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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busier week than usual as we welcomed back the Year 6 children, it has been great to see them and they all looked very pleased to be back! It was also great to see you all this morning for the Team's assembly. I hope to be able to extend that to other Year groups soon.

The latest Government advice states,

'Primary pupils can be invited back into school for a face-to-face meeting before the summer holidays, provided schools follow protective measures guidance'.

We are therefore planning for the last week of term (W/B 13th July) to bring all our children back to school so that they can be with their own teacher for 2 days of that week. We will run it along the same guidelines as the current Year 6 attendance, with children split into 2 groups of 15. One group will attend on Monday and Tuesday and one group Wednesday and Thursday with a deep clean in between. It will mean that the current R and Year 1 will have to go part time for that week.

We hope we will not have to run a key worker group that week, but we understand there might be some parents who cannot manage on a part time basis and would wish their children to still be in a full time key worker group for that week.

I will be in touch at the end of next week with more details, as drop off times and pick up times will also need to be staggered.

We also hope to welcome the new reception children for a stay and play on Friday 17th July, there will be a morning and afternoon group, more details to follow.

It is still a very personal decision as to whether or not you would like your child to attend school, but I know the teachers are very excited about the prospects of being with their own class again.

Updated handwashing advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Handwashing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them

into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective



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



if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

Free school meals

I am sure you will have heard in the news this week that the Government have decided to extend their free school meal provision throughout the summer holidays. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals then you don't need to do anything as you will receive a voucher in the same form as you have done previously. If you think you may now be eligible for Free school meals because of your income then click on the web site below. All you will need is your name, address, e mail address and national insurance number.

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>

If you are successful you will need to provide the office with a copy of the e mail. The school will also receive extra money to support your child so please log on and register if you think you are entitled to this benefit.

Art News

During Art week back in January (that seems a long time ago) we held a competition in school. We asked the children to design a logo and a picture to represent their class Gospel value. The work the children produced was incredible and the teachers had the very difficult job of choosing 2 winning designs from each class. However, we did manage to choose and these are the designs we thought best represented our Gospel values:

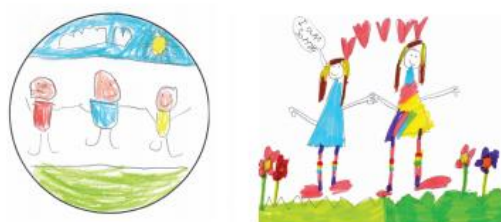
Reception: **Gentleness**



Logo: Kianna

Picture: Darcy

Year 1: **Forgiveness**



Logo: Alex

Picture: Adela



Year 2: **Peace**



Logo: Evie



Picture: Mya

Year 3: **Holiness**



Logo: Lauren



Picture: Ella

Year 4: **Compassion**



Logo: Finlay



Picture: Edward

Year 5: **Justice** / Truth



Logo: Priya



Picture: Natalie

Year 6: **Integrity** / Faithfulness



Logo: Gracie



Picture: Amelie



Teachers/Governors: **Service**



Logo: Miss Laken

CONGRATULATIONS everyone! Your winning designs are now being turned into banners that will be displayed in the school hall. We look forward to admiring them soon. Thank you again to everyone who entered. I hope you are all well and keeping safe.
Mrs Hill

Church News

It has been such a joy to celebrate the reopening of our churches for private prayer this week.

The **opening hours** at St Joseph's, Portishead are from 10am to midday and 4 to 6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Saturdays the church is open only in the morning from 10am to midday. On Sundays it is open only in the afternoon from 4 to 6pm. Additionally, the church is open from 6-8pm on Thursday evenings.

Some resources that you may find helpful for **prayer** before the Blessed Sacrament are now collated under the 'Further Resources' tab on the Liturgy Office section of the Diocesan website and may be accessed here: <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office/>

A reminder that following the success of our last virtual **quiz night**, we will be holding another one this **Saturday 20 June** from 8 to 9pm. Find out more and register at josephfrancis.org/quiz

Many of our parishioners attend the **Celebrate Conference**. There will be an online Celebrate Conference taking place next weekend, 27-28 June. Hear from inspiring speakers, take time to prayerfully retreat, get creative, join with live worship and celebrate Mass together. You can join the conference by simply following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Celebratecommunity/> (and don't need a Facebook account to take part).

Yours in Christ

Fr Tom

School web site

Please keep an eye on the school web site there will be regular Government updates that you will be sign posted to. There are also extra resources for home schooling and prayer, please go to parents/covid 19. You will also find the term dates and INSET days for the next academic year under parents/term dates

The telephone in the office is being monitored every morning, I would still recommend if you have any queries or you need help for any reason, please e mail the office rather than phone. Please be aware that at this present time parents **should not** come into the school foyer unless



there is an emergency or you are picking up from After School Club.

I look forward to seeing you all before the end of term.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

