



# Newsletter

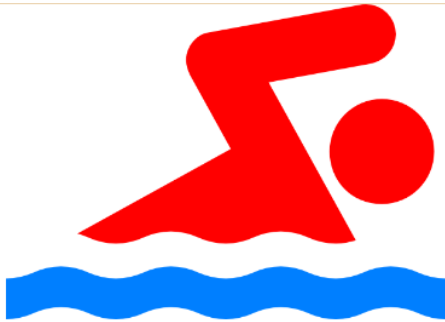


Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term – hopefully the longer, brighter days and a little more normality will help us all enjoy a summer at St Joseph's school!

## Swimming



Following the COVID lockdowns and interruption to services available, we have reviewed the swimming provision for the school.

This year we have focused on Y4 and the non-swimmers in Y5 and Y6. Y3 will not be swimming this year.

Next year we plan to return to swimming as follows:

Terms 1&2: Y5 and Y6 non-swimmers

Terms 3&4: Y3 and Y4 swimming

Terms 5&6: No swimming

## Water, Sun Cream and Sunhats

We encourage all children to have a named water bottle in school. This should be a "sports" type bottle to avoid spillage. Please rinse and refill your child's bottle each morning.



All children need to also have a named hat for school – this should be navy blue but can be either a sunhat or a baseball style cap. Finding a plain blue one can be difficult but we would appreciate it if you could make sure hats are navy blue and not other colours – in line with our uniform code for hairbands and hair accessories.

Some parents are happy to have sun cream applied before school but if your child has sensitive skin they are permitted to bring their own sun-cream into school in their bookbag or rucksack. Please can you train them to apply sun cream themselves apart from the youngest children where staff can help if needed.

## WANTED – Short Chapter Books

If you have any spare as-new reading books suitable for Y2, Y3 and Y4 we would really appreciate donations.



We are trying to provide books in school for children who are coming to the end of the reading scheme but need to have shorter story books available in school before we can say they are a free-reader as they move into upper Key Stage 2.

Ideally books suitable for boys and girls would be helpful - please bring them into school and leave at the school office.

### **More WANTED items**

We are still looking for donations of the following:

- Children's sized hangers for our spare uniform and sports kit in school.
- Little Wellies – Age 3&4 – for our preschool children to wear.
- Picnic Blankets for classes to use for outdoor learning, story time and other activities.

### **Parent Pay Items**

Please log in and add the following to your basket (if applicable)

- Payment for Osprey Camp – Yr 3&4 by 06/06/2022
- Payment for Mojo Active Trip- Yr 6 by 20/05/2022
- Deposits for Kilve Court and Mill on the Brue

### **Year 6 SATs – “Quiz Week”**

The children in Year 6 will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 assessment papers starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. They are working really hard! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Life is not just about exams and tests but we hope they can all do their best – that is all we ask or expect from any child at St Joseph's.

### **Year 4 – Tables Assessments**

If your child is in Year 4, please keep practising your times tables. The actual assessments will take part during the period of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Osprey Camp – Year 3 and Year 4**

If you missed the meeting on Thursday, please contact Mr Donovan if you have any questions. The forms/letters for consent, medical and kit have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible. I appreciate it can be difficult to find the necessary information but all sections of the form must be completed especially the medical information.

Payments for the trip need to be made now on ParentPay. If you have not paid, can I politely remind you to log in and make a payment. If you have a genuine difficulty with the trip payment, please contact me in confidence via the school office.

### **Exciting Brass Opportunity**



Just a reminder that we have been given the chance to have a “starter band” at St Joseph's run by Lions Brass 4 Youth. A starter band is the way to learn a brass instrument in a group – like a mini band. Lions Brass 4 Youth is North Somerset's top youth band and has an amazing local reputation. They are keen to find new players who might eventually play in their main youth band. Many of their young players started out in a training band and now play in concerts all over the South West of England.

They provide music and instruments as well as an experienced brass teacher for children who would like to take part. All they ask is for the children to be committed to coming to sessions and to practice each week.

If you would like your child to take part, please email the school office for my attention. We will then make a decision if this project can go ahead. Children should be in Key Stage 2 as

they will be expected to learn to read music as they learn.

### **INSET for 2022-2023**

The INSET days for next year are planned as follows:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

We have decided to align ourselves with the Lighthouse Partnership and Gordano for the new academic year.

### **Change of Menu**

Thursday 5th May

BBQ Pulled Chicken Burger

Oven Baked Wedges

Ranch Slaw

or

BBQ Pulled Quorn Burger

Oven Baked Wedges

Ranch Slaw

Cheese, Tuna or Ham wraps

Rocket Lolly

Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt Pot

The school summer menu has also been added to our website.

### **New School Website**

We are in the process of redesigning our school website.

We also would like to consult with parents about what we would like on the new website. If you would like to share constructive ideas for moving forward, please email [website@st-josephs.org.uk](mailto:website@st-josephs.org.uk) with your thoughts.

### **Praise Assembly**

Thank you to the PTFA for providing tea and coffee today after assembly. Parents and grandparents are very welcome on a Friday

morning at 8.40am; the assembly normally takes about half-an-hour and tea and coffee is available after the children have returned to their class.

### **Preschool**

Emails have been sent out containing Terms 5 & 6 fees. Do contact Mrs Fenton-Stretton on [preschool@st-josephs.org.uk](mailto:preschool@st-josephs.org.uk) if you have any questions or queries.

Otherwise please can you settle these at your earliest convenience.

We are hoping to review the way these fees are communicated going forward, so please bear with us.

Also, we are now taking applications for our Sept 2022 intake. Feel free to share our preschool website page;

[https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/web/st\\_josephs\\_preschool/601574](https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/web/st_josephs_preschool/601574)

with friends, family and locally. On here they can find general information, the session times and Application Form. Viewings can be organised by contacting the School Office on 01275 848367 or [Office@St-Josephs.org.uk](mailto:Office@St-Josephs.org.uk)

### **Portishead Youth Centre**

If you are looking for activities at half term, please find the Jubilee poster attached for some street parties at half term at the youth centre.

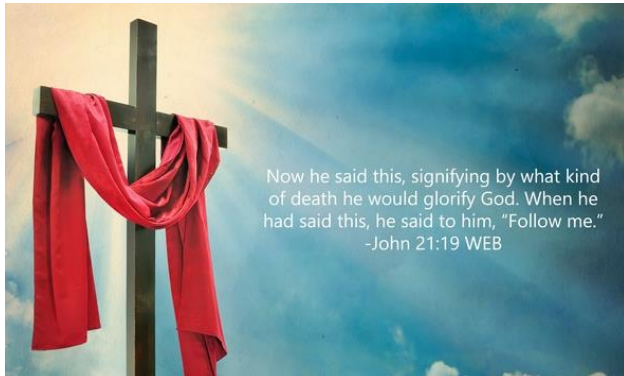


The poster is titled 'JUBILEE PARTIES' in large, bold, black letters on a light blue background. Below the title, there are two red boxes with white text. The left box is for an 'Under 11s party with Nutty Noah - 31st May' and lists a £6 per person fee for a 45-minute show, street party lunch, and coffee/cake for adults, with siblings under 6 months free. It also lists three time slots: 10.15am-12pm, 11.30am-1.15pm, and 12.45pm-2.30pm. The right box is for an 'Over 55s street party - 1st June' and lists an afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones, and cream, a party food and drink on arrival, a sing-a-long with Antonia including the National Anthem, and a prize for Best Patriotic Outfit and other spot prizes. It also lists a £10 per person fee for 11am-2pm and notes that limited tickets are available. Below the red boxes, there is a blue banner with white text that says 'CALL 01275 842461 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK'. Below the banner, the text 'PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE' is written in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. To the right of the text is a photograph of the Portishead Youth Centre building. At the bottom of the poster, there is a blue banner with white text that says 'WWW.PORTISHEADYOUTHCENTRE.CO.UK' and 'FOLLOW US ON' followed by a Facebook icon and the text 'PORTISHEAD YOUTH CENTRE'.

The youth centre is a great resource in the town and provides a wide range of activities for all children.

## **And Finally...**

In school, we are continuing to celebrate the Feast of Easter – the season of Eastertide lasts for 50 days until Pentecost at half term.



If hope the excitement of spring and the new life it brings gives you and your families joy and happiness this weekend. Enjoy the extra day as well!

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath  
Headteacher