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Friday September 15th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone to another exciting year of fun, learning and caring. We started off our year with our WOW day to Longleat. Once again the children were a credit to the school and their families, members of the public commented on how well behaved and polite our children were.

In class the children have been finding out about the African Savannah and Global Biomes. We always like to link our work with our ethos of caring so we have also been finding out about conservation and the preservation of our precious world that God gave us.



PTFA

The parents and friends association need you! Please support the PTFA:

The next meeting is the AGM on the 2nd of October at 7.30pm in the school hall, please come along to find out if you can help in any way.

Sainsbury bag packing: Saturday 23rd September, letters have gone out with the timing slots available from 10.30am until 2.30pm. Children need to be supervised and if they wear their school uniforms they can come to school in MUFTI on Monday 25th September.

PTFA Up and coming events



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



Thursday 28th (after school) and Friday 29th September (after reading and phonics talk for Reception and after school)) **new and used uniform sale.**

Thursday 9th November **Book at Bedtime** R-Year 3; 5.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 1st December **School Christmas discos:** R and KS1; 4.30pm-5.30pm, KS2; 5.45pm-7.00pm

Saturday 2nd December **Christmas Shop and drop** 10.30am- 12.30pm

Don't forget when doing your Christmas shopping on line you can go to the **Just Giving website**, find St Joseph's PTFA and any purchases you make on line a % goes to the school PTFA.

Do you have a gas BBQ in good condition that you don't need any more? Please contact the school office as the PTFA are in need of one.

Please support the PTFA they do so much for our children.

School web site and e schools

Please check the school web site for new dates that have been uploaded, Christmas play dates, Christmas lunch and various other important dates such as parent's evenings. These are very busy terms up to Christmas so please ensure you check the diary. Termly overviews for each class are on the curriculum pages of the web site. Reception parents and new parents will get their e-schools log in by the end of next week.

IMPORTANT DATES

Parents evenings: information about how your child has settled into the new term- Tuesday 26th September (3pm-6pm) and Wednesday 27th September (3pm-6pm) forms will be going out next week.

Christmas performance dates:-

Reception Nativity: Monday Dec 4th 8.50am

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 3 and 4 Victorian Christmas Extravaganza: Tuesday 12th December 2.00pm and 7.00pm(with refreshments)

Years 5 and 6 carol service: Thursday 14th December 7.00pm, St Joseph's Church

Open Day / Evenings at Secondary School

For Parents and current Yr 6 children who will be moving into Yr 7 in September 2018.

Gordano School Open Evening 6:00pm – 8.30pm 28th September 2017

Gordano School Open Day 9.45am 13th October 2017

St Bede's Open Evening 6:30pm – 8:30pm 28th September 2017

Praise assembly Friday 29th September

This will be a special assembly when the House Captains, Sports Captains, e safety monitors and school councillors will be presented with their badges.

School Uniform Reminder: Summer uniform can be worn up to Friday 29th September. If you are unsure of the uniform code there is a list available in the office and on the web site. Please make sure everything is named as it will go into the lost property box if it is left unnamed around the school.

Named PE kits should be in school all week.

Free School Meals

North Somerset Council has recently changed the process for applications for Free School Meal entitlement. This must be completed at the beginning of every term, online with an instant decision



being given. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child please follow the link <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/> or come into the school office and we can assist you with your application.

Please also be aware that if your application is successful the school receives other additional funding to support your child's learning experience. Therefore it is beneficial to your child if you apply even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Starting school September 2018

If your child is 4 before the 31st August 2018 you can apply online on:- www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions or they can contact the School Admissions Team for a paper application from 12th September. The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2018. There are open days when you can visit the school at 2pm on 25th September and the 20th of November, please contact the school office if you wish to attend.

Housekeeping

After consulting with parents, this newsletter in the current format will only be written at the end of every month, every Friday I will send a next week to view with any events or need to know information.

Text Messaging – we will be trialling a text messaging system to parents before Tuesday of next week. Please contact the school office if you DO NOT receive the test text.

Bike shelter, thank you to the PTFA for match funding the grant we received from N. Somerset for the bike shelter. I notice that more children (and staff) are scooting and cycling to school so well done.

Car parking, we have had our local PCSO around school in the morning to check on illegally parked cars and cars that are blocking the road. Please do not wait by the roundabout or along Bristol Road for the gates to reopen in the morning find an alternative place to park and walk.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him". Colossians 1:15-16

Academic year 2017-2018

Term dates

- term 1: Monday 4 September 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017
- term 2: Monday 30 October 2017 to Tuesday 19 December 2017
- term 3: Thursday 4 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018
- term 4: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018
- term 5: Monday 9 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018
- term 6: Monday 4 June 2018 to Tuesday 24 July 2018



INSET DATES:

30th October 2017

9th February 2018

23rd July 2018

24th July 2018

Unless otherwise stated, Praise Assembly takes place every Friday at 8.30am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend these assemblies.