

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 26

### 23 April 2018



### In Class this Week

**St Anthony** – Phonics – Phonics recap and alien words

Writing – Descriptive writing about animals

Maths – Timing different activities (seconds, minutes, hours)

RE – The Last Supper. Re-enact and realise the words Jesus said then are used today in our communion service.

**St Aldhelm** -

Writing – Writing instructions about how to care for stick insects

Maths – Finding a fraction of an amount. Add 2-digit numbers by partitioning. RE – Other faiths – Judaism. To know that Jewish people celebrate the Passover.

**St Lawrence** –

English – Poetry – looking at 'The River' by Valerie Bloom and writing our own poems in the same style

Maths – Continuing to learn about fractions and tenths

RE – Easter: the story of the resurrection

**St Francis** – **Children would benefit from having a change of footwear in school for the duration of this term as we hope to be using the land quite a lot**

English – Writing to instruct and persuade

Maths – Fractions and decimals RE – Easter

**St Scholastica** - English - Writing: Formal writing

Maths – SATs revision RE – Holy Week

### Summer Uniform

We are working on the basis that summer has arrived and we encourage all our children to wear their summer school uniform. Boys: Short sleeved white shirt (not polo shirt), dark grey shorts, school V-neck jumper, dark socks, plain sandals/shoes. Girls: Green checked/striped dress, school cardigan, white or green socks/tights, plain sandals/shoes.

### Message from Mrs Wood

As Lizzie leaves us to take on her new headship, I would like to add my own personal thanks to her for all her kindness, support and fantastic humour! I know we will all miss her terribly but wish her well with her exciting new challenge!! I am however, delighted to be taking on the role of Acting Head Teacher for the summer term. It will be busy and fun-filled, which you will see from the class topic webs on our school website. I do hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to the term ahead too!

If you have any concerns whatsoever at any time, please do not hesitate to raise them with me and I very much look forward to working with you all. Best Wishes, Ann Wood.

### Attendance Rate

There will be extra golden time at the end of term for the class with the best attendance.

St Anthony	95.4%
St Aldhelm	95.6%
St Lawrence	95.5%
St Francis	96.9%
St Scholastica	97.3%

### After School Sports Clubs

*All clubs are continuing as normal. If anyone is interested in joining any of the clubs, please contact Mr Dawson to find out about any places remaining.*

Monday - Dance (Y1-Y6)

Tuesday - Gymnastics (Y4, Y5, Y6)

Tuesday - Football (Y5, Y6) - CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Wednesday - Netball (Y5, Y6)

Thursday - Football (Y2, Y3, Y4)

Thursday - Dodgeball (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)

Friday - Multisports (Y1, Y2)

Friday - Hockey (Y4, Y5, Y6)

**CLUBS RUN FROM 3.30pm - 4.30pm.**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY AT 4.30pm.**

### Fine Art Club

This term a Fine Art Club is running after school every Monday until 4.30pm for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6. Cost is £15 for the term. A letter has been emailed to parents.

### Modern Jazz Dance Club

Modern Jazz Dance classes (children Y2-Y6) start Tuesday 24 April. Classes run every Tuesday lunchtime and the 10 week course is £22.50. Please contact Nikki Purkess if you would like more details: [purkessc@aol.com](mailto:purkessc@aol.com) or telephone 01666 825802 / 07894 710411.

### School Trips

All school trip letters and medical forms can be downloaded from the website under Parents tab.  
St Scholastica - 'WhereTheWall' Bristol - 21<sup>st</sup> May.  
Whole School - Bowood House & Gardens - 29<sup>th</sup> June.  
Other trips/workshops being booked - letters out soon.  
If you are unaware of any trip/activity for your child please download the information from the school website under the Parent Tab.

## Class Topics

Class Topic Plans are available for parents to view on the Classes tab on the website.

## Amethyst Power

This term's learning gem is Amethyst, which represents the value of co-operation. We are learning how to listen to others respectfully and to share with each other, not only with our resources, but with our thoughts and ideas.

## PE Kits

Please be reminded that children need to have their PE Kits in school at all times. All items need to be NAMED. Please check that your child has the correct PE kit and that it fits!! Children who have swimming lessons also need correct kit - swimsuit/trunks, towel and swim hat.

## Tuck Shop

In response to the school council, children are now running a healthy tuck shop each Friday at morning break as part of KS2 Maths intervention. Children may bring a maximum of 50p into school to purchase their snack.

## Car Parking Outside School

A member of the public who drives every day to work up Holloway Hill has reported with great concern that there are some cars who regularly park and drop children off outside school and across the road. This is a DANGER to children trying to cross the road and other road-users, so please may we request that you park in the carpark and walk your child round to school. The only vehicles should be K&S Childcare, disabled visitors/children & deliveries.

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for this term are for Year 2 pupils in St Aldhelm class and start Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Letters were emailed to parents but if you have not received one please collect a copy from the school office or download from the website (under parents tab/trips). Please pay asap if you have not done so already. If anyone is available to walk with the children to and from the Activity Zone please let us know - thank you.

## Parent Support Advisor

Our Parent Support Advisor Terry, can offer support and advice on any parenting issues you may be having difficulty with at home or at school. This service is FREE to parents. Terry can meet parents in school, home or elsewhere. Parents can contact Terry on 07876 201021 or terryjones@malmesbury-pri.wilts.sch.uk.

## End of Term Arrangements

The school will close at the end of the summer term on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1pm. Please arrange pick up or alternative child-care from this time.

## Whole School Mass

Please note that the whole school Mass, to be led by St Anthony Class, in church, has now been changed to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm. All welcome.

## SEN Cake Sale

As you may be aware, Mrs Matthews (Farrar) has been fundraising to raise money to buy extra things for SEN pupils. The cakes stall and raffle she organized during the Easter holidays raised a total of £193.02.

## Whole School Trip

We are delighted to be able to tell you that as a celebration of the children's hard work this year, there will be a whole school trip to Bowood House and Gardens on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. (More details to follow.)

## Summer Fete

Please put the date in your diary! If you think you might be interested in helping beforehand or on the day, please contact someone on the PFA. It's always a very fun day!

## Diary Dates

### April 2018

**26 April - Whole school Mass – led by St Anthony 1.30pm – in church (please note change of date)**

### May 2018

**1 May – Choir to sing at Athlestan House**

**14-17 May – Year 6 SATs**

**16 May – May procession 2pm**

**21 May – St Scholastica trip to Bristol (street art)**

**23-25 May – Y3 Braeside residential**

**28 May – 1 June – Half Term holiday**

### June 2018

**5 June – School Photographer (classes)**

**13 June – Y6 Leavers Mass Clifton Cathedral**

**19 June – KS2 swim gala 1.30-3.30pm Activity Zone**

**Saturday 23 June – Summer Fete – details to follow**

**27 June – New Reception Picnic and visit**

**27 June – Reception parents meeting – 6pm**

**29 June – Whole School Trip to Bowood House & Gardens**

### July 2018

**Sunday 1 July – First Holy Communion Y3 children**

**3, 4 July – Y6 Induction Malmesbury School**

**3 July – New reception day visit**

**5 July – End of term reports home to parents**

**6 July – Sports day + early finish 1pm**