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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back I hope you had a restful break during half term. This term is a time of reflection and a time to think of others that are less fortunate than ourselves both near to home and further afield. On Monday the 26th of February our school assembly will be led by CAFOD where the children will learn about the initiative 'walk a mile in my shoes'. Cafod are hoping for many schools to take part and children will walk, so that together we can walk around the world in aid of children around the world who have to walk to safety away from war and famine. On Friday the 16th of March straight after praise assembly (weather permitting) we will walk around the 'world' at St. Joseph's.

"Christ asks us to welcome our brother and sister migrants with arms wide open"-Pope Francis

PTFA

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 of March**.
The next PTFA event will be the 2nd hand uniform sale on Tuesday 6th March at the end of the school day.

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

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

School Led Mass

We are looking forward to our next school led mass on **Sunday 4th of March at 9.00am** please come along especially during this special time in Lent. The parishioners comment on how lovely it is to see the children from school.



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



World book day

We are looking forward to celebrating world book day on Thursday the 1st of March. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character. We will be having a special parade at the beginning of the day followed by paired class book readings in the hall. For more information and ideas about costumes visit the web site:- www.worldbookday.com

We are asking the children to bring in £1.00 on the day to support the world book aid charity.

Housekeeping

- Please ensure all clothing is labelled we have a number of pullovers, cardigans, hats and gloves with no names.
- P.E. kit please check when your children have P.E. all children should have labelled P.E. kit in school for Gym and P.E. If your child does not have kit in school we will endeavor to provide them with spare kit which doesn't always sit well with children especially in KS2.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is central to making sure that all our children are safe and happy at school. As senior safeguarding lead in the school I make sure that all staff training is up to date and every member of staff feels secure in their understanding, knowledge and signs pertaining to any kind of child abuse. All staff know who to contact if they feel they cannot speak to myself or Mr Bath (deputy Safeguarding lead). I will always have my door open to listen should you have any concerns, again if you need extra advise or support you can contact North Somerset's child protection team on **01275 888 808** for an initial no names consultation.

I would like to draw your attention to the web site below from the NSPCC which explains about healthy sexual behaviour amongst young children. Although we need to be vigilant you will also read that children will explore and in most cases it's healthy exploration.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/healthy-sexual-behaviour-children-young-people/>

Community news

Window Wanderland This event is taking place in Portishead this weekend (24th & 25th February 2018) from 5.30pm – 9.00pm.

Lent Youth Activity Morning on Sunday 4th March from 10.30am (straight after Mass) until 12.30pm at St Joseph's church. Some great activities lined up including a Cross Hunt around the church. Activities are aimed at KS2 and KS3 young people. Please speak to Tom Osman or Sam Chandler for more details or to register email Tom (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

Portishead Carnival 'Flower Princess' (Yrs 3 & 4) & 'Carnival Princess' (Yrs 5,6 & 7) Disco will be taking place at Portishead Youth Club on Friday 9th March 2018, 6.30pm-8.15pm. Application forms are available from the school office. Admission £3. Royal Family Co-ordinator Tel: 01275 843422.

Portishead Players will be performing The Jungle Book @ Somerset Hall 1st-3rd March 2018. Tickets are available from Morgan Westley.



Please see below a couple of links to a family parenting magazine that may be of interest.

Family First Magazine link: http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff_mag/

Family First Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk>

God bless

Mrs Jackson

Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind. ~Henry James

Please see the website for the full calendar of events