# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Friday Update

## 4th October 2024

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Safeguarding is a priority at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers

Mr. McDermott, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs.Hardwick,, Mr McQuaid, Mr Gardner or Mr Carter

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 7<sup>th</sup> October Y1 Trip to Beaulieu Arrive to school by 8:40am. Collection from school normal time
- 16<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Assembly lead by Y4 (Year 4 parents welcome to attend)
- 9<sup>th</sup> October 11<sup>th</sup> October Yr 4 Hooke Court Residential
- 17<sup>th</sup> October –Flu Immunisations Details of how to "Opt In" have already been sent home
- 21<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October Parents Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Nov SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM
- MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOV- SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
- 5<sup>th</sup> November School re-opens
- 6<sup>th</sup> November 8<sup>th</sup> November Y6 Hooke Court Residential
- 21st November Year 5 Visit to Hampton Court

#### **Harvest Donations**

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This year we will be supporting Poole Food Bank.

We are asking for donations of single packs of biscuits, tinned beef (minced/stew), tinned chicken in white sauce, tinned corned beef, tinned fruit, tinned ready meals, tinned vegetables, toilet rolls, UHT milk, washing up liquid.

Please could all donations be brought into school on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** and handed into the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

#### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 9/10 - 13/9 - 95.3%

## Parents Evening (all year groups)

Monday 21st October – 3.30 -7pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 3.30 – 5pm

Appointments can be booked via the online booking system; links will be sent out **Friday 11**<sup>th</sup> **October** Parents evening appointments will be held in the classrooms this will give you the opportunity to come into school to meet with your child's class teacher.

### Year 4 Harvest Assembly – 16th October

Year 4 pupils will be leading this assembly and all of the children will have some part a play in it. Parents of Year 4 pupils are very welcome to attend from 9:15am.

#### **Sport – Cross Country**

Some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils recently attended a Cross Country Competition at Canford School. They represented St Joseph's wonderfully, well done!



#### **Hot Meals after Half Term**

The current menu will continue after half term. The deadline for orders is **MONDAY 21**<sup>st</sup> **OCTOBER.** 

#### **Y3 Trip to Cranborne**

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Cranborne. They loved going back in time and learning about the Stone Age and how people lived. They used Stone Age tools to chop wood and did some willow weaving as well as dying materials a different colour using things we found around us. Well done Year 3!







### Thank you from Mr Brazier

A personal thankyou from Mr Brazier, who with your support has raised a whopping £1400 for the Alzheimer's Society! Your backing means that the Alzheimer's society can look to the future as well, investing in ground-breaking research into better ways of treating and caring for people with dementia. He said the skydive was pretty hair raising but extremely exhilarating.... as you can see from the photo!



#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

We have had some recent concerning reports of pupils viewing disturbing accounts on instagram created specifically to scare young children. A polite reminder that children must be aged over 12 to use instagram.

We have already had an incident involving a child taking photographs on a 'smart watch' that they wore in to school. Any watch with internet access or the capability to take photographs is not appropriate for school.

Parents will now be e-mailed a 'Wake Up Wednesday' newsletter each week updating them on up to date online safety information and practical advice for keeping their child safe online.

Please explore our school internet code for keeping our children safe online here:

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\_uk

#### **Early Birds and Late Owls**

Breakfast and After School Clubs must be booked in advance via Parent Pay. As well as crediting the specific club account, the days you wish to book must be selected (similar to hot meal booking) .This is to ensure we have enough staffing to cover the number of children attending.

#### **PTFA NEWS**

The PTFA is run by a very small number of parent volunteers. As their children move on to secondary school, our numbers obviously reduce further. This year we will be losing Claire Neil (Secretary) and Gemma Dixon (Treasurer).

We want to be able to continue to arrange events and provide the much needed funding to school, but without more volunteers, this will be impossible.

We will be arranging our Annual General Meeting in the coming days. If you are thinking of joining the committee or would like to hear more about what we do, please do look out for date and come along.