



Newsletter

Monday 9th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to finish the week with a sunny day! We welcomed our Year 5 children back from Kilve Court on Friday afternoon; they looked like they had had a great time. Thank you to Miss Woodford, Mrs Ravens and Mrs Guest for giving up their time to take the children away for this fantastic experience. I look forward to hearing more about their adventures this week.

School News & Updates

Thank You! - Harvest Festival Donations

The local foodbank were thrilled with the donations from St Joseph's families. The volunteer collecting the food, toiletries and cleaning products was amazed by how much she needed to pick up and needed two car journeys to transport the items to the foodbank in Portishead.

Thank you!

Please remember to contact the school office or me if you need to use the foodbank at any time; as a school, we can refer families to support which can make the process easier when facing the challenges of the cost-of-living crisis.

After-School Club (ASC)

Term 1 fees are now on ParentPay and need settling by 29th September (2 weeks' time), these will include the £25 annual registration fee. This is all in line with our T&Cs.

Thank you to those that have settled theirs already.

Parking – Again!

We are trialling a **different approach** to managing the car park at the beginning and end of the day.

The main gates will not be closed at the end of the day to allow a flow of traffic and we have reduced the staff parking by three places.

While there is a majority of parents who use the car park safely, there are some who need reminding – so please bear these things in mind:

- Only park in marked bays – please do not park on double yellow lines or double park.
- If you have a blue disabled badge, you are welcome to use one of the two spaces on the main car park and one outside Year 5 and Year 6. We do have a number of families and grandparents who are entitled to use these spaces.
- Do not park in staff spaces at any time. There was a couple of days last week when a member of staff could not get into the car park as there were no spaces available.

Please do not take offence if the caretaker or another member of staff asks you to move on or vacate a staff space. It is only fair if all car park users follow the same rules.

Please also remember the **5mph speed limit** at all times. There are some parents who seem to forget when they are in a hurry.

And a final **reminder** that there is a **one-way** system in place.

BBC 500 Words Competition

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. Open from 08:00 Tuesday 26 September - 20:00 Friday 10 November.



It would be great to see our children taking part in this fantastic competition. Visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

for more information.

Lost and Damaged Books

We have invested over £4000 on books and phonic resources in school over the last twelve months.

However, we have already had some casualties with lost or damaged reading scheme books. If your child returns a damaged book, we will send out a letter and a charge will be added to your ParentPay account.

opportunity to share the early successes in class and also to talk about any concerns.

ParentPay

Please take a look at your ParentPay accounts and ensure that they are up to date.

There are two new items for Y6:

Life skills visit on 4.12.23 and an Evacuee workshop 18.3.24

Shoeboxes for Christmas



On **Monday** in our worship, **we will be launching our shoebox appeal.**

If you are out shopping, here is a simple list of what can be included:

- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Soap
- Underwear/ Socks/Tights
- Small toys/gifts as cars, dolls, balls etc.

Please only include new shop-bought toys. Sweets are great but no chocolate or any other food items. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags (best before date no earlier than 31st March next year please).

You can find out more:

<https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

or download the leaflet:

https://blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ShoeBox_leaflet_2023.pdf

School Reminders

Parents' Evenings This Week

If you used a valid email address, the booking form should have emailed you a copy of the date and time for your appointment.

Please make sure you arrange to see your class teacher – it is really important to have the

Volunteers in School

Following a discussion with governors and our leadership team, we feel the new school year is a great time to ask parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school if they would like to volunteer.

We are looking for people to help with:

- Library at lunchtimes
- 1:1 Reading with children
- Helping Year 3 and Year 4 with their times tables
- Afternoon support in the KS1 classes
- Admin support
- Trips and events – one off when needed

All volunteers will be required to complete an online information form and, once we have identified a role or area you can help in, we will start a security check (Enhanced DBS).

Please use this form to register your interest:

<https://forms.gle/yTmM7NaxgveYV6yV9>

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Mon 6th Nov

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

This link will close on Thursday 2nd Nov at 9am.

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.

Music Lessons

Lessons for those who have booked have all been sorted. If you have any queries, please contact music@wema.org.uk.

