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Dear Parents/Carers

The sun is shining and it doesn't feel like autumn at all! It does seem a bit silly to say every-one should be in winter uniform on Monday the 1st of October but it is quite cold in the morning and the evenings are drawing in. Please make sure your child is in winter uniform and has a black or navy coat and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, our lost property box gets bigger and bigger.

The children are well and truly getting into the swing of things-working and playing hard and discovering new things every day. We really enjoyed our WW1 project and the school looks splendid with beautiful art work and literature depicting our WOW week. We will of course be taking that into November for the 100 year memorial.

It's our harvest festival service on Friday the 19th of October; please see below for the kinds of things the Clevedon and Portishead food bank would like. Children can bring goods into class over the next few weeks and we will send a reminder the week before. All are welcome to attend; this will be in place of praise assembly.

PTFA

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

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

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

Applying for Reception school places 2019-2020

Starting school

If your child is 4 before the 31st August 2019 you can apply online at:-

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions or you 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.

If your child is a baptised catholic please provide the school with the baptism certificate so we can take a copy. The next new parent open afternoon is Monday the 19th of November at 2pm please spread the word if you know anyone who has a pre-schooler.



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



Parent's evenings: Yr 1-Yr 6

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 Wednesday 17th of October 3.00pm-6.00pm

You will be able to make appointments on e schools from 6pm on Friday the 5th of October. Please make sure you have your log in details. You will be informed of the times and dates on Friday the 12th of October.

School led Mass

Please join us on Sunday October the 7th for our school led mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's church. This will be our first school mass at church and it's always wonderful to see our children and families there. If your child attends in uniform they can wear their own clothes to school on Monday (the next day).

School Photos

The photographer will be in school on Thursday October 18th if you would like your family portrait done (with pre-schoolers) they will be done first at 8.40. Children who have siblings in the school will have sibling and individual portraits.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC have visited our school they did 2 assemblies with Year 1 and 2 and then Years 3-6. Yesterday they conducted workshops with Years 5 and 6. Please discuss with your child what they thought about the assembly and workshops you can reinforce the messages by visiting nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Safety Newsletter (eSafety Advisor)

The eSafety Advisor, Alan Mackenzie has published the latest edition of his excellent newsletter, #Ditto. The September 2018 edition includes:

- Scroll Free September
- Scams
- Gaming Addiction, and the
- TikTok app

You can download your copy here: <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/ditto-sep18/>

National On line Safety

WhatsApp is the largest global social messaging platform, with over 1.5 billion users per month, and this free guide for parents & carers covers what they need to know about the platform to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; *the new age limit (16+), scam messages, connecting with strangers, location sharing and more.*

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/whatsapp-guide-for-parents/>

YouTube is the world's largest video platform and the 2nd biggest search platform (after Google), with over 1.8 billion users per month, and this free guide for parents & carers covers what they need to know about the platform to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; *age inappropriate videos, in-app messaging, dangerous challenge/viral videos, digital wellbeing and more.*

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/youtube-guide-for-parents/>



Harvest service Friday 19th October

The Clevedon and Portishead foodbank would like the following items, if the items could be brought into school in time for our service we will deliver them to the food bank:-

Tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tinned potatoes

Tinned fruit, tinned tuna, tinned custard, tinned ham,

Packets of custard, instant mash, sage and onion stuffing, rice

Jars of pasta sauce, coffee,

Cartons of UHT milk and long life fruit juice

Packets of biscuits and chocolate snack bars

Tinned sponge puddings

Soap, deodorant, toothpaste, loo roll

Pasta

Christmas Shoe Box campaign

On Monday we will launch our Christmas shoe box appeal (Please see attached information sheet). The presents make children (and adults) smile and bring joy to thousands of people across Europe. The closing date for the shoe boxes being in school will be the 26th of October (last day of term).

Sing for Africa

On Thursday 25th of October our Year 5 children will be joining other schools in Portishead and the singing children of Africa.

We are going to be fund raising for the schools supported by solesolutions in Portishead by having a mufti day on Thursday 25th the theme being 'be what you want to be'. On Friday the 26th Year 2 will be baking cakes and there will be a cake sale after school on this day to also raise funds.

IMPORTANT DATES Ahead-Please see the school calendar for all important dates

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 20th December 7.00pm, St Joseph's Church

House keeping

- Teachers and or the office staff cannot give out class lists or email addresses. In the past this has been collated by the PTFA representative or between parents
- There is now another layer of security on the twitter feed you have to ask to join the group and the class teacher will invite you, this stops the feed being open to everyone to look at.

'A problem is a chance for you to do your best.' Duke Ellington

God Bless
Mrs Jackson



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.