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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are about to enter our last term of the school year, particularly if you are a Reception parent or Year 6 parent you must wonder where this year went? We had our lovely May Procession on Thursday, I would like to say the sun shone but at least the rain stayed off. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers the Reception children brought in to adorn the statue of Mary; she really has a special place in our hearts as the mother of our Lord. A special "Thank you" to one of our parents, Mrs Parker who runs "The White Collection" wedding shop on Hill Road in Clevedon, for donating a beautiful rose crown for our May procession.



YEAR 6 EVENTS

Please see the school calendar for all events-however this is a very exciting term for our Year 6 leavers with lots of activities happening.

Tuesday June 12th the year 6 business fair.

Each Year 6 child has been loaned £10.00 by the school and they are hoping to turn that into a profit with your help. All children can come into school with some pocket money on the day (up



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



to £5.00). There will be a separate e mail sent out nearer the time giving more details. There is a competition to see who can make the biggest profit during the school day and who had the most innovative idea. If there are any goodies left they will be sold after school but those profits won't be included in the competition. The proceeds of the event will be split between several charities.

Monday 4th June St John Ambulance First Aid Course
Thursday June 14th Leavers mass Clifton Cathedral 11.00 am
Tuesday June 19th Forest Schools
Thursday 28th June Year 6 school play 7.00pm*
Thursday 5th July St Bede's Transition day
Tuesday 10th July Gordano Transition day
Sunday 15th July Leavers mass at school 9.00am*
Monday 16th July Retreat day St Joseph's church
Wednesday 18th July Year 6 trip
Thursday 19th July End of term mass*
Friday 20th July 1.30pm Leavers assembly*

***Parents welcome**

WOW what a lot to get through!

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the family disco, book fair and spring hampers. The next big event in the school calendar will be the summer fair on **Saturday June 30th from 12 - 4pm** (set up time from 10am). There are lots of people working behind the scenes so that this will be a fun and exciting event. Please come along to the next PTFA meeting **at 7.30pm on Monday the 4th of June** at Hall and Woodhouse (by the Marina). Your help really counts. We are very excited about the new kitchen which will be put into Gen's room over the summer holidays, the PTFA have raised all the funds for this project and without them our children would not have access to a wider range of activities.

Cake of the week will continue on Fridays.

Please see the notice board outside the main entrance for PTFA information.

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

Bullying

At St Joseph's school we really believe that every child has a right to feel safe and happy when they come to school and we work really hard to make sure this is the case. We encourage children to speak up if they are being hurt by another child and we regularly hold assemblies, class PHSE lessons and friendship circle time. Children do fall out with each other and there is sometimes rough and tumble in the playground and on the football field. The Bullying mantra that the children understand is the **STOP** campaign, which means **Several Times On Purpose**. There are a few instances of Bullying that I have encountered during my career and they have been upsetting to deal with for all concerned. I very rarely use the **B** word as it doesn't happen very often. Children have a good understanding of what Bullying means and what they should do if they think it's happening to them or another person. I would encourage you to cut and paste the link below and think; 'Is it several times on purpose?'

www.bullybusters.org.uk/parents/

Journey in Love

During term 6, in collaboration with the Diocese of Clifton, we will be looking at our scheme of work for EPR. Sometimes referred to as Sex and Relationships Education (EPR), the programme



is intended to introduce aspects of EPR at age appropriate stages and in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. The scheme and content can be found on the school website under information/Sex and relationship education. Please have a look at the content so you can discuss any aspects that your child may want to ask you about. This part of the curriculum is compulsory for children in all schools. If you have any questions please feel free to call or make an appointment to see me.

Safeguarding

We were pleased to have a representative from Avon and Somerset Police in on Wednesday to talk to the children about E-Safety. KS2 had class workshops and KS1 an assembly.

The link below is very useful and has age graded leaflets to help you understand what the Police Officer was discussing with your children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Two good resources, below, which have information on lots of games and social media apps, including Fortnite. They include some conversation starters to help parents talk to their children about staying safe when using these apps. It also includes reminders of the age restrictions for games and apps (most are 13+).

[https://www.net-](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIiYLplbaZ2wiVCLftCh1iQQDzEAAYASAAEgJ3p_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

[aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIiYLplbaZ2wiVCLftCh1iQQDzEAAYASAAEgJ3p_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=net_aware&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIiYLplbaZ2wiVCLftCh1iQQDzEAAYASAAEgJ3p_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

Forest Schools

Forest Schools are well under way. Please ensure that you return the permission slip for your child prior to the date of their trip, we are unable to let children go without written permission. Even if the weather is warm on the day of your child's trip please ensure your child wears long sleeves and long trousers. Please also remember sun cream, sun hats and a waterproof coat! Please see the link below re Lyme disease.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

Charity Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our charity fundraising events recently. A cheque for £1,238.50, raised through sponsorship at the Portishead Swimathon, was presented to the Chair of Portishead Rotary Club last week, many thanks to Mrs Ravens for organising this event. A cheque for £224.50, raised through the Jump Rope for Heart Skipathon has been sent to the British Heart Foundation, many thanks to Mrs Faram for organising this event.

