



# Newsletter



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our families for their support over the last six weeks. This has been the most challenging period of time and we have come very close to having to close classes due to staff shortages. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and flexibility; without the commitment and flexibility of the teaching and support staff we would not have been able to operate normally.

COVID is not over. Whilst there are no longer rules and restrictions, we hope that you will be able to help us all to stay safe. We are very happy for parents to come into school; you can join us for Praise Assembly every Friday at 8.40am. If you do come into school, please be mindful of others. If you feel safer wearing a mask, please do so or if you feel a face covering would help to keep others safe then we would appreciate your choice.

## Advance Warning! Year 5 and Year 6 Camp – October 2022.

The following school camp trip costs will be going on ParentPay this month:

Mill on the Brue £363 pp

Kilve Court £199 pp

There is a deposit payment and then a suggested payment schedule.

If you have difficulty with payments, please contact the office to discuss with Mr Bath.

## All Sorts of Things for Ukraine



**Well done Year 4!** Today they raised over **£150** towards our Ukraine appeal. This was all driven by the children and their willingness to help others. Thank you everyone.

Proceeds from all fundraising will be sent to CAFOD/Disaster Emergency Committee so the government can fund match what we raise in school.

## Exciting Brass Opportunity



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. 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.

### **Swimathon – Well Done!**

Thank you to children, parents and past pupils for joining the team. Mrs Ravens was so impressed! The organisers could not believe how many swimmers we had and how many lengths were completed.

Please can you try to collect the sponsor money over the Easter break and bring into school so we can give everyone an update on the amount raised by the team.

### **Music Tuition**

Please check your ParentPay account for any outstanding balances for lessons as these need to be paid before the beginning of the new term.

### **Parent Helpers in School**

If you would like to be a regular helper in school with reading, library, cooking or other class activities, please email the school office with your availability.

[office@st-josephs.org.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.org.uk)

We do not have an issue with you helping in your own child's class.

If you do want to volunteer, we will need to complete a new DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check in line with our safeguarding

policy. The office will help you with this process.

Parents who have a DBS as a volunteer can also be invited as parent helpers for school trips and off-site visits.

### **Summer Dresses**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can wear summer uniform after Easter.

Dresses should be gold (yellow) and white striped – not checked fabric please.

KS2 children are no longer asked to wear summer uniform as they can wear skirts or shorts with short sleeved shirts to stay cool.

### **Family and Young People – Events at St Joseph's Church**

A message from Tom Osman:

[Family Sports Afternoon - Sunday 10th April \(Palm Sunday\) 3pm-5pm](#)

All welcome to the Lake Grounds for an afternoon of Sports and Social time. Look out for the pink gazebo as we will meet come rain or shine! Contact Rachel or Tom for further info - [rachel.mougeot@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.mougeot@gmail.com) or [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk). Can you support? We'd love to hear from you.

[The Final Walk: Stations of the Cross - Good Friday at 9.30am](#)

Would your young people like to get involved? Reading, Miming, Playing music, or welcoming, buttering hot cross buns? Or just come along. Please chat with Tom or email him: [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk). Join us in the church as our young people lead us through the Passion of our Lord: the final moments of Jesus' earthly life before his death. Followed by hot cross buns in the hall.

### **Holidays and Portishead Youth Club**

Please find information about activities at our local youth club attached to this newsletter.

## Year 6 Dates

A separate Newsletter 'Special' will be sent out today for Y6 families. Please check you read this one and the extra one!

### INSET for 2022-2023

The INSET days for next year are planned as follows:

Thursday 1st Sept

Friday 2nd Sept

Monday 31st Oct

Tuesday 3rd Jan

Monday 5th June

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

### 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.

## And Finally...



As we celebrate Easter, I hope you have a joyful and restful holiday with your family and friends. Have a great two weeks and please stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath  
Headteacher