



School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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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 Corallo, who has been a teacher at St. Joseph's for a few years now will be moving to a teaching post at another Catholic school. Mrs Corallo and I go back many more years as I was her school mentor when she trained and I have always appreciated her dedication to the role, her kindness and her friendship. We will all miss her.

Mrs Hills will also be leaving us due to moving house - having briefly returned from her maternity leave. We wish them every happiness in her new home, with baby Rex. She will be greatly missed by us all.

A number of our teachers were on fixed term/part time contracts and so they are moving onto other schools. So we say goodbye to Mrs Callister and Mrs Nicolet - both of whom we are sorry to see leaving and hope one day they may return as they both contributed a lot to the school. Meanwhile I am pleased to announce that Mrs Whyte is remaining to take up a full time position within the school.

We welcome Miss Wright and Miss Tharme, two ex-St Peter's pupils, both of whom I taught when I was Deputy Head at St Walburga's (which makes me feel both very proud and very old!) to the school for the following year. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the St Joseph's school family.

I can confirm classes for 2018-19 will be as follows:

Ducklings (EYFS)	Miss Fox
Year 1	Miss Wright
Year 2	Miss Tharme
Year 3	Mrs Dayantis (Mon-Wed) Mrs Walls (Wed-Fri)

Year 4	Mrs Whyte
Year 5	Miss Thomas
Year 6	Mr Curran (Mon-Wed) Mrs Loader (Wed-Fri)

Father John

The past week has been a very special one for Father John. Not only has he been celebrating with the parish his 25th anniversary of becoming a priest, but also a very special birthday. The children made special cards for Father John and staff attended a thanksgiving Mass for 25 years of priesthood.

Mass celebrating First Holy Communion

We are looking forward to celebrating Mass this afternoon with our Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion this summer, and welcoming all parents. This is a chance for us to celebrate this key moment of their faith journey.

PTA Summer Fayre

Once again thank you to all who supported the PTA summer fayre - either through planning, running a stall or just coming to spend time and money! A total of £2,945 has been raised.

Curriculum Enrichment Week

'Wow' Week

Monday saw Mr G visiting St Joseph's and WOW'ing them with a range of science experiments based around sound, vision and magnetism. We then continued with differentiated daily scientific investigations in all classes, WOW'ing our classmates and teachers. We learnt more about the WOW things we can do and had a great time attempting class records and a school record which saw the whole school performing the Macarena in the playground on Thursday afternoon (pictures soon to be on the website!). Other activities have seen the children writing autobiographies and seeing how WOW we are at maths solving tricky word problems. In RE we looked at some lesser known miracles and some classes WOW'ed us with their teamworking skills to solve physical challenges. We've all really enjoyed WOW Week and the children have too.

Christchurch Dance Festival

On 13th June our Year 4 pupils performed on stage at the Regent Centre for the annual Dance Festival. This year's theme was 'Science' and our Year 4 class used the topic of sound as the basis for their dance. Over 10 primary and secondary schools attended along with a professional dance company that opened the proceedings and presented the prizes. St Joseph's won the prize for 'Best Interpretation' of the theme. Thank you Mrs Callister for preparing the children so well for this local event.

Annual Diocesan Schools' Mass

Yesterday Mr Curran took four children, (Emma, Kieran, Saron and Wiktor who were chosen for their contribution to religious life within the school, whether that be as a member of the Mini Vinnies, serving at Masses over the years and/or their approach and learning attitude towards their R.E. work), to Portsmouth Cathedral for the Annual Catholic Schools Mass. The children attended Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip, followed by a picnic in the park and even enjoying an ice-cream.

Longdown Dairy Farm - Ducklings

The Ducklings class spent a wonderful day at Longdown Dairy Farm. They had a great time holding chicks and bunnies and learning about goats and pigs. They examined animals such as horses and alpacas in larger paddocks, and enjoyed a very bumpy, fun-filled ride on the tractor and trailer! The children also liked feeding a naughty pony called Chesney, and looking at the different birds and baby donkey on the farm. The children learned lots about how to care for different animals and practised good hygiene when they washed their hands and examined how well they had cleaned them in the 'germinator' UV light machine! After lunch the children had a wonderful time playing in the park before getting the bus home. The children were all extremely well behaved and were a credit to the school - well done, Ducklings!

Technology Winchester – Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful time on Wednesday at Winchester Science Centre. The day started with a Rocket and Forces workshop which involved lots of explosions! The children then went outside to launch their own rockets! There were lots of hands-on activities and then in the afternoon the children settled back for the amazing 'Planet Show' in the Planetarium. A fantastic wow day of science during our 'Wow' week!