If your child would like to start a new instrument, please use this link:

www.wema.org.uk/register

Dropping off in the morning

Please use the drop off zone by the Keystage 2 gate and not stop in a random position in the middle of the car park. We have seen some near misses already this term with children crossing the flow of traffic and the view of pedestrians and driver obscured by stopped cars.

Despite previous requests, there are still parents allowing their children to walk across the car park. This is dangerous and put them at risk of being hit by another car driving, reversing or parking.

WANTED!

Role Play "Food" Items

Our preschoolers love cooking up a meal or snack in their home corner but they don't have enough food items to feed everyone! If you have any play food items, please send them into Miss Young at preschool.

Rugs

Do you have any clean small rugs that we could use for our reception class and other small group rooms? Please contact the school office if you can help.

Cushions

Mrs Hill in Year 4 has asked if anyone has any cushions spare. We also would like to add some cushions and soft furnishings to the school library.

Spare PE Kit

We are trying to restock our supply of emergency clothes. If a child falls over, gets wet or has an accident, we use spare PE kit to get them clean and warm. If you have any spare items, please send into the school office:

- Yellow PE tops
- Navy Shorts
- Navy Leggings

- Navy Joggers

Play Sand – Buy a bag or donate please!

The PTFA have bought a lovely covered sand pit for the children to use. However, it doesn't have any sand yet! If you would like to make a donation either as a bag or two of sand ([play sand](#)) or send in a cash donation to school in an envelope marked "PTFA Sand Donation" that would be great!

PTFA News

Teddy Bear Picnic – Thank You!

Thank you to the PTFA for their continued support to the school and to the parents who helped with refreshments last week. We hope to be able to offer some more information opportunities for parents to meet for a cup of tea or coffee in the future.

Church News

Here is the link for this weekend's church newsletter:

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/b0WRrQlIQI2PKIN0Szcz>

There is a reference to the new pastoral areas – this information can be found at:

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/ZeQ4ffrSiuC4EIfV1QS>

Cafod Cake Sale – St Joseph's Church

Saturday 7th October, after 6pm Mass & Sunday 8th October, after 9am Mass.

Please bring your pennies and pounds along to these Masses as the First Holy Communion group would like to raise as much money as possible for the poorest people in our world. All proceeds towards CAFOD for the Family Fast Harvest Appeal.

Praise and Worship Evening: Sunday 22nd October

Come and join us for some prayer, praise, faith witness and shared meal in St Joseph's Church

hall on West Hill, Portishead. The evening will begin at 5.30pm with Praise and Worship, Scripture readings and faith witness and end with a shared meal. For more information, please email Tom on tafosman@hotmail.co.uk

Local News, Events & Services

We are asked by local groups and organisations to share events and activities which might be of interest – we include this for your information if you are interested.

Signature Sports

Signature Sports October half term fundays are just 3 weeks away,

We will be running at the below venues from Tuesday 24th October - Thursday 26th October. All venues will run 8.45am-3pm.

We are expecting spaces to fill quickly so please book ASAP to avoid any disappointment, to book your child a place please visit our website www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk

Many thanks,

Ben and The Signature Sports team

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CODING WORKSHOP





Game Pixel Design

An interactive workshop for aspiring young game designers. Dive into the world of pixel art and game creation.

Suitable for children aged 8 and 12 years old.

WHERE
Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN
Thursday 26th October 2023
From 10am – 12pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909 226520



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MINECRAFT CLUB





CODING IN MINECRAFT

A 3-hour session suitable for children aged 8 – 12 years old, who love playing Minecraft and wish to learn to program mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft.

WHERE
Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN
Saturday 7th October 2023
From 9:45am – 12:45pm

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Email: info@codingbug.co.uk
Call: 07909 226 520



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- Every Wednesday (term time only)
- 10 am Beginner - Intermediate (50 mins)
- 11 am Intermediate Plus (50 mins)
- At Portishead Folk Hall, BS20 6PR
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OCTOBER HALF-TERM

FOOTBALL CAMPS

MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Nailsea School | Reception - Year 7



GIRLS GROUP TUESDAY



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And Finally...



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Have a great week!

Mr Bath

Headteacher

