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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all, may 2018 bring you and your family health and happiness. Thank you so much for all your lovely cards, gifts and well wishes they were very much appreciated by all the staff. We started off our New Year by our Epiphany mass in the school hall it always gives us a great feeling of being bound to St. Joseph's family in God's name and we ask him to bless us and bless our school this New Year.

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people of Israel.' Matthew 2:6

PTFA

Thank you again to the PTFA for supporting the school during the Christmas period, they decorated our lovely trees and organised the discos and the shop and drop for the children.

There are lots of activities coming up in the New Year so please come along to the next meeting on:-

Monday the 8th January at 7.30pm in the school.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTFA THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL

CAFOD

Every one was very generous after all the Christmas performances and we raised £500.00 for CAFOD which will of course go to some very worthy causes. It is always important at this time of year to remind ourselves of those less fortunate. CAFOD support and help communities throughout the world to improve their living standards by various means, it could be helping set up businesses, access to clean water enabling the children to attend school instead of fetching water or providing livestock.

E Safety

Recently there has been media interest in young children not being prepared for social media use, between the transition from primary to secondary school. As you will be aware here at St. Joseph's we take E Safety very seriously and we encourage children to talk about concerns they have. Young children sometimes have access to social media that they are ill equipped to deal with because of their age and it is all our responsibility to make sure this is carefully monitored. Below is a useful link to Government guidelines and helpful websites.



"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/490001/Social_Media_Guidance_UKCCIS_Final_18122015.pdf.pdf

Maths Challenge

We are proud to announce the relaunch of the mental maths challenge starting next week. There is a letter attached from Mrs Matravers explaining all the details and how you can help your child. The Government are introducing a x tables test in Year 4 in the next academic year, the results will be published alongside phonics and SATs results.

Applying for Reception school places 2018-2019

Parents can apply online on www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions or they can contact the School Admissions Team on 01275884078 for a paper application. **The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2018.**

Sex Education in schools

Parents are being asked by the Government for their opinions on the above there is a link below should you wish to contribute your views. You can also visit our website and look at our curriculum 'Journey in Love' under School Information-EPR (Education for personal relationships).

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/life-skills/pshe-rse-call-for-evidence/>

IMPORTANT SCHOOL E MAIL INFORMATION

The school e mail has changed to:-

office@st-josephs.org.uk

All communication from the school will now be sent to parents using ParentPay email. Please could you therefore ensure that you have set up your ParentPay account and keep the email up to date, and amend it if necessary. If you require email communication to be sent to more than one email address you will need to contact the school office and request a secondary payer to be set up. Please could you also ensure that you register a mobile phone number on ParentPay. This will be used in emergencies to send a text to you if necessary.

Housekeeping

- Everyone looked very smart this morning, wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure all uniform is named and identifiable.
- Please check on ParentPay for school trips and any monies you owe. I understand the Vikings will be visiting Year 5 soon, so if you haven't paid for this please do so as well as paying for our exciting PANTO next week.

Thank you again for all your support and I look forward to working with you all in 2018.

God bless

Mrs Jackson

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties". Helen Keller

Please see the website for the full calendar of events