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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are over half way through another busy term and at this time of year it's a time of reflection as we move closer to Lent. We are so fortunate in so many ways and yet there are times when we need support from one another and need each other's prayers. I attended a chaplaincy meeting this week and there were a few things I wanted to share with you to reflect on and to think how we can make our school:-

A place that conveys God's presence in the ordinary and everyday not just the special?

How can we use our gifts and talents to serve others?

How are we making a difference, reaching out to everybody not just in the school but in the community and the wider world?

I know that here at St. Joseph's we do many of these things already but we will work together during the Churches year of mission to make ourselves even closer to God in all that we do.

"Jesus give us the grace to find you in the ordinary circumstances of our lives, to recognise your presence in all that we meet and trust in your love." AMEN

Recycling

Being closer to God also means being stewards of God's creation and today we had a marvellous talk by Mr Wayne Dixon who is embarking on an epic journey to clean up Britain's coastline. Banishing plastic is something we should all work towards. You can follow Wayne on Facebook you can sponsor him via PayPal friends and family or make a donation for MIND through Make a Donation, Virgin Money Giving-Wayne Dixon. He is also supporting the Northern Inuit Rescue Society at gofundme.com/qejbb7uc.

We have also joined the Duracell recycling campaign and you can recycle all your used batteries. In our school foyer is our massive battery recycling station. Miss Laken will be leading an assembly on Monday to give out more information.



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



PTFA

The children loved the Dick Whittington panto and we would like to thank the PTFA for subsidising it. We have booked again for next year to make it an annual St. Joseph's event.

The PTFA will hold a cake and coffee catch up morning on the first Friday of every month in Gen's room, after Praise assembly the next one will be on the **2nd March**.

The next PTFA event will be the Family quiz **from 5.30pm-7.30pm in the school hall on Friday 2nd February**. Tickets are available from the school office £10.00 which includes drink and hotdogs for the children. Adult refreshments will be available to buy.

The next PTFA meeting will take place on **Monday 5th March at 7.30pm in Hall & Woodhouse by the Marina**.

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

Governor Projects

The Governors at St. Joseph's school work really hard to ensure your children get the best education they possibly can. It is a job which is unpaid and yet a huge responsibility holding the Headteacher to account for the day to day running of the school. The Governor's hold a certain amount of money that they can use to fund school improvements. Below are the projects that have been funded by Governor expenditure in the financial year 2017-2018.

Expenditure funded by Governors' Fund 2017/18

	£
Medical Room equipment	1,316
Water cooler for pupil use	575
Water cooler for staff room	174
MLS Library System	705
Bug Club - English	930
Flag pole, flags and site survey	1,146
Refurbishment of children's toilets	3,371
Storage chest	420
Power of reading annual subscription	175
Write on magnetic boards	108
Sundry other items	308
Repairs to boiler	3,328
Contribution to Medical Room construction	5,860
Total	18,416



School League tables

I would like to congratulate all the children, staff and parents at St. Joseph's school for all working so hard. The Real School Guide was published last week and using a formula of 36 different data sets St. Joseph's school came on the top of the leader board in North Somerset. Well done! Please copy and paste the link below:-

www.bristolpost.co.uk › News › Local News

Community News

Jordan - Champion Spirit will be running Multisports Days at Gordano Sports Hall on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February 2018. The cost is £12 per day or £20 for both days. To book a place please email: championspirit@outlook.com

The Campus www.the-campus.org.uk offer holiday clubs for children over half term. They are situated near W-S-M just off the motorway junction near to the Morrison's shopping centre. Check out their web site for football clubs and holiday clubs.

Ashton Park Sports Centre are also running half term activities www.ashtonparksports.com.

Safeguarding -NSPCC-Pants campaign

Last year the NSPCC came in to talk about their pants campaign they spoke to all the children about how to keep themselves safe. Below is a link to the PANTS guide for parents. Please take a look and help your children to stay safe.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule?mc_cid=db460ba15e&mc_eid=9f3a44c01f

HOUSEKEEPING

- Car parking- Several parents have complained once again about the lack of care and disregard some parents have for the safety of others in the car park. The drop off zone is in the coach bay and at the back of the school. Parents should not get out of their cars if they are not in a space. Please park off the school premises if the car park is full and you need to get out of the car.
- Please take care when stepping over the rubber barriers which are intended to stop cars from parking over the pavement in the car park. These barriers are going to be removed but in the meantime please be aware that they are there.
- School coats should be navy or black, there are quite a few different colours creeping in and as I have said before, here at St. Joseph's we take great pride in looking smart.
- Please ensure you have booked an appointment for Parents Evening via e.schools. 6th / 7th February 2018. You will need to use your parent e.schools login to access this. If you have any difficulty please contact the school office.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL E MAIL INFORMATION

The school e mail has changed to:-

office@st-josephs.org.uk

God bless

Mrs Jackson

“Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible” –

Claude Thomas Bissell

Please see the website for the full calendar of events