



Newsletter



Monday 27th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The nights are drawing in and the weather feeling a little wintry too – There are lots of children in school without coats! Please make sure your child has a suitable coat in school each day – The uniform code does stipulate that coats should be plain black or navy.

School News & Updates

School Led Mass on Sunday

Thank you to those who joined us at St Joseph's Church on Sunday – The children reading the prayers and readings did really well and were a credit to the school. Thanks to Joe and Lacey for helping too!

Clubs

Mrs Faram would like to welcome children for Chess Club for KS2 on Thursdays (in Year3) and Crochet Club for Year 6 on Mondays (in the library) - both free of charge!

Headlice & Nits!!!



Despite our request a couple of weeks ago, the nits and lice are back in school. It needs

everyone to do their bit to help stop them spreading.

It is really important for all parents and carers to check their children's hair for visitors this weekend. If everyone checks and then treats their hair at the same time, it will stop the cycle – this is called "Bug Busting".



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Visit the NHS website for more information on how to identify nits and headlice. There is also advice on where to go for treatment.

If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back – that applies to boys and girls alike! Hair accessories should be navy or gold in line with our school uniform code.

St Andrew's Day – 30th November



It is "wear blue" day for St Andrew's house on Thursday. If you are in St Andrews and want to be in "mufti" then it must be a shade of blue please to celebrate their feast day.

School Reminders

ParentPay Charges on the System

- Yr5 Egyptian Day (deadline 5.1.24)
- Yr3/4 swimming contribution (This is a voluntary charge to help pay for coach travel rather than walking to the pool.)
- Yr6 Evacuee workshop (deadline 18.3.24)

Pre-School and After-School Club

Term 2 Fees are now on ParentPay, can you please check your balances now overdue. Thank you.

After-School Club spaces - We currently have 3 spaces on Mondays and have waiting lists for the other days.

Pre-School Spaces - We do have spaces available in our Pre-School. If you or anybody you know would like to sign up please see our website here;

https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/st_josephs_preschool/601574

or contact Mrs Fenton Stretton for further information;

preschool@staff.st-josephs.n-somerset.sch.uk

Dropping off in the morning

Please use the drop off zone by the Keystage 2 gate and not stop in a random position in the middle of the car park. We have seen some near misses already this term with children crossing the flow of traffic and the view of pedestrians and driver obscured by stopped cars.

Please do not use the "Bus Stop" for dropping off – the Key Stage 2 gate is the place for this.

Despite previous requests, there are still parents allowing their children to walk across the car park. This is dangerous and put them at risk of being hit by another car driving, reversing or parking.

Queues & Staff Spaces

It was a little ironic that Mr Sturdy could not get into school to park and open the green gates because the car park was blocked by queueing cars.

If you do need to arrive early, please use any spaces on the main car park first. If you have to be on site early and are waiting for the green gates to open at about 2.30pm, please do not obstruct access to the staff spaces.

Please do not use any spaces marked "Teachers" or "Staff". We have staff arriving on site between 2.00pm and 3.00pm for clubs and after-school-club (ASC).

Spare Shoes in School

Now that the weather has improved and there has been less rain, we will hopefully be allowing the children to use the field for lunch playtimes.

Your child must have an old pair of trainers or welly-boots in school to go one the field in the winter. Please make sure they have a named bag to hang on their peg in the school corridor.

PTFA



Thank you to everyone who has supported us with our festive plans so far. We are still looking for volunteers, please contact your class rep if you can help.

Father Christmas will be making a return visit this year! Due to his popularity last year bookings will be made over a three-hour window. People will be allocated an hour slot in advance of the fair. We will then notify you of your slot. We hope this then prevents such a long queue and ensures that everyone can enjoy the rest of the fair.

The price is £4 a child. Siblings are welcome.

Please ensure that you put your children's name and year group in the comments and also include any younger siblings ages so we can provide an age-appropriate gift.

<https://pay.collectiv.com/father-christmas-grotto-79424>

In preparation for the fair, Friday 1st of December will be a Mufti day. Please support

the PTFA by bringing in a jam jar of goodies if you're in Early Years and KS1. See the poster below for ideas! Could KS2 please bring in a bottle of drink. Please ensure it is unused, sealed and in date.

It is essential that all donations are left at the main gate on Friday morning. PTFA members will be there to collect your donations.

We will also be looking for cake donations. If you're able to bake a cake please also drop off on Friday and please make sure any containers/plates are named so we can return them to you. Shop bought cakes are also very welcome.

Please support this lovely festive event. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Many thanks,

The PTFA

Bags2Schools

Please remember to save your items for collection in December! If you are having a clear out before Christmas, the PTFA can raise additional funds by collecting your donations.

Reuse, Recycle, Reduce

TUE
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Drop your bag before 9am on the morning of Tuesday 12th December

What to pack?

- Only "good quality" items
- Items must go into black bin or waterproof bags
- Drop your bag in the designated car park area



Do's

- Men's, Ladies & Children clothes (coats, belts, lingerie, socks etc...)
- Scarves, hats, gloves
- Ties
- Shoes tied together
- Bags/ handbags
- Soft toys
- Bedding
- Towels
- Curtains

Don't's

- Duvets, & blankets
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets, rugs or mats
- Soiled, painted, ripened, wet clothing
- School uniforms with & without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

£1450 raised ✨

in the last 2 years

All proceeds go to St Joseph's Catholic School PTFA

PTFA Christmas Discos



You can purchase tickets for the Christmas Discos on ParentPay.

You need to log into ParentPay, give consent for your child to attend and make payment for the tickets. **There will be no payments on door! The deadline for purchasing tickets is 4th December 2023.**

WANTED!

Pants & Socks for Preschool & Reception

If you have any little pants and socks that your child has grown out of and which can be used as spares when accidents occur, please send them into school. Spare clothes tend to be

returned to school but the pants and socks disappear!

Church News

Here is the link for this weekend's church newsletter:

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/ErEXSQyTpyS8fLCmx44P>

Advent Service

Our joint parish Advent Service will take place on Friday 8th December at 6.30pm in St Francis Nailsea. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to read at the Advent Service, please email me to let me know. Thank you. Anne-Marie

Advent Christmas Crafts

Craft activities for all the family, everyone welcome. Bring and Share lunch. St Joseph's 10.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 16th December St Francis after Mass, 12noon – 2pm on Sunday 17th December

Local News, Events & Services

We are asked by local groups and organisations to share events and activities which might be of interest – we include this for your information if you are interested.

children's hospice SOUTH WEST

Raise festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

Santas on the Run

Charlton Farm

Walk, jog or run 2k at Charlton Farm in North Somerset on Sunday 3 December 2023

Sign up today www.chsw.org.uk/santas

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And Finally...

WHEN THE SON OF MