

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 4

16.12.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the children for the wonderful Advent Service, Ducklings Nativity and Christmas Play. The children at St Joseph's are amazing and we are extremely proud of them. Well done to the staff who organised and led these events - we are blessed with our team. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support this term.

St Joseph's has featured in The Sunday Times top primary schools in the UK and we are incredibly proud of all the children and staff!

I would like to congratulate Ms Lithgow, our Inclusion Lead, on her promotion to Assistant Head at The Lion Works School. We thank Ms Lithgow for all the children with SEND that she has helped at St Joseph's. We wish her every blessing in her new role. Ms Lithgow will be working at St Joseph's until February half-term. We have appointed a new SENDCO, Ms Sarah Sparks, who will be taking on the lead of SENDCO after February half-term.

We continue to promote daily reading at St Joseph's. Please listen to your child and read them stories over the Christmas break.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

God bless,
Elizabeth Rippon
Headteacher



Catholic Life of Our School

Children in Need.

Thank you for all your donations. We raised
£216.10!

A message from Emma our Parish Families and Youth
Co-ordinator.

We are having 3 Christmas parties at church this year - open to everyone

Friday 16th December 5pm - 6:30pm Years 4-6

Friday 16th December 7pm - 9pm Year 7 upwards

Saturday 17th December 11am - 1pm Rec - Year 3

Places are limited and must be booked in advance by emailing: familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk (and places are going really quickly!)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sat 24th Dec 4pm Family Mass

8pm Midnight Mass

Sun 25th Dec 9am Christmas Day

Mon 26th Dec 10am Mass of St Stephen

Tues 27th Dec No Mass

Wed 28th Dec No Mass

Sat 31st Dec 5pm

Sun 1st January 2023 9am

Admissions 2023

To apply for a place for your child for Reception 2023, please apply through the Local Authority where you live and importantly, please complete a SIF form, available from the school office.

For more details, please contact the school office.

Safeguarding



What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them, then ensure you set the Monthly Spend Restriction to zero.

Game content – as mentioned, games are created by different users so sometimes the content may not be appropriate for your child.

Blocking users and reporting – ensure your child knows how to do this
For more information, please visit our e-safety webpage:

<https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-1/>



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ELIGIBILITY:

- a Bachelor's degree and GCSEs in English, Maths and Science
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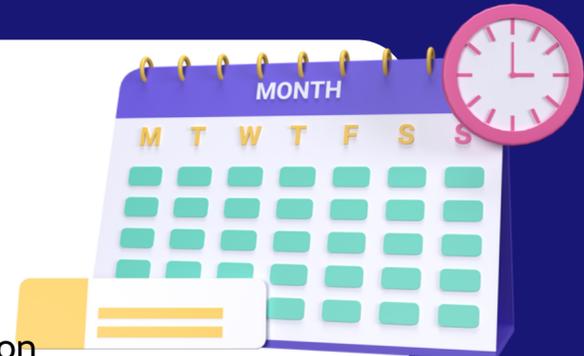
Applications for September 2023 Open now. Visit our website to find out more.

Important Dates INSET Days 2022-23

Friday 10th February 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Monday 8th May 2023 - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation



Friday Class Assemblies

Parents invited to the following::

Friday 13th January - 2.30pm - Year 6 Assembly

Friday 20th January - 2.30pm - Year 4 Assembly

Friday 27th January - 2.30 pm - Year 3 Assembly

Friday 3rd February - 2.30pm - Year 1 Assembly

Friday 3rd March - 2.30pm - Year 2 Assembly

Friday 10th March - 2.30pm - Year 5 Assembly

Friday 17th March - 2.45pm - Duckling Mothers' Day Liturgy - mums and grandmas invited

PTA Update

Thank you to Eve, Dee and all the PTA for their hard work this term. There have been so many wonderful events for the children. The Christmas Fair raised over £1,250!

Thank you to Father Christmas and for an amazing Party Day!

Thank you also to the Butler Family for our wonderful Christmas tree!



LEARNING

OUR CURRICULUM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AROUND OUR CHILDREN, TO CREATE CHILDREN WHO LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS

STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION



CONFIDENT AND OPTIMISTIC INDIVIDUALS

For information and updates on learning, please visit your child's class webpage via this link:
<https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/class-pages/>

BCP Support with the Cost of Living

Household Support Fund 3

This funding is to support residents in BCP with the cost of living situations around keeping warm, reducing energy bills and accessing food across the winter.

In addition to the funding provided to schools for the flexible food vouchers, residents can also apply for short term financial help through food and/or energy vouchers through Citizen's Advice BCP Household Support Fund - Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole (citizensadvicebcp.org.uk)

<https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf>

Christchurch Outreach Hub

Christchurch Central Library (BH23 1AW)

Fridays 9:30am – 12:30pm (Drop-ins only)

Citizen's Advice BCP also has other support and advice available. Their Community Advice Vehicle will be visiting various locations in the BCP area in the coming months.

Energy Advice

Eligible households can also benefit from a visit from an energy advisor who will support them with ways to reduce their bills, access energy saving advice and in some instances provide a new boiler depending on circumstances. Full details can be found here: LEAP Home Visit | Ridgewater Energy

<https://www.ridgewaterenergy.co.uk/projects-and-services/leap/>

Access to Food There are a number of options for accessing community food support and these are detailed on the webpages here Community support if you are struggling to pay for food

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/Communities/Cost-of-living-help/Access-to-food-partnership/Community-support-if-you-are-struggling-to-pay-for-food.aspx>

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Safe and Well visits

•Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service offer free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call them FREE on 0800 038 2323 (leave a message and someone will call you back) or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits

A Warm Welcome network

BCP are supporting the development of a network of warm welcome spaces across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, where residents who struggle to keep their homes warm can go and keep warm in a welcoming space. Details of current Warm Welcome spaces can be found in the webpage here, along with information on how to set up a warm welcome space. Warm welcome spaces (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

BCP Cost of Living support one-stop shop

- For more information please see the dedicated Cost of Living support hub on the Council's webpage which details the support available Cost of living help (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)
- For general non-urgent enquiries please email communities@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

*We are all God's children and will try to live, love,
work and serve as Jesus taught us.*



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