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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5 I hope you all had a happy and restful Easter break. The risen Lord always gives us hope for the future, despite what life may throw at us. We had a wonderful assembly yesterday the focal point being the special cross which Bishop Declan has blessed and has been on a 'pilgrimage' around all the schools in the Parish. We once again focused on all the people who have had to flee their homes through war and conflict and the 'hope' that Jesus's resurrection gives to us all. Some of the chaplains went to Battery point where we said special prayers for all those who face peril on the sea.



Once again please keep an eye on the changeable weather as the children spend a total of an hour outside during the day and they need to bring coats if it threatens rain or is unseasonably cold. Many children have come to school without a coat this week.

On the other hand if it is going to be sunny please provide a hat and put sun cream on before your child comes to school. If your child is old enough to put on their own sun cream it can be put into their bag. We cannot apply sun cream in school.

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be on **Monday May 13th at 7.30pm in the Albion PH** (opposite school). The PTFA need your support to help plan for the school fair without it they cannot run the fair or other events. It would be a shame for these events not to go ahead!



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



The next PTFA event will be the Car Boot Sale on Saturday morning from 10am-2pm please come along and support this event.

Cake of the week will continue on Friday

Family Quiz night Friday 17th May

Book fair week beginning Monday 20th May TBC

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

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

Letter from the Chair of Governors

Please find attached a further letter from the chair of Governors regarding a vacancy on the Governing board. I can't stress enough what an important role the Governing body play in the running of our lovely school. Without their support and input the school would not be as it is today. If you are thinking about joining the Governing body **PLEASE** get in touch as we would love to have your expertise on board.

Parent Questionnaire

It's that time of year again when we would like your views about the school. Please take some time to fill out the attached form (paper copies are in the school foyer). We very much appreciate your views when it comes to trying to improve things for your children. If you can have them back to the school office, either electronically or paper copy (if you wish to be anonymous), by the 17th May, thank you.

Year 6 SAT'S WEEK-13th-16th May

Here at St Joseph's we try and keep this as low key as possible and we encourage the children to try their best and be the best that they can. It would be good that week and the previous weekend to get plenty of fresh air and sleep. All equipment for the tests is provided by the school.

If your child is ill on the day of any of the tests please phone the school as normal, there is a window of opportunity to take the test at another time should this happen.

Please copy and paste the link below to find out more information from the department of education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Year 2 SAT'S Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 3pm

Parents are invited to join Mr Bath in Yr 2 classroom from 3pm, Tuesday 2nd May 2019 for a meeting regarding SAT's.

Curriculum overviews

Please check the website for your child's year group termly overview, you can see the subjects your child will be studying this term and help them in their understanding of the topics covered.

Parentpay

Over this weekend please can you all take a look at Parentpay and ensure your child's lunch account is in credit and pay any voluntary contributions for Educational Day Trips or payments for Residential Trips (see next page).



Educational Trips on Parentpay (voluntary contributions requested)

Yr 4 SS Great Britain 8th May 2019

Reception Tyntesfield 14th May 2019

Residential Trips on Parentpay

Year3/4 Overnight Residential camp 12th June 2019

Community and Church Events

- **Easter Activity Morning**

Sunday 26th March @St Joseph's Church for ages 6-11. Fun, faith and friendship. Learning

more about Easter - feeding hearts and minds, as well as tummies! Interested? Sign up on the list in the foyer or chat with Alison Delaplace or Tom Osman (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

- **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Glastonbury: Sunday 14th July 2019**

We are pleased to confirm that this year's Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury, which will be led by Bishop Declan, will again take place on the second Sunday in July; Sunday 14th July 2018.

More details are available from the school or your parish, or from the Glastonbury Shrine website:

www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk

- **Team St Joes for WSM Race for Life 12th June 2019 – 40 places booked by Rachel Mougeot**

If anyone else would like to join Rachel please let her know ASAP and she will add you to the team.

£12 adults, £8 children with a bit extra towards chips & pink accessories.

If you wish for more information or are able to support the team here is our justgiving page link: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TeamStJoes?fbclid=IwAR0AmBu4XRnsbs7723Qjq0MZ9UBmx7S_mlk0BcVtd0VsxsSeDvHSR1jFJrU

Housekeeping

- Please check the website-Information/current prospectus for the up to date school uniform list.
- Please do not park dangerously in the car park at any time particularly during praise assembly (for example across the front of the bike shelter or on the pavements). If the gates are closed it means that there is no room in the car park. Ideally please park elsewhere and walk a few hundred yards.

Sports news from Mr Donovan

What a fantastic performance from many of our school sports teams in Term 4. It is obvious we have a very talented bunch of sporting children in Upper KS2 with many developing athletes across the school community. We are only a small school when compared to many primary schools across North Somerset but to use a sporting analogy we certainly punch above our weight! You may have already heard about our recent sporting successes but I think it is worth repeating to all.



Both our Netball and Rugby squads have been crowned North Somerset Champions and represented the county in the Regional Finals yesterday, the netball team were silver medalists losing by 1 point and the rugby team came 6th an enormous achievement well done to both those teams.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate our Swimathon Squad. Once again we had the biggest representation of any school in Portishead and the quality of swimming from all age groups was commented on by members of the public. Mrs. Ravens must be specially mentioned as her passion for the event certainly feeds down to children and her organisational skills are second to none.

Music news from Mrs Page

It has long been recognised that 'Music Helps us Learn' and a video explaining more about this can be seen at:-

<https://www.nsmusic4you.org.uk/>

At St Joseph's there will be a music focus on instruments for many over the summer terms with Year 3 learning violin and Year 4 learning pocket trumpet with Mrs Page while Year 5 will be having clarinet lessons with Miss Laken in partnership with Miss Clough from North Somerset Music Service. Mr Bath will be running a lunchtime ukulele club and Mrs Page a lunchtime recorder club as well as the usual after school band practices.

There is no charge for any of these activities. Historically our school band has had a good number of children playing orchestral instruments including woodwind, brass and strings, but numbers of children taking up these instruments is currently very low.

In order to encourage children to consider taking these instruments further, in early June there will be an opportunity for any children who would like to continue learning an instrument in the Autumn to sign up for group or individual lessons at the usual rates with teachers from the Music Service (Group lessons approx. £7. Individual lessons approx. £11).

The school has 2 flutes, 2 clarinets, 2 saxophones, a cornet and several violins which would be available for loan thus allowing children to learn without the necessity to buy or hire an instrument and so keeping down the cost of learning.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

'Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime'.

– Martin Luther

Term dates

- term 5: Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019
- term 6: Monday 3 June 2019 to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET DAYS

- Monday 22 July 2019
- Tuesday 23 July 2019

Please see the school calendar on the website for all school events