St Peter's Link Day

On Wednesday 20th June, 15 children from Years 4 & 5 enjoyed a Link Day at St. Peter's

School with the idea of exploring different types of encounter through the creative and performing arts. Together with pupils from other feeder schools, they took part in either Drama, Art, Photography, Music, Song Writing or Dance. After a picnic lunch on the Headmaster's lawn, their achievements of the day were celebrated in the De La Salle Theatre when they performed or displayed their work to the other groups. The day ended with a song and prayer reflection led by Maggie, St. Peter's Chaplain. Mrs Aimson and Mrs Thomas were very impressed by their enthusiasm during the day and their good behaviour.

Violin Concert

On Wednesday 27th June at 9.30am, 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.

Bikeability Year 5

All of Year 5 have now completed their Level 2 award for Bikeability, having completed Level 1 earlier in the year. They were reminded of how to check their bikes and stay safe whilst cycling. Then, they rode around Mudeford, putting into practice all of their newly learnt skills.

'Alice in Wonderland' 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 27th 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.

Book Fair

Throughout the week beginning Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July we have organised a Book Fair from The Book People to be held in school. Books will be available to buy from 3.15-4pm in the School Hall each night and money raised will go towards our library. Please let the school office know if you are able to help for one of the after school sessions.!

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 July 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.

School Library Book Returns

Firstly I would like to thank Mrs Hougham and Ms Toole for all the hard work that goes into running our school library. They volunteer their 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 £168.85 with 36 books lost. There are a further 17 books currently missing, so we are expecting a further loss of £101.83 if these books are not returned. 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. If a child regularly loses books we may have to consider whether we are able to continue to let them borrow books from the library.

Ballard Summer Camps

Ballard School will be running its usual summer camps programme- which can be looked at on www.ballardschool.co.uk/summer-camps. These camps last year had not only Ballard pupils but children from 26 other schools attending so it may be of interest to you. Copies of promotional material will be available in our foyer.

School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, Qdos can be contacted on 01202 434233 or 07971 309826 or emailed at enquiries@qdosclothing.co.uk.

General Data Protection Regulation

Should you have any questions with regards to personal information, please see Miss Buxton.

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 Tuesday September 11th when we are planning future events such as our Family Christmas Fayre, Christmas Disco and Party Day. It was great to see new faces this week! Please do consider popping along to our next meeting.

Sports Update

Sports Day

Congratulations to St. Mark's house for winning this year's KS1 sports day (the yellow team) and the winning house for KS2 sports day was also St. Mark's. Thank you to all those who helped with the event, especially to Rachel Cocking from Christchurch Tennis for all her support and advice, and as always to Mr Rickard. I really enjoyed watching the children compete and was very impressed with their resilience and their excellent sportsmanship.

Multi Sports

On June 8th we took 12 Year 1 and 2 pupils to The Grange for a Multi Sports event where there were over 70 children from the Christchurch area competing in a variety of events including golf, football and athletics. The children had a fantastic time and were very well behaved!

Primary Can-Do Water Sports

We took 7 Year 5 and 6 pupils to this event over at Poole Park. They practised kayaking in the morning and over lunchtime had the opportunity to sail in pairs in Picos. After lunch we competed against 15 other schools in 4 kayak races and St Joseph's won 3 of the races meaning we were crowned county champions at kayaking. All the children received gold medals for their efforts and a trophy for our expanding cabinet! Well done to Kieran, Wiktor, Yasmine, Grace, Jasmine, Bethany and Joshua.

Summer Schoolgames Finals at Bryanston

We took 20 children to the Finals, 10 Year 4 children competing at Tri-Golf and 10 Year 5 children participating in a multi-sports event. The weather was kind this year as the last two years this event has had to be cancelled. All the children were given Schoolgames t-shirts as a memento of the event. The Tri-Golf team finished 5th out of 23 teams and the children had a fantastic day. This event is considered to be Dorset's 'Olympic Games' and it is a great experience for children.

Dates for 2018

Friday 22 nd June, 2pm	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
Friday 29 th June, 2pm	Mass for St Peter and St Paul. All welcome.
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
Wednesday 11 th July, 7pm	Leavers' Play
Thursday 12 th July, 2pm	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 Holiday	
Monday 3 rd September	Children return to school
Friday 7 th September, 2pm	Mass celebrating the new school year. All welcome
Tuesday 11 th September, 7pm	PTA Meeting. All welcome
Friday 21 st September	Inset Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 9 th October, 7pm	PTA AGM. All welcome

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 now be performing their play Wednesday 11th July at 7pm and Thursday 12th July at 2pm 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 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