



Newsletter



15/4/16

Happy Easter

The church's season of Easter actually lasts longer than Lent does so if you have any Easter Eggs left over don't feel you have to gobble them up this weekend, you can still make them last another few weeks until Pentecost on May 15th. By then the shops will probably have their 'Back to School' promotions on.

Welcome Back

We have had a good first week back, with most of the children appearing switched on and ready to learn. This is a big term particularly for Year 6 and Year 2 children. Both year groups will take national tests this term in Maths, Reading, Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar as well as having their overall writing ability assessed and reported. It will be the first time that children have taken the new style of tests against the new curriculum which has far higher expectations of the children's knowledge and ability to apply it than the old curriculum did.

Year 1 will also have a phonics screening task which they have been working hard towards all year.

Breakfast Club

Hopefully this week you all have received information about the Breakfast Club along with a booking form. The club will start on Monday 25th April. Despite many pleas from parents for the club, response since the booking forms went out has been slow. As of Thursday evening only 5 replies have been handed in, booking just 12% of the available spaces. Obviously this level of uptake will not generate enough income to make the club sustainable. We are committed to running the club for the rest of this term but will have to reconsider the position for next year if there is not enough demand.

Multi Skills

Congratulations to all of the children in Class 2 who represented the school in a sports multi skills competition on Wednesday against the other Catholic Schools in the city. They performed really well and were fine ambassadors for the school. The children were split into three teams to compete in a variety of sporting tasks. Although we did not end up having the team that achieved the highest number of points we did have the second, third and fourth best totals meaning overall we were the top performing school at the event. Well done children.

Shakespeare

Yesterday Class 5 walked to Plymouth University to see a production of Shakespeares4Kidz A Midsummer Night's Dream. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are now looking forward to performing the play themselves in July. Children from Year 2 upwards will be invited to join the choir for the productions later this term.

Clubs

We are expanding the choice of after school and lunch-time clubs that will be available to children this term. In addition to the clubs led by the sports coaches we will be offering a Gardening Club after school on a Tuesday led by Miss Lucas and an Art Club on a Thursday led by Miss Teague. Some children will be invited to take part in a Tag Rugby Club which I will run mainly on Tuesdays after school but also during some lunchtimes. Mr Dyson will be running a lunchtime cricket club and Mrs Yuill will run a running club for Key Stage 1 children at lunchtime also. We are asking the children if they would like to change the theme of the 'coach led' clubs on offer at the moment. Booking forms for these clubs will be sent out in the near future until then the children who attended clubs after school last term can still attend.

Dates

On the back of this sheet you will find the dates that have been arranged so far for events taking place this term. The new website has a better calendar section than the old one so please do visit the site regularly to keep abreast of what is happening in school for your child. www.st-josephs.plymouth.sch.uk

Uniform

Thank you to the parents who have replaced 'trainer' style shoes with shoes that are recognisably 'school shoes'. Girls are welcome to wear blue gingham style dresses this term. If the weather improves, hats, sunscreen and water bottles are encouraged. Please make sure names are on any items your child brings to school. School sun-hats are available from the office but other hats can be worn too.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Dates for the Summer Term 2016

Monday April 11 th	Back to School
Friday April 24 th	Final of the Times Tables Competition
Wednesday April 13 th	Tear 2 Multi Skills competition at Notre Dame
Thursday April 14 th	First Reconciliation Service
Thursday April 14 th	Class 5 to watch A Midsummer Night's Dream
Sunday April 17 th	Final Mile of Half Marathon
Monday 25 th April	First day of Breakfast Club
Sunday May 1 st	First Holy Communion Sunday
Monday May 2 nd	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday May 9 th	Start of SATs week for year 6
Monday May 16 th	May Procession
Tuesday May 17 th	Kwik Cricket Tournament
Wednesday May 18 th	British Values Day
Wednesday May 25 th	Tag Rugby Festival
Thursday May 26 th	Reading Event – Teddy Bear's Picnic
Friday May 27 th	Break up for Half Term
Monday June 6 th	Back to school
Friday June 10 th	Sports Day 1.30pm Queen's 90 th Birthday theme
Monday June 13 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday June 14 th	Year 6 Junior Life Skills Event
Wednesday June 15 th	Brickfields Athletics Competition
Friday June 17 th	CAFOD Run for Women event (Provisional)
Friday June 24 th	Summer Fair
Wednesday June 29 th	Top Ten Theatre Vist
Friday July 1 st	Reserve Sports Day
Monday July 11 th	Beginning of Creative Arts Week
Tuesday July 12 th	A Midsummer Night's Dream production – Class 5 7pm (provisional)
Wednesday July 13 th	A Midsummer Night's Dream production – Class 5 7pm (provisional)
Friday July 8 th	Reports out to parents
Wednesday July 20 th	Parent's Evening 4 -5pm
Thursday July 21 st	Leavers' Mass (Provisional)
Friday July 22 nd	Leavers' Assembly and End of School Year

Other events such as school trips will be added to these dates as they are arranged. Please check the website for updates.

Friday Morning Class Led Celebration Assemblies

All parents and friends are invited to the assemblies.

Friday 22 nd April	Class 2
Friday 29 th April	Class 3
Friday 6 th May	Class 4
Friday 20 th May	Class 1
Tuesday 27 th May	Foundation

Mass is celebrated weekly at 10a.m. on Thursdays in the Church. The dates that particular classes will attend can be seen below. Please take the opportunity to join the children at Mass.

14 th April	21 st April	28 th April	5 th May	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May
Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	Class 4	Class 3	Class 5 & F	Class 4