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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back every one, I hope you all had a lovely restful summer; I hear that a lot of the children caught up with all their family and friends, as I did, over the summer which was very enjoyable. The children have had a week off timetable before starting their lessons in earnest next week, they have been finding out about the Great War which ended 100 years ago this November. There are many events occurring over the next few months which will be both local and national. We thought it would be a fitting tribute for our children to be part of this. We were lucky to have a WOW day on Wednesday. 'Steam Horse' a local theatre company enthralled the children with real World War 1 artefacts, role play and sing-a-long songs.

PTFA

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

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

PTFA Up and coming events:

Coffee morning: In Gen's room after Praise assembly, next Friday the 14th of September to celebrate the new kitchen. I want to thank everyone for all their contributions to the kitchen over the last couple of years. We are all very pleased with the outcome. A Big Thank You especially to Mr Rose for organising the fitting.



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



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



School web site and e schools

Please check the school web site for new dates that have been uploaded. These are very busy terms up to Christmas so please ensure you check the diary. Termly overviews for each class will be on the curriculum pages of the web site at the end of next week. Reception parents and new parents will get their e-schools log in by the end of next week.

IMPORTANT DATES-Please check the school web site for the full calendar.

Meet the teacher:

Tuesday 11 th September	Year 4 3.00pm-3.15pm	Year 5 +Camp info. 3.00-3.30pm
Wednesday 12 th September-	Year 1 and Year 3: 3.00-3.15pm	Year 2 3.15-3.30pm
Thursday 13 th September	Year 6 + camp Info 3.00pm-3.30pm	

Parent's evenings:

After feedback from the parent questionnaires it has been decided to push the first parents evenings back a little so that teachers have more time with their class, so as to provide more information with regards their progress and settling into the class.

Tuesday 16th and 17th of October 3.00pm-6.00pm

Christmas performance dates:-

Reception Nativity: Monday Dec 3rd 9.00 am

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Monday 10th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 3 and 4 : Christmas concert Monday 17th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

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

Praise assembly Friday 28th 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 28th 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.

Behaviour Code

We have a new code of behaviour which is centred around our vision and values. The children understand what is meant by expected and unexpected behaviour. More about this will be explained during your meet the teacher sessions next week. If your child has appeared in the behaviour book 3 times during a 5 day rolling period they will receive a lunch time detention on a Friday. A letter will be sent home with your child to explain why they received the detention and asking for your support. In the mean time I have attached the code of behaviour which is displayed in every class room.

SAFEGUARDING

Following a football-filled summer, and with over 20 million players in the current season of FIFA, we have created a free guide for parents and carers on the nation's favourite online football game.

This free guide for parents & carers covers what they need to know about the game to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; *online payments, in-game chat, addiction, fake accounts and more.*

Please help us spread the message by retweeting our FIFA guide for parents & carers here:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1037317637339054081>

Many thanks for your continued support and for helping us to achieve a safer online world for children!

The National Online Safety Team



The NSPCC will visit the school on the 20th September to deliver 2 assemblies to KS1 and KS2 children. They will visit Year 5 and 6 later on in the term for the workshops. If you need to know more please visit the web site below.

nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Who is 'Speak out. Stay safe', for? Children aged 4-11. They learn essential safeguarding information in a fun, interactive and memorable way through a 30-minute assembly, with an additional hour long workshop for 9-11s. The programme teaches pupils what abuse is in all its forms and how they can keep themselves safe.

Starting school

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 2019. 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.

New parent Open mornings

Please come in to have a look around the school on Monday September 24th at 2pm and Monday 19th November at 2pm.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you are a new Reception parent on a low income you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on line or come into the school office and we can help.

<https://www.gov.uk> > Childcare and parenting > Schools and education

Remember although your child may be entitled to free Infant school meals you can also apply if you feel you are eligible as the school also get support for your child to help with support teaching, equipment, subsidy for trips, music lessons, after school clubs and school uniform.

Community events

Summer Reading Challenge – Mischief Makers continues until 8 September Children have until Saturday 8 September 2018 to complete the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge at North Somerset libraries: please encourage them to visit the library to collect their medal and certificate. Children who finish the challenge by this date will have a chance to win tickets to the Curzon, Clevedon (terms & conditions apply). Over 3,150 children joined Mischief Makers in our libraries this year and enjoyed reading for fun over the summer.

Please see the attached leaflet re Clifton Cathedral Junior Choir.

Housekeeping

- **Please take care in the car park, do not double park or park in staff spaces. If you can drop off and leave that is the best option. If you need to park and the car park is full please park off the site and walk. Do not block the car park gate or the roundabout as this causes a huge back log off traffic on Bristol Road. This is a continuing ongoing problem and we have so many complaints from parents about car park behaviour. We are very lucky to have such a big car park but it cannot hold everyone.**
- Mrs Angela Bolden will be the front office administrator on Thursday and Friday every week. Mrs Bolden has been working as our finance administrator in the back office but will now take up this role in addition to from September 1st. Please give her your support during this transition period.

Finally on behalf of the teachers, children and Governors I would like to thank the Wlaznik family particularly Mark and Ellie on the wonderful job they have done on the Ark play equipment. The Ark was very tired and sad and was condemned by the health and safety people before the summer. The children were very sad. Over the summer it has been transformed with new wood, ladders, handles and a new coat of paint. Thank you so much.



God Bless

Mrs Jackson

'God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them'. Hebrews 6:10

Academic year 2018-2019

Term dates

- 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:

5th November 2018

7th January 2019

22nd July 2019

23rd July 2019

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