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Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the highlights of our school calendar took place last Sunday, with some of our children making their first Holy Communion. It really is a joyous occasion for the children and their families and I have very fond memories of my children on this special day. The children will also be having another celebration at mass on Sunday the 1st of July at 9.00am, followed by tea and cake in the church hall. The Holy Communion children are invited to also wear their special dress at the Eucharistic procession at school on Thursday the 5th of July at 2pm, all parents are welcome.

Corinthians 11:24 "And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



Thank you to every one for your contributions to today's 'wrong trousers' fund raising. The Bristol Children's hospital appeal is a local charity and I'm sure many of us and our families will have used the brilliant facilities that they have.

YEAR 6 EVENTS

We were all treated to the Year 6 leavers play on Thursday it was a fun take on one of our



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



great writers, William Shakespeare. I loved the songs, the dresses and the beards! Thank you to Year 5 and Mrs Page for making it rock!

Thank you to the Year 6 children for raising over £200.00 for St. Peter's Hospice at their school business fair. There were some great ideas and the children really enjoyed putting their ideas into action.

Please see the school calendar for all events - however, this is a very exciting term for our Year 6 leavers with lots of activities happening.

Thursday 5th July St Bede's Transition day

Tuesday 10th July Gordano Transition day

Sunday 15th Leavers mass at school 9.00am*

Monday 16th July Retreat day St Joseph's church

Wednesday 18th July Year 6 trip

Thursday 19th July End of term mass*

Friday 20th July 1.30pm Leavers assembly*

***Parents welcome**

WOW what a lot to get through!

SWIMATHON

We were delighted to receive a cheque for £650.00 from the Rotary Club for our fundraising efforts for the Swimathon. Thank you to all the children and their families that took part. We will put the money towards our school kitchen project and various other special treats during the year.

PTFA

We are all looking forward to the summer fair tomorrow, 12 Noon-4pm there will be lots of activities and stalls for everyone. Programmes are £5.00 on the gate and there are still raffle tickets available. There will be an extra free entry prize draw for children turning up in football kit - a family VIP pass to a Bristol City football or Bears Rugby game.

There will also be a great British Bake off so please bring your cakes along to be judged by our own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood.

Cake of the week will continue on Fridays.

Please see the notice board outside the main entrance for PTFA information.

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

SPORTS WEEK-Monday 9th-Friday 13th

There will be more information in next week's bulletin regarding sports week; children will need to wear their sports kit for the week.

JOURNEY IN LOVE

During term 6, in collaboration with the Diocese of Clifton, we will be looking at our scheme of work for EPR. Sometimes referred to as Sex and Relationships Education (EPR), the programme is intended to introduce aspects of EPR at age appropriate stages and in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church. The scheme and content can be found on the school website under information/Sex and relationship education. Please have a look at the content so you can discuss any aspects that your child may want to ask you about. This part of the curriculum is compulsory for children in all schools. If you have any questions please feel free to call or make an appointment to see me.



SAFEGUARDING

Watch out for vault apps. Vault apps on smart phones hide other sinister apps that your child may have downloaded and hid behind a vault app. For example having 2 calculator apps on the phone would indicate that one of them is a vault app. If you tried to open one of them and you were asked for a password this would be a vault app rather than a calculator.

Smartie the Penguin - CyberSafety for 3 - 7 year olds (ChildNet)

Follow the adventures of Smartie the Penguin as he learns how to be safe on the internet. This is a set of fun activities for younger children taking their first steps on the cyber highway.

The story of Smartie covers these three themes:

- Pop ups and in app purchasing
- Inappropriate websites for older children and
- Cyberbullying

You can find the Smartie the Penguin here on the ChildNet website: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Gun-Free Game Apps and Thought-Provoking Nonviolent Games for children and young people (Common Sense Media)

The US-based Common Sense Media organisation supports parents and their children's use of the internet, social media and gaming. They have searched through the currently available apps, and come up with a list of those that might be challenging and exciting, but don't involve the use of guns or violence.

Gun-Free Game Apps (with some violence)

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/gun-free-action-game-apps>

Thought-Provoking Nonviolent Games

<https://www.common sense media.org/lists/thought-provoking-nonviolent-games-for-tweens-and-teens>

LOCAL EVENTS

The Portishead Flower Show and Country Show is being held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July and there is an opportunity for your child to help the school to win a cup at the Show. The Show is a major event in Portishead's calendar and in addition to a packed programme of Arena Events there are 500 classes to enter with 54 of these specifically for children. Children who enter one of the classes simply have to put down the name of the school they attend and the school with the most points earned by pupils wins the cup. There is no cost involved for the school. You can obtain a programme schedule which contains details of the various classes and age ranges from Morgan Westley or Carey's or by emailing info@portisheadflowershow.com.

An example of the classes:

6 years old and under



The entry must be exclusively the work of the child although adult guidance may be given.
Class

- 516 Miniature garden in a saucer (using mostly natural materials).
- 517 Mustard or cress grown by the exhibitor.
- 518 A collection of garden flowers in any container.
- 519 An A4 picture using stickers.
- 520 An edible rainbow on a plate.
- 521 Model made from Lego (must be own design). Maximum 45cm x 45cm
- 522 A potato print of a flower max. size A4
- 523 An item made from a kitchen roll tube.
- 524 A playdough cake on a paper plate.
- 525 Draw and colour a picture of a "My Home" - max. size A4
- 526 Design a bookmark.
- 527 Three decorated biscuits, on a plate in a polythene bag.

SEA SUNDAY ACTIVITY MORNING: Sunday 8th July

Activities and Games for young people (two streams: ages 7-11 and ages 12-16) from 10.30-12.15, then walking down to the Raft Race to meet all parents at the Lake Grounds at 12.45pm.

For more details, please speak with or email Ishbel Kingscott (martish67@hotmail.com) or Tom Osman (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk).

STAFFING FOR 2017-2018

We are pleased to announce we have appointed Mrs Lucy Hill to the Year 4 position. Mrs Hill is originally from Nailsea and attended St. Francis and St Bede's schools she has been teaching in the North West for over 20 years and is returning to North Somerset with her family. We look forward to welcoming her to our family. There will be an opportunity for the children to meet her in July.

HOUSEKEEPING

- Please remember that the girls summer dresses are yellow or gold stripes not checks you can buy on line from the company below there is a sample in the school office

www.theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/find-your-school/st-josephs-catholic-junior-school-uniform.html

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

It's not our job to play judge and jury, to determine who is worthy of our kindness and who is not. We just need to be kind, unconditionally and without ulterior motive, even - or rather, especially - when we'd prefer not to be.

Josh Radnor



Please regularly check the school calendar on the website for school events and timings.

Term dates:

Term 6

Monday 4th June- Tuesday 24th July

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July are INSET DAYS. Last day for children Friday 20th July

School Holidays 2018-2019

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 DAYS : Monday 3rd September, Monday 5th November, Monday January 7th,
Monday 22nd July, Monday 23rd July