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Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the poll with regards the last week of term, we are really looking forward to seeing so many of the children.

I will let you know the plans for our Year 6 leavers at the beginning of next week. We are hoping to have 2 leaving assemblies with parents (weather permitting) outside on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th in the afternoon. Government advice still remains that children should be in no more than groups of 15 at this time.

Yesterday the Government announced that schools will resume in September and every child will return on a full time basis in their normal classes. There are a few tweaks we will have to make in order to make this as safe a return as possible for everyone and we will be communicating these to you as soon as possible. School will be compulsory and the Government have indicated that fines will be levied for non-attendance.

The guidance for what parents and carers need to know about early year's providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term can be found here and on the school web site.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>



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



Staffing 2020-2021

I will be retiring at the end of next year (July 2021) and although this seems a very long way off, I know these things come around very quickly. To that end, with the Governors agreement, I have decided to go part time for the coming academic year. During this interim year, Mr Bath will be Co-Head and Mr Broyd will deputise for him on Monday and Tuesday. I would like to welcome Mrs Dearberg to the staff for next year she will be job sharing with Mrs Lane-Hall in year 1, many of you know Mrs Dearberg already as she has been working in the current Reception red bubble and has been a supply teacher here for many years. Rest assured our team will work together to make sure your children are safe, happy and be the best they can after this extraordinary time of disruption.

Head Teachers- Mr Bath (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Jackson (Wed, Thur, Friday)
Deputy Heads- Mr Broyd (Monday and Tuesday) Mr Bath (Wed, Thur, Fri)

Reception: Miss Johnson, Mrs Febrey

Year 1: Mrs Dearberg (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Lane-Hall (Wed, Thurs, Frid), Mrs Faram

Year 2: Mrs Matravers (Monday and Tuesday) Miss Joy (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Napolitano,

Year 3: Mr Donovan, Mrs Ravens

Year 4: Mrs Hill, Mrs Guest

Year 5: Miss Laken, Mrs Geary

Year 6: Mr Broyd, Mrs Geary

SEN support: Mrs Sarta, Mrs Lengyel, Mrs Napolitano, Mrs Geary

Learning Mentor: Mrs Guest

SMSA: Mr Sturdy, Mrs Musso, Mrs Pullen, Mrs Lengyel, Mrs Napolitano, Mrs Tully

ASC: Mrs Geary(Manager), Mrs Febrey, Mrs Ravens, Mrs Henson, Mrs Lengyel, Miss Parker

Business manager: Mrs Chichester

Office administrators: Mrs Bolden and Ms Maslen (Interim)

INSET DAYS 2020-2021

Due to the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in and the information that has been released today, the Local Authority have given all maintained schools in North Somerset leave to have 2 extraordinary INSET days. St Joseph's will take these days at the beginning of term One on the 1st and 2nd of September, so **children will be returning on the 3rd of September**. There will therefore be an INSET day on the 23rd of October which was not previously advertised.

Uniform Information

Please visit the web site for up to date uniform information. School Togs are open for business and you can buy ties and all logo uniform there. They have a dedicated phone line so you don't even need to visit the shop.

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Church news

It is such a joy for many of us to be able to return to public Masses from this weekend. I'm very conscious of the many people who are still unable to get to Mass and who we will be so deeply close to in prayer as we celebrate in the Church. Canon Michael Fitzpatrick will be celebrating our Masses this weekend as I am still on retreat. I will be back for next weekend's Masses.



As you know we have set up a registration system to ensure that we do not exceed the approved capacity of our churches. The 6pm Saturday evening Mass and 9am Sunday morning Mass at Portishead and the 11am Sunday morning Mass at Nailsea are now at full capacity. We still have spaces at the 6pm Sunday evening Mass at Nailsea and at weekday Masses. If you would like to come to Mass please fill in the form at josephfrancis.org/return. If you have filled in a registration form and haven't had a response (and have checked your junk mail folder) please let me know! **PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS IF YOU HAVE NOT FILLED IN A REGISTRATION FORM AND HAD AN EMAIL TO CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE ALLOCATED YOU A PLACE.** We really don't want to have a situation of having to turn people away.

Our livestreaming of Masses continues but with a changed timetable – from tomorrow, 4 July, livestreamed Masses will be at 6pm on Saturdays, 9am on Sundays and Mondays, 10am on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (no 10am Mass on 4 July), 7pm on Wednesdays and 9.15am on Thursdays.

Warmest wishes and prayers

Father Tom

Safeguarding

The latest Government advice to parents and carers on keeping children safe from abuse and harm can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-childrensafe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Job Vacancy

We are looking to appoint an SEN full time support worker (with Makaton or PECS experience) for the new Reception class. Please share this information with any one that might be interested. Full details are on the web site.

Bags for school

Thank you so much to Mrs Gale for organizing this and Mrs Winward for her support (and some smaller helpers). All together you donated just less than 1 tonne of clothing raising £360. This is a very good fund raiser helping others in need and raising funds for the school.



Free School Meals

If you have not done so and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please follow the link below to find out. Several parents have come back to us with news that they are eligible, which is great news, as they will be entitled to school meal vouchers over the holidays. All you will need is your name, address, e mail address and national insurance number.

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>

If you are successful you will need to provide the office with a copy of the e mail.



School web site

You will find extra resources for home schooling and prayer, please go to parents/covid 19. You will also find the term dates and INSET days for the next academic year under parents/term dates

The telephone in the office is being monitored every morning, I would still recommend if you have any queries or you need help for any reason, please e mail the office rather than phone. Please be aware that at this present time parents **should not** come into the school foyer unless there is an emergency.

We look forward to seeing most of you before the end of term.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus'. (Philippians 4:6-7)