



Newsletter



Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to celebrate the achievements of our children this week in the Praise Assembly today. There are lots of things coming up in our school calendar so please check the "dates for diaries" section at the end of this newsletter.

School News

Outdoor Shoes and Coats - Reminder



If your child would like to be able to play on the field after half term, they will need to have a pair of wellington boots or old shoes/trainers in school. Please make sure they are **named** and in a named bag that will hang on a coat-peg.

For the younger children, wellies might be the easiest option! Please also make sure your child has a **named** coat in school.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings have taken place across the school in the last couple of weeks. If you did not manage to book an appointment with your child's teacher, please get in touch with them

to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year.

Preschool & ASC Fees

Charges for Term 2 will be posted to your ParentPay account before the half term break and will be due before the start of Term 2. Due to the demand for places we must ask that fees are paid promptly or your child's place may be withdrawn.

School Trips & Visitors

There are several school trips and visitors lined up that really help to enrich your child's educational experience. Please login to ParentPay to find information about the voluntary contributions for:

Y4/5 - Noah's Ark Zoo Farm visitor

Y6 - Life Skills trip

Y6 - WW2 visitor

The Singing Children of Africa

Thank you so much to those who donated to wear MUFTI today. They sang wonderfully with our children when they visited the other week and all money raised will go directly to their charity:

www.educatethekids.com

Lunchtime clubs

We are delighted to announce that we will have two clubs running during lunchtimes in Term 2:

KS2 Chess Club - Thursdays in the Year 3 classroom.

Year 6 Crochet Club - Mondays in the library.

Both clubs are free of charge. Please ask your children to speak to Mrs Faram if they are interested.

Wanted items - a thank

Thank you to everyone who donated some cushions to the school, you have been very generous. We now have enough cushions for some very comfortable reading areas.

Safeguarding

Keeping your child safe online

The internet is a wonderful thing and almost essential for life in 2023. During the holidays especially, it is really important that we all work together to make sure our children access the internet in a safe way. Please check out the following link from the NSPCC if you would like some tips on setting parental controls on devices at home:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

The NSPCC also has a bank of helpful general information and advice for parents on everything from mental health to building independence - a vital skill for our younger learners:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

This is the safeguarding page on our website with our key staff and governors as well as the North Somerset Safeguarding policy which has been approved by our governing body.

<https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/safeguarding/619087>

Church News

Church Newsletter

There is always lots going on in our local parish. Please see the parish newsletter for more information:

<https://www.josephfrancis.org/>

Local Information

Llads Playgroup

Lads, Lasses and Dads (Llads) returns on Saturday, 11th November. This playgroup provides a space for children aged 0-7 to play and interact with others. There are snacks and fruit for the children with tea/coffee/bacon sandwiches available for the dads.

The group runs from 10:30am - 12 noon at the St Barnabas Children's Centre on West Hill. Please see the "Llads at St Barnabas, Portishead" Facebook group or speak to Mr Broyd for more information.

Upcoming Dates For Diaries

30th October - INSET Day

6th November - Flu Vaccinations (all classes)

17th November - Children in Need

25th November - PTFA Christmas Fayre

26th November - School Led Mass

7th December - Y1 Prayer Service

8th December - PTFA Christmas Disco

If you wish to view our whole school calendar please follow the link below. New events will be added throughout the year.

<https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/calendar/146565>

And Finally...

We hope you have a wonderful half term break, whatever you might be doing.

Kind Regards,

Mr Broyd - Deputy Headteacher

