

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the summer term. Thank you for all you do to make sure the children look smart in their school uniform each day and for all your support with home reading, times tables and home learning. We are really proud of how hard the children are working and their beautiful manners.

A huge well done to Year 6 on their resilient attitude to SATs this year — we are delighted with how all the children tried their best! Thank you for attending review morning and looking at the progress your child has made this year.

There have been so many highlights this half-term: Year 5's residential visit to Leeson House, the Ducklings farm trip, Year 2's visit to the Aviation Museum, celebrating St Joseph's Feast Day and opening our Forest School up to more year groups.

Our Ascension Day Mass was wonderful and the children took part beautifully. We have valued your support at our learning mornings in school joining in the phonics or maths lessons.

A huge thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support with our school Crowdfunder — it really brought our school community together and we will spend the funds on extending Forest School, some Beach School sessions, creating more opportunities for outdoor learning and purchasing outdoor resources.

Due to the low birth rate in Christchurch this year, we still have some spaces in our Ducklings Class for September so please signpost this to anyone looking for a school place for their child. We have a busy and brilliant end of term planned for the children:

- Sustainability Week
- World Music Day
- Sports Week
- Summer Fayre
- Year 6 Summer Show
- End of year Talent Show for the children details to follow.

We will confirm staffing for September once we have finalised this, after half-term so that children have a successful transition to their new year group. Wishing you and your families a wonderful half-term break. Elizabeth Rippon

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

#### PTA Summer Fayre



Please join us at our PTA Summer Fayre on Friday 5th July - it will be a spectacular summer event! Please contact us if you are able to donate a prize for our raffle or if you would like a stall at the Fayre. We will need volunteers on the day to help set up and help on the stalls so please offer to help by manning a stall on the day.

#### St Joseph's uniform

A reminder that you can buy new logo uniform from our supplier QDOS. If your child receives pupil premium you are entitled to a free logo jumper. Please contact Dee or Carly on 07774 679472 or email info@qdoschoolwear.co.uk We also have our very own second hand uniform shop on the Uniformd platform where we sell good quality pre-owned uniform with all funds raised going directly back to the school. Please visit the Uniformd shop here: Uniformd

# LEARNING

#### Ducklings

Ducklings absolutely loved their trip to Longdown Activity Farm. They saw lots of different farm animals and they had the opportunity of feeding baby goats (kids) big goats and baby cows (calves). This half term Ducklings have been learning about Space for our 'Out of this World' topic. They had lots of fun learning about our Solar System, the names of the planets and creating their own alien. Well done Ducklings!







#### Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about fruits and vegetables in both D.T. and Science! After learning about the different seeds in different fruits and taste testing, the children went onto design their own smoothies! They then carefully followed their own recipes to make their smoothie before enjoying them!





#### Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed learning about road safety when they undertook their STEPs training. They learnt how to cross the road safely choosing safe places and routes. They also learnt not to cross the road between parked cars and use pedestrian crossings where possible. The Year 2 team would like to thank all the staff and adults who kindly volunteered their time to help make this visit possible for us.



Year 2 also enjoyed making clay pots and tiles using various techniques such as scoring, modelling shapes, using slip to attach clay, smoothing methods and many more. They thoroughly enjoyed making these as you can see and the results were fantastic!



Year 2 coloured in bunting designed with the union flag for the forthcoming 80th Anniversary of D-Day. You will be able to see this in an extra special commemorative beacon event in Christchurch Quay on Thursday 6th June.

Year 2 welcomed the NSPCC into their classroom to learn about how to keep safe and know to speak out. They learnt what NSPCC stood for, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The children were also shown some images where they had to match them to the audio being played. These involved issues such as hitting, bullying, not being cared for properly by their safe adult, hurting other children on the inside and keeping their privates private.

Finally, the children signed out the Childline telephone number O8OO 1111. The children were also asked to look at the Buddy Zone website: <a href="www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/buddy-zone-under12service/">www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/buddy-zone-under12service/</a>

# LEARNING

#### Year 3 & Year 4

On April 30th, some of the Year 3 and Year 4 children went on a trip to Moors Valley. The children went pond dipping, learnt orienteering and after lunch went on the play trail in the forest. They had a fantastic day and were amazing.



Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed taking part in Forest School this half term. They have learnt lots of new skills and learnt how nature can be used for art. They have learnt how to tie a reef knot and use tools to help them make a shelter out of natural materials. They also built their very own shelters and worked amazingly in their teams. We ended the half term roasting marshmallows around the camp fire. Excellent work Year 3 and 4.







#### Year S

The year 5 team had an amazing time at their residential, staying at Leeson House in May. They learned vast amounts of facts about the history of Leeson House. All of the children loved the walk down to Dancing Ledge as well as the walk around Corfe Castle. The children were so tired after the long and winding walk back to Leeson House but they seemed to get second wind in the evening and they enjoyed the activities around Leeson House, such as: orienteering, team games, environmental art, pond dipping and geology studies. It was a fantastic trip and they are all looking forward to next year's residential already!



#### Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy half-term and have worked extremely hard. They took their SATs last week. All the children came in happily each morning, with big smiles on their faces. They enjoyed coming into school for breakfast. We are extremely proud of them all for their hard work, positive attitude and determination shown. They ended the week with a well-deserved trip to the park.



#### Reminders

A polite reminder, that children are only allowed to drink water during the school day in their drink bottles. Some children are bringing in air-up bottles which is fine, but please do not put the flavoured pods in these.



Bottles need to be regularly cleaned to prevent mould. Some of the bottles are very expensive and we are concerned that they may get damaged. Please can we also remind you to label your child's uniform and belongings to avoid the huge amount of clothing in lost property.

# SCHOOL LIFE

#### Our Early-Help Navigator

We are delighted to welcome back Sabina, our school navigator, on 18th June 9-10.30am, for a fantastic workshop, 'Managing Challenging Behaviour'. Please let the school office know if you are wanting to attend as spaces are limited.

#### Sustainability Week

We will be marking Sustainability Week during the first week back, from Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June. Please can all children bring in outdoor clothes on Monday 3rd June as each class will be having a Forest School session on this day.

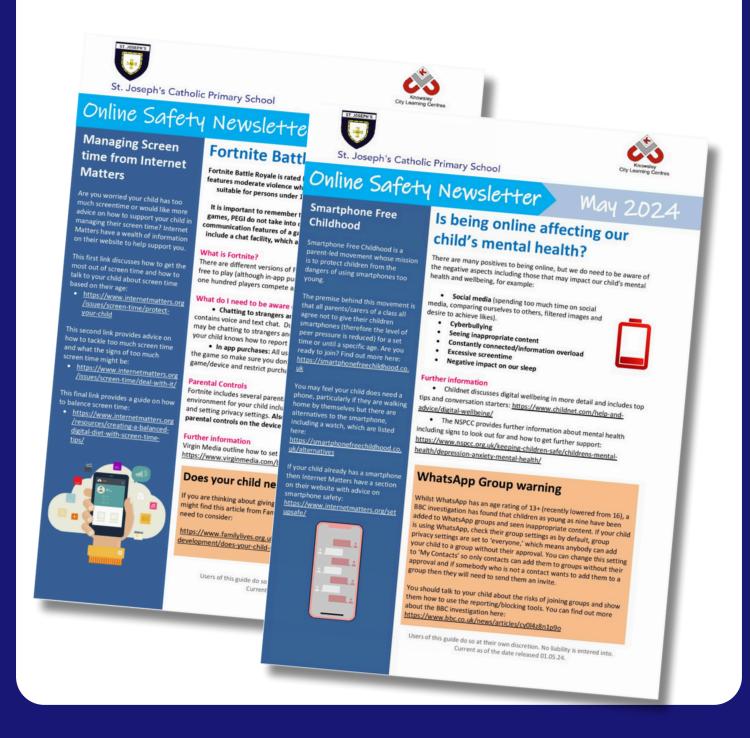
#### Important Dates

EVENT	DATE
Back to school	Monday 3rd June
Sustainability Week (children to bring outdoor clothes)	Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June
Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check	Starts 3rd June
Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential	Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June
Phonics Screening Check	Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June
New Ducklings Liturgy	Tuesday 11th June, 5.30pm
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 11th June, 6pm
New Ducklings Stay and Play	Friday 14th June
Navigator - Managing Challenging Behaviour Workshop	Tuesday 18th June, 9-10.30am
World Music Day	Wednesday 19th June
Inset Day	Friday 21st June
Sports Week	Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June
Sports Day	Wednesday 26th June
Y3 Dance Festival at St Peter's	Thursday 27th June
Christchurch Sports Awards	Monday 1st July
PTA Teddy Bear Welcome for new starters	Tuesday 2nd July, 10.30-11.30am
Y3 Dance Festival at St Peter's - show for parents	Thursday 4th July, 5.30pm
Mufti Day in return for bottles and teddies for Fayre	Wednesday 3rd July
PTA Summer Fayre	Friday 5th July, 4-7pm
Year 1 Class Trip to Beaulieu	Tuesday 9th July
Navigator Drop-In for parents - booking required	Tuesday 9th July, 9-10.30am
School Games Finals	Wednesday 10th July
Y6 Leavers' Play	Thursday 11th July, 2pm and 6pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents	Thursday 18th July

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#### E-safety guidance for parents

Please see our website for our monthly online safety newsletters with up-to-date information to keep your child safe online: <a href="https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-1/">https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-1/</a>



#### Term time absences

A reminder that under the guidance of BCP, all unauthorised holidays and absences of 5 days or more taken during term time will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. The fine is £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice; rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Please see more about our attendance policy on our website, under the heading 'Attendance'. It is very important to let the school know if you are taking your child out of school to help us to safeguard your child. Please keep the school updated with any changes to your home address or phone number so that we have the most upto-date information on our system in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please let the school office know if you have moved house or changed phone number.

#### keeping our roads safe

A reminder that we continue to promote safer parking around St Joseph's to keep our children safe outside school. As previously announced, we have signed up to the Parkwise Promise - an initiative by BCP to reduce congestion around our school and help to make the roads safer for our children. Together with our parents we want to work towards reducing congestion around the school and encouraging considerate parking at drop off and pick up times.

If you would like to request a form to sign up, please do come to the school office. We encourage as many parents as possible to support this initiative to ultimately make the roads safer for our children.



Please note that the deadline for ordering school lunches for the week after the half term is **Monday 27th May.** 

Please do order in plenty of time as Forerunner is not able to add any orders after the deadline. If you haven't yet signed up to Forerunner and would like your child to have hot lunches, please book on the Forerunner portal:

<u>Parent Portal (myschoolmealorders.com)</u>

Support us through

#### Easyfundraising

Great news! We've already raised £1,177.88 with 82 supporters on easyfundraising. If you've already signed up, please keep remembering to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Remember, you can raise donations from just renewing your usual home or car insurance. If you haven't already signed up, please help us raise more by signing up now: <u>Easyfundraising</u>

#### Parish Centre for hire

Centre - Avon Stour Pastoral Area

Are you looking for a great venue to hold an event? The Parish Centre is available mostly at weekends at a great price of £17 per hour. The Parish Centre offers three great halls, a well equipped kitchen and a large enclosed garden. To book either contact the Parish Centre by phone on O12O2 48334O or by email at bookings@icsj.org.uk Please see the link below for leaflets with more information. Parish



# COMMUNITY

#### **D-Day Commemorative event**

All students of St Joseph's Primary School and their Parents/Guardians are invited to the D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemorative Beacon Event on Christchurch Quay, Thursday June 6th. (Please see letter attached.)



#### Calling all 'shining stars'

The Christchurch Carnival is launching a brand new initiative, the 'Shining Star Award' that aims to recognise the extraordinary accomplishments of children aged 5 to 11 within the Christchurch, BH23 area. Please see poster below for more details.



# Year 5 Information Evening:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 6.00pm

For prospective students interested in joining year 7 for entry in September 2025

The evening will outline the admission process for families, inform you of the legal deadline for applications and explain the ranking process.

There will also be a short site tour in which you will be able to view some of our outstanding facilities.

Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start

To book your place please email: admissions@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk

> Please save the date for our full Secondary Open Evening on Thursday 19th September 2024



St Peter's School, St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH



# SCHOOL CLUBS



#### After-School Clubs

Please see the wide range of after-school clubs on offer at St Joseph's. For information on how to book please see our website: https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/ or email the school office on admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk

#### **MONDAY:**

Football Team Practice for Year 5 & 6. 3.15pm-4.15pm.

Forest School for boys and girls in Ducks, Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Coding Club for Ducklings, Year 1 and Year 2 3.15pm-4.15pm

#### **TUESDAY:**

Art Club for boys and girls in years 4, 5 and 6.

Football Coaching for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and Y4

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#### **WEDNESDAY:**

Coding Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Karate (Junior classes Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) (6.15-7.45pm) Girls' Football Club for Years 3, 4, 5, 6 3.15pm-4.15pm

#### **THURSDAY:**

French Club for Reception to Year 6. 3.15pm-4.20pm. Tennis Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 3.15pm-4.15pm

#### FRIDAY:

Gymnastics club for boys and girls in Years 1-6. 3.15pm-4.15pm

#### **MONDAY - FRIDAY:**

Starlight Club - Breakfast and After School Club
Breakfast club - 7:45am-8:45am
After school club - 3:15pm-6pm Monday to Thursday
After School club 3.15pm-4.45pm on Fridays



#### JOIN OUR KARATE CLUB

DEBBY & PAUL BUSSELL JOINT CHIEF INSTRUCTORS
AT BURTON AND CHRISTCHURCH KARATE CLUB
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COACHES TO CHILDREN AND ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AND TWO OF THE SOUTH'S LEADING KARATE INSTRUCTORS

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IN ALL AGES

WEDNESDAY
CLASSES
JUNIORS 6.15 - 7.45PM
ADULTS 8.00 - 9.30PM

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: 7.45-8.45AM

6PM, FRI UNTIL 4.45PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: INDOOR GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, LEGO, READING, OUTDOOR GAMES AND MORE

FOR PRICES AND TIMES PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.STJOSEPHS.DORSET.SCH.UK/STARLIGHT-CLUB-BREAKFAST
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