



# School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
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Number 21

Dear Parents

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who contributed either time or money to this year's book fair. We still have one more evening of this so it's not too late to come and buy a book. We will let you know how much was raised for our school library in the next newsletter.

## Leavers' Mass

Thank you to everyone who attended our Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Church this week, along with Father Tom who celebrated the Mass and to those who helped with refreshments. The Leavers' Mass is a very important part of what we do for our Year 6 at this stage of their journey from primary to secondary school, as we give thanks to God for our children, their families and the school, along with praying that they settle quickly into secondary school life and continue to become the best they can be.

## 'Moving on up' morning

This week our children moved on up to their new classrooms and more importantly met their new teachers. I am appreciative of all our new teachers who were able to come in to meet their new classes, and their current head teachers who kindly released them.

## The rest of Year 4 visit *The Pig*

Following on from a very successful visit by half of our Year 4 to *The Pig Hotel*, the rest of the class are looking forward to going to *The Pig Hotel* today to look around their kitchen garden and then make pizza in the wood-fired oven out in the courtyard. I wish I was going!

## PTA Update

### Sports Shelter

Following the success of the summer fayre and our Race Night I have been able to put in an order for a replacement sports gazebo- which I am hoping will be completed ready for our children to use in September. The current one is used all lunchtimes in the summer as somewhere to sit (and climb – although not meant to be

doing so!) in the shade. However it is becoming a little wobbly and we are beginning to see children get splinters from it. Thank you to all who have made this replacement possible.

## Skateboarding for Year 6

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June it was the turn of Year 6 to experience a day of skateboarding. Everyone had the opportunity to have an hour-and-a-half session with Hamish outside on the playground. Hamish began the session with a safety talk explaining how to put on the safety equipment and how to get onto the skateboard without it whizzing away! Then the children learnt how to get on and off the board using a push to get going. After this they learnt how to turn safely. By the end of the session they were whizzing all around the playground.

A huge thank you to the PTA for supporting this fantastic day financially – Year 6 enjoyed every minute of it.

## Refreshments for Mass

Thank you to Mrs Piper and Mrs Aimson for helping with the refreshments after the Leavers' Mass. Please can everyone consider offering to do just one thing like this a year. If that should happen our school family will only become more enriched and vibrant.

## "Feeding our Fellowship"- link with St Peter's

Last week a number of our children visited St Peter's secondary school to spend the day with other Catholic primary schools for a day of fun learning and friendship. Daisy and Yasmine, said: "We were taken into different groups. Those that did Science made a special glue that goes from being quite soft to solid. In P.E. we did team building games and learnt about communication. In Physics we learnt about rockets, and in cooking we made muffins."

We have been told that the children's behaviour was outstanding. Thank you Mrs Thomas and Mrs Leonard for taking the children.

## Year One visit Longdown Activity Farm

Last week, Year One visited Longdown Activity Farm as part of their science project. While at the

farm they participated in a range of hands-on experiences with a variety of animals including cows, horses, chickens, pigs and bottle feeding goats. Amy, the guide said she always looks forward to our St Joseph's children visiting as they are fantastic farmers and always so well behaved. What a lovely compliment! Thank you to the teachers for organising this trip and to all those who helped.

### Christchurch Sports Awards

Last Thursday three of our pupils received awards for their contribution towards to sport, as decided by the teachers.

Aimee (Year 6) – Sports Leadership, football and acrobatic gymnastics.

Rosie (Year 6) – Sports Leadership, football and all-round athlete.

Alice (Year 6) – Football and Sports Leadership.

Well done children on your efforts and perseverance. I know I keep saying it but I am very proud of the accomplishments of our children.

### Twynham Science sessions

Four Year 3 children and four Year 5 children joined Mrs Walls and other local schools to take part in an exciting science event at Twynham School on 29th June. Year 3 experimented with 'Big Bangs', which was great fun and Year 5's became CSI forensic experts, analysing fingerprints, footprints, handwriting and soil. It was an amazing science experience and Rose, Chloe, Jack, Thomas, Erin, Shannon, George and Oliver represented the school fantastically.

### Violin Concert

Thank you to all the children who played at our violin concert this week and to Mrs Clark for all her hard work and never giving up - even when a child hasn't practised! It was wonderful to see how much they improve year on year and I was so proud of each child as it does take a lot to perform in front of so many people.

### 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 Games

#### Summer School Games Finals

As many parents will know the School Games Finals had to be cancelled due to the rain last week. For a second year we were all really disappointed as we had great hopes for our various teams that had been invited.

### 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 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

### 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.

### Attendance Update

The attendance figures for the school year so far from September up to last week are as follows:-

Ducklings	95.3%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	96.2%

Year 3 are ahead at the moment – who will come out on top by the end of term?!

### 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!

### School lunch costs

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

### Summer Library Reading Challenge 2017

Go to your library this summer and look out for the **Animal Agents**. Furry, scaly and slippery, these guys are out to crack the case and they need your help! Take part and **sign up for FREE to Animal Agents** at your local library or community managed library from **Saturday 1 July to Saturday 9 September 2017**. Start by collecting a **free** folder and go on to **collect 6 Animal Agents** stickers as you read or listen to six library books of your choice. Complete the challenge to receive a certificate and medal. Look out for exciting events and activities at a library near you. Find out more from [www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries).

### School Library Book Returns

A gentle reminder for all school books to be returned by the end of term. Please look under the beds, in the wardrobes and in all those other special places things disappear to.

### Dates for Year 6

#### 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.

### 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

### News of past pupil's success

Some of you will remember Jocilyn O'Hanlon. She has just won the nationals for her dancing, gaining first place for her solo and for a team event, second place for her duo and third place

for her rock and roll. She has now termed as gold star and Category which means she is competing against older children. Well done Jocilyn for following your dream.

### 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 also be a St Peter's uniform sale for Year 6 pupils on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July after school from 3.15pm.

Mrs James, who heads up our lunchtime team, has written a poem for all our lunchtime assistants to thank them for doing such a wonderful job!

### WE THANK YOU!

For the team spirit and kindness  
And the modelling of great calmness,  
For the attitude of 'have a go',  
And not often saying 'no'.  
We thank you.

For every friendship issue solved  
And those vomit granules dissolved!  
For the soaking of toilet bands  
And the holding of lonely hands,  
We thank you.

For the enthusiasm and fun  
And decisions made on the run,  
For the routines you are keeping  
And the soothing of worried weeping,  
We thank you.

With the tables all you're flipping  
And on the trim trail preventing slipping,  
For being saviours in first aid  
And ensuring safe games played,  
We thank you.

For the fruit tree filled  
And the mopping up of spills,  
For the fun and the laughter  
And such wonderful looking after,  
We thank you.

For every tear wiped that is wept,  
For each kernel of sweetcorn swept,  
For all the careful portions served  
And every flying football swerved!  
We thank you.

To encouraging healthy eating  
And attending this meeting,  
For getting rid of 'gun' sticks!  
From Ducklings to year six,  
We thank you!

**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.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

***Louise Buxton***