rather blowy, weather (phew)! Thank you to everyone who organised, helped on the day, performed in the "arena" and came to enjoy the event, we are pleased to say that over £2500 was raised! Well done everyone!

## Mass celebrating First Holy Communion

Thank you to Father Tom who celebrated Mass this week for the Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion. It was a lovely opportunity for the rest of the school to congratulate those children on receiving this sacrament.

While on the subject of Father Tom, the Bishop, who oversees where priests are, is moving Father Tom from our parish in September. I hope that he will be able to celebrate at least one more Mass with us before he leaves as I know he will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils.

## Book Fair

Throughout the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July I have organised a Book Fair from The Book People to be held in school. Books will be available from 3.15-4pm in the School Hall each night and money raised will go towards our library. You will have received a flyer about this. Please let the school office know if you are able to help for one of the after school sessions, eg. taking money and filling in the sales form.

## Year 4 Dorset Primary Schools Finals

Following on from their success at the Bournemouth & Christchurch Year 4 schools swimming gala in May, both Hughie & Leo qualified to represent Christchurch at the Dorset Schools Finals in Dorchester. The best of the best from each of the Dorset areas competed in some closely matched heats. Hughie competed in the boys 25M backstroke final and the first 4

finished all within a second of each other. He claimed 3rd place missing out on first by tenths of a second. Leo swam in the 25M boys freestyle final and swam brilliantly against a fiercely competitive field. Both boys were great ambassadors for St Joseph's behaving impeccably throughout the event. Well done boys.

### **Violin Concert**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am, the children who learn violin will be holding a small concert for their parents. It should last about half an hour. All their parents are invited.

### **Treasure Island Production**

As usual we were treated to another great show from M&M Theatrical Productions who visited the school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June and performed *Treasure Island*. Georgina in Year 5 writes: *"The performance was very exciting and we liked the actors who played all the different characters."* Daisy W writes: *"It was a thrilling play which was funny in parts. My favourite actor was Beth who played five parts!"*

After the performance the actors held a short workshop for the Year 5 class which they all enjoyed. Daisy B says: *"The workshop was really cool and so much fun."* Daisy W summed it up: *"It was a really interesting workshop which revealed how they played all the parts and created the special effects with lighting. I am looking forward to seeing them again next year."*

### **Year 4 trip to Cranborne**

Last week Year 4 went to The Ancient Technology Centre at Cranborne to find out about ancient Roman technology as part of their topic. They learnt about bread making - including grinding the flour, weaving, cob brick making and found out about the importance of fire-making and life in a Roman roundhouse along with road building. Thank you to all who helped with these trips.

### **Year 6 Avon Tyrell Residential**

This week our Year 6 has been at Avon Tyrell on their residential trip. They attempted kayaking, shelter building, bush-craft, abseiling, mountain biking, swimming, zip wire and archery to name but a few of the activities. Of course the disco remained a highlight too! The pupils were a credit to St Joseph's, facing new challenges and working as a team. The weather was incredible, the hottest week we've had so far, and the children were happy but exhausted by the end (as were the staff!). Thanks to Mrs Dunn for all her hard work in organising the trip and to our staff for giving up parts of their week to help out.

### **Ducklings trip to Honeybrook Farm**

Last week our Reception children enjoyed a day at Honeybrook Farm. The rangers Melinda and Emma took the class on a farm tour, visited the pets' corner where they met guinea pigs and rabbits and the children were even treated to a tractor ride! The children also enjoyed collecting eggs from the geese and chickens. The class had a fantastic day and the children loved their first school trip. More to come on the website and Tapestry. Thank you to all the adult helpers who made such a trip possible.

### **Year 5 - concert at The Priory**

For the last couple of months Year 5 have had a visiting singing teacher from Twynham School (Kelly) working with them on singing techniques and teaching them songs in readiness for the local schools' concert at The Priory. The children attended the concert last Monday evening and performed exceptionally well. The whole evening was a great success. The children were well rehearsed, looked very smart and presented a very polished and enjoyable performance of *Rule the World* by Take That and then sang *Shine Your Way*, *Hallelujah* and *Happy* with all the other schools. Thank you to Miss Thomas for helping to organise their attendance and to so many parents and friends who attended and enjoyed the evening – it was a memorable occasion. Well done Year 5.

### **Christchurch Dance Festival**

This week our Year 3 performed on the stage at the Regent Centre, along with 10 other local schools. They have been working hard in their dance lessons preparing for their performance, building on choreography taught to them by The Grange school pupils in a one hour dance workshop. The final dance was performed at The Regents Centre yesterday, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Thank you Mrs Dayantis for preparing the children so well for this local event.

### **Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral**

This week I took four children, Saron, Yasmine, Emma (Yr 5), and Nahla (Yr 3), who were chosen for their exceptional R.E. work, to Portsmouth Cathedral for the annual Catholic Schools Good Shepherd Mass. We were able to present a cheque for £1,000 to Bamenda, our Lenten charity, through our sponsored spell. The children attended Mass celebrated by our new Bishop, Philip, followed by a picnic in the park, along with bubblegum-flavoured ice cream!

### **Final Inset Days**

Please note the following days are school closures due to teacher training; Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## Inset Day- academic year 2017-18

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

### Dates for 2017

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Skateboarding
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm	St Joseph's uniform sale – school hall
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm	Year 5 Parents – St Peter's Meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year One to Longdown Dairy Farm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Book Fayre
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am	Violin Concert, school hall
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 7pm	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Church
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am	Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm and 7pm	Year 6 Play Performance 1 & 2
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 3.15pm	St Peter's Uniform Sale – Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Inter-House Finals
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.45pm	Samba concert for Year 4 parents
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July, am	Review Morning - all parents invited
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Final day of school
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September (inclusive) Summer Holiday</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Home visits for new Ducklings children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Home visits for Ducklings (youngest AM, oldest PM)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2pm	Mass to say goodbye to Father Tom. Everyone welcome
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	All Ducklings full time
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day – school closed to pupils

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

There will be an information session on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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).

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1.45pm. It is always a great event!

### Review Morning

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July all parents are invited to come into school in the morning to review work with their child. Parents are welcome from 9.10am until 11.30am. Just come to the office where we will ask you to sign in, you may then go to your child's class and they will bring out their work to share with you. You are welcome to use the corridors, Library and if nice, outside areas. You will also be receiving your child's report on that day.

### School Library Book Returns

Firstly I would like to thank Mrs Hougham for all the hard work that goes into running our school library. She volunteers all her time and the library is an area that I am very proud of. As you may know all the children can borrow books. However a few children have not returned books and the total cost of this loss is £183.08, with 31 books lost. Mrs Hougham does write to parents to inform them of any lost books so can I ask that you have a final check before the end of July and send them in if found.

### Footwear

A polite reminder that the correct footwear for school is shoes, not trainers. Please notify your child's class teacher in the event of any footwear/uniform problems.

### 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). There will be a St Joseph's uniform sale after school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 3.15pm in the school hall. There will also be a St Peter's uniform sale for Year 6 pupils on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July after school from 3.15pm.

### School lunch costs

There will be a small cost increase in hot school lunches to £2.15 from September.

### Dates for Friday class assemblies

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

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Year 1
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Ducklings

### 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.

## **Dates for Year 6**

### **Secondary School Transfer Day**

This will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> July with refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

### **Leavers' Play**

Year 6 will be performing their play Tuesday 11<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, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## **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](http://www.avonstourpastoralarea.org) or email [tomgrufferty1@gmail.com](mailto:tomgrufferty1@gmail.com)

## **St Joseph's Church**

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

## **Messy Church – High Cross**

The next session of Messy Church at High Cross, Amethyst Road, Somerford, is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Craft work, a short assembly which is followed by a hot meal – all for £1.00. All children welcome with a parent or carer.

Please remember next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, is an inset day and so the school is closed to children.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

***Louise Buxton***