Local events

The Portishead Flower Show and Country show is being held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July and there is an opportunity for your child to help the school to win a cup at the Show. The Show is a major event in Portishead's calendar and in addition to a packed programme of Arena Events there are 500 classes to enter with 54 of these specifically for children. Children who enter one of the classes simply have to put down the name of the school they attend and the school with the most points earned by pupils wins the cup. There is no cost involved for the school. You can obtain a programme



schedule which contains details of the various classes and age ranges from Morgan Westley or Carey's or by emailing info@portisheadflowershow.com.

An example of the classes:

6 years old and Under

The entry must be exclusively the work of the child although adult guidance may be given.

Class

516 Miniature garden in a saucer (using mostly natural materials.)

517 Mustard or cress grown by the exhibitor.

518 A collection of garden flowers in any container

519 An A4 picture using stickers.

520 An edible rainbow on a plate

521 Model made from Lego (must be own design). Maximum 45cm x 45cm

522 A potato print of a flower max. size A4

523 An item made from a kitchen roll tube.

524 A playdough cake on a paper plate.

525 Draw and colour a picture of a "My Home" - max. size A4

526 Design a bookmark.

527 Three decorated biscuits, on a plate in a polythene bag.

Don't forget the Portishead Carnival Saturday 16th June – it's not too late to get involved!

The theme we have chosen this year is Gulliver's Travels. Please contact the school office or Mr Bath for further information.

Diocesan News

Diocesan Day on 30 June 2018 at St Brendan's College, Brislington, Bristol.

There will be registration and refreshments from 9.30am and we begin the day with our opening liturgy and welcome at 10.15am. The day is built around a keynote address and workshop sessions facilitated and led by some diocesan and national figures who have given their time to come and join us. Bishop Declan will then celebrate Mass with us at 3.30pm.

Please contact us direct by email if you wish to participate:

adult.education@cliftondiocese.com.

Lunch at the Diocesan Family Day will be provided for all participants and we will therefore need to know by *Friday 22 June* so that we can arrange catering appropriately.

Staffing for 2017-2018

Please see below for staffing for the next academic year. Congratulations to Mr Broyd who will be moving into Year 6 as well as KS2 lead. We will therefore need to have a further round of recruitment for the Year 4 position; I will let you know as soon as I have any news.

Reception: Mrs Roberts and Mrs Lane-Hall

Year 1 : Mrs Matravers and Miss Joy

Year 2: Mr Bath

Year 3: Mr Donovan

Year 4:

Year 5: Miss Laken



Year 6 : Mr Broyd

GDPR

New Government legislation comes into force today to protect our data from being used without our express permission. Attached to the email is a privacy document related to the new legislation. It explains how the school uses your child's data and which third parties we share the data with. Please take time to read the document should you have any questions please contact our school business manager as directed in the document.

Housekeeping

- Unfortunately we do not have the room in KS1 to accommodate large backpacks. At the moment children are bringing a massive backpack containing a reading book and reading record. These things need to be in a book bag so they can fit into the book bag box. If children have an activity after school they can bring in a back pack and put it on their peg. In KS2 they can bring in their back packs as we have more room and teachers do not have to change individual reading books to the same extent.
- Can I remind parents re the uniform code and accessories - hair bands, ties and clips should be navy, gold or yellow. Earrings should be small studs and pupils should not be wearing nail polish to school
- Children should arrive into school by 8.20am in order to line up and be in school on time. I do understand, as a parent myself, that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances which can make us late. Unfortunately though it is the same children that are late on numerous occasions each week. Please allow yourself extra time if this is you, to ensure your child has a good attendance record. Our Education Welfare Officer will be running an attendance workshop for some invited parents to attend in Term 6.
- We will be reintroducing Friday lunch time detentions for children appearing 3 times or more in the behaviour book during a rolling period of 5 days. You will be informed by letter if your child has received a detention. Obviously you will always be contacted if there has been a serious behaviour breach. We are finding that low level disruptive behaviour which is ongoing is sometimes not acknowledged as it should be and we hope by reintroducing the lunch time detention that this kind of behaviour won't be tolerated.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Sadly Mr and Mrs Choi who have been running the chess club for many years alongside Mrs Faram are stepping down this year. They have been instrumental in supporting the children and getting them into exciting chess competitions. If there is anyone out there who would like to come and help run the chess club they meet during lunch time 12.15-1.00pm (day to suit although it's currently Tuesday). Maybe there is a grandparent chess master out there!



God Bless and have a restful and peaceful half term.

Mrs Jackson



(Come on the Reds!)

Please regularly check the school calendar on the website for school events and timings.

Term dates:

Term 6

Monday 4th June- Tuesday 24th July

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July are INSET DAYS. Last day for children Friday 20th July

Term Dates 2018-2019

- term 1: Monday 3 September 2018 to Friday 26 October 2018
- term 2: Monday 5 November 2018 to Friday 21 December 2018
- term 3: Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 2019
- term 4: Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019
- term 5: Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019
- term 6: Monday 3 June 2019 to Tuesday 23 July 2019

Inset Dates 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019