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Friday 26th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of term 1. Eight weeks have flown by and we have all worked really hard getting lots of things done!

Year 5 and 6 camps have been a great success. I was privileged to be part of the Year 6 and Year 5 camp all the children were an absolute credit to you and the school. The weather was perfect at Mill-on-the Brue and I'm sure some families will have some very tired children.

There will be a **Year 5 Kilve assembly at 2.30pm on Wednesday 14th of November** (Year 4 parents also welcome) and a **Year 6 camp assembly on Wednesday the 21st of November**, (Year 5 parents also welcome).

A big thank-you to all the staff and volunteers, especially Mrs Maliphant, who went to camp this year and made it such a great success.

Of course after half term we are into Term 2 and the great Christmas count down.

PTFA

The next meeting is on Monday the 12th of November at 7.30pm at the Albion PH; please come along, Christmas disco planning will be on the agenda.

PTFA Christmas Cards, your child has designed a Christmas card which has been sent off to the printers. After half term you will receive your child's Christmas card with information on how to order more on line.

PTFA Up and coming events

Thursday 22nd November **Book at Bedtime** R-Year 3; 5.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 7th December **School Christmas discos**: R and KS1; 4.30pm-5.30pm, KS2; 5.45pm-7.00pm

Saturday 8th December 'Slime' workshop in the church hall before mass 4-6pm

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.

Please be aware that you can set up a yearly or monthly standing order to the PTFA. Not everyone can take part in fund raising and this is another way to show your support. Please contact the office for further details.

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



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



Christmas Shoe box appeal

Thank you so much for all the shoeboxes you have donated. You can go on line to find out more:-
<https://www.blythswood.org/shoe-box-appeal-2017-order-form#>

Applying for Reception school places 2019-2020

Parents can apply online on www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions or they can contact the School Admissions Team on 01275884078 for a paper application from 12th September. The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2019.

Reading with your child

Research tells us that reading every evening with your child makes a huge difference to their reading progress particularly in Reception and KS1. What we do in school is important but we cannot do it alone. I have noticed that in Reception and Year 1 there are quite a few children that have not had signatures in their reading record books for some time. I know we are all really busy but please make time to read with your child at least 3x per week, 10 minutes makes all the difference.

There will be a '**reading with your child meeting**' for Year 1 parents (and anyone else who thinks they might benefit) on **Wednesday 7th November at 2.30pm**. Please make time to come along and find out some reading tips to help you with this very important task.

Free School Meals

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.

School photographs

All photographs have now gone home, if you wish to order photographs this must now be done on line by the 3rd of November to avoid a late order fee:-
www.schoolpics.co.uk

Charity at St. Joseph's

We are always thinking of others in our St. Joseph's family. Today our non-uniform day was for the children in Kenya who are being supported by Solesolutions in Portishead. We have also been collecting used shoes which we will take around to the shop during half term. The Year 5 children took part in a singing festival at Gordano yesterday with the African children and other school in Portishead. The school will be purchasing the DVD which we will share with parents at upcoming assemblies.

Thank you again for all your Harvest festival donations the food bank were thrilled by our contribution. After half term Poppies and Remembrance pocket money souvenirs will be available for the children to buy. On the **9th of November** in place of Praise assembly there will be a Remembrance service.

Friday 16th of November we will have a spotty non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need (Bring £1.00) there will be a cake sale and other activities available-bring some pocket money.

Church Christmas Fair

The Parish Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday 1st December** in the school Hall. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto and there will be plenty of stalls to spend your pennies.



Raffle tickets will be coming to each family after half term, please return any unwanted raffle tickets in plenty of time for their resale. Sold raffle tickets can be returned to the school office with monies. St Joseph's Church needs your help and they are looking for donations of books, toys, bathroom toiletries and white elephant in good condition which can be dropped off either at the church or in the school foyer from 6th November.

Friday 23rd of November - MUFTI day bring a bottle for the bottle stall

Library Books

Do you have any David Walliams or Tom Gates books that you would like to donate to the library? Please bring them along to the office if you do.

Swimming Year 3 and 4

The school council asked could years 3 and 4 wear P.E clothes on Friday for swimming? I think that's a very good idea. Children can wear warm black or Navy blue jogging bottoms, school PE shirt, school jumper or cardigan and trainers. Thank you to the school council for suggesting it.

Community events

Night of light: 4-5.30pm Wednesday 31st October St Joseph's church hall. Father Tom will be hosting an evening of fun and games. Hot dogs will be provided.

Generation Vibe-Choir

Generation Vibe use the schools hall for a children's choir on Monday evenings. They are looking for more children to join and will be holding a taster session 6pm-8pm Monday 5th November (the INSET day after half term). Children who join will have the opportunity to perform with Vibe Pop/Rock Choir at our Christmas concert on Saturday 8th December. Anyone who would like some more information or would like to book a taster session with us can e:mail generationvibechoir@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES -Please see School Calendar for all dates

Christmas performance dates:-

Reception Nativity: Monday Dec 3rd 8.50am

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

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

Years 5 and 6 carol service: Thursday 20th December 1.45pm (full rehearsal)7.00pm,St Joseph's Church

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

"The path to gaining respect is paved with knowledge and empathy" Evan Brown

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.