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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today the school is very quiet after our busy farewell day yesterday. The Year 6 children had a wonderful leaver's assembly and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the power point that Mrs Chapman put together. The mass in the morning was a fitting end to the Year as we said goodbye to Miss Jones and Mrs McMahon. We have had another very successful year with great academic results (see below) and many exciting opportunities and experiences for the children during the year. One of my personal favourites has been the forest school experience that the children have taken part in and we are hoping to repeat that again next summer.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all the generous gifts, cards and thanks that you have given us. We really do appreciate it all.

PTFA

Keep Saturday the 23rd of September free as the PTFA have a slot for bag packing in Sainsbury this is a great event raising lots of money for the school as well as raising our profile in our very smart uniforms.

The next PTFA meeting will be on Monday the 11th of September at 7.30pm

The PTFA AGM will be on Monday the 2nd of October in the school hall at 7.30pm.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTFA: THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL

Parent Questionnaire

Attached are the results of the parent questionnaire there were 12 returns before the deadline and 2 after the deadline. One of the main issues raised was the amount of time parents had for parent evenings. I appreciate it is only a short time however should there be a concern with regards your child either you or your child's class teacher can make an appointment of a longer duration at any time during the year.



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



SATS Results 2017

KS2 SATS results 2017

No pupils 31	Met standard actual (31 pupils)	GDS	R,W and M combined	
Reading	94% 70% 71%		81% 59%	
Writing	84% 76% 76%	29% 19%	61%	
Maths	97% 72% 75%			
SPAG	87% 73% 77%			

St Joseph's score **North Somerset- Score** **National-Score**

Phonics screening- Meeting expected standard (Pass mark Threshold 32/40)

Actual Year 1 (29 children)	Actual Year 2 (4 children)
83%	75% (3 children)
	97% of class now passed

KS1 Results/Teacher assessment- Year 2 30 children

	Met standard + actual	Working at greater depth actual
Reading	83%	33%
Writing	77%	20%
Maths	83%	27%

These are a great set of results and I would like to congratulate all the staff for their hard work and dedication and all the parents for their support, not forgetting the children for super effort.



E-Safety

Please click on the following Link to help your children whenever they have to set up a new profile on line.

www.childnet.com/blog/key-things-to-remember-when-helping-your-child-set-up-a-new-profile

Parents should be aware of the following :-

Parents need to know *Five Nights at Freddy's* is a horror game that uses tension and jump scares in place of blood and guts -- and, as a result, is a lot scarier than many other titles. The sense of being trapped and defenseless in a small office quickly becomes real -- and when the animatronic characters jump out at you, you'll jump (and maybe scream). This makes the game much too intense for younger kids -- and teens should know what they're getting into.

Many children at St. Josephs have been playing this game and sharing downloaded pictures from the game, you should be aware of the above.

New Bike Shelter

We have a lovely new bike shelter (thank you Mrs Rees), which has been funded partly by the PTFA and partly by the green cycling initiative. Please scoot and bike to school whenever you can as you now have a place to park your bike, the green gates will be locked during the day.

Newsletter Format

Next term I will be trialling a new format, each Friday I will write a diary of events for the following week. My full newsletter will be the last Friday of every month. I listened to what parents want and I'm hoping this will help towards clearer communication of events.

Lost Property

We forgot to do a lost property recycle at the end of term. I will salvage what I can from the lost property box and leave out for the first day of term. All property named was repatriated; I cannot stress enough the importance of naming items. After that items will go to the PTFA uniform shop or charity shop.

Community News

Portishead Big Picnic will be held in Jubilee Park on Saturday 22nd July 2017 12 noon – 3pm. This is a free event, please bring your own rug and picnic. There will be children's games, circus skills, Portishead Town Band, community choir and Highly Strung Band and dancers.

Life Cycle UK are holding advanced cycle training courses (Level 3 Bikeability) for young people aged 11-15 years. This training is a 2 ½ hour course being held in central Portishead and is FREE ! Please book your place online at www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/FREE or call 0117 353 4580.

Stage coach offer weekly dancing, singing and acting classes in Portishead please pick up a leaflet in the school foyer for further information.

Peace at last supporting your 4-11 year old to improve their behaviour. A parent carer talk with Mandy Stopard a behaviour consultant. Tuesday the 22nd August 7.00pm-8.30pm at Portishead Folk Hall. Book a place £7.00 by phoning 07881293180 or e mail:- mandy@behaviourspecialist.co.uk

Have a very happy and safe holiday.



"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless
Mrs Jackson

Please see the school calendar on the website for all school events

Term dates:

Term 6

Monday 5th June- Friday 21st July (INSET)

Children's last day will be Thursday 20th July

2017-2018

Autumn First Term	4 Sep 2017 (Mon)	20 Oct 2017 (Fri)
Autumn Half Term Holidays	23 Oct 2017 (Mon)	27 Oct 2017 (Fri)
Autumn Second Term	30 Oct 2017 (Mon)	19 Dec 2017 (Tue)
Winter Holidays	20 Dec 2017 (Wed)	3 Jan 2018 (Wed)
Spring First Term	4 Jan 2018 (Thu)	9 Feb 2018 (Fri)
Spring Half Term Holidays	12 Feb 2018 (Mon)	16 Feb 2018 (Fri)
Spring Second Term	19 Feb 2018 (Mon)	23 Mar 2018 (Fri)
Easter Holidays	26 Mar 2018 (Mon)	6 Apr 2018 (Fri)
Summer First Term	9 Apr 2018 (Mon)	25 May 2018 (Fri)
Summer Half Term Holidays	28 May 2018 (Mon)	1 Jun 2018 (Fri)
Summer Second Term	4 Jun 2018 (Mon)	23 rd and 24 Jul 2018 (Mon)(Tue)(INSET)

Last day for children will be Friday 20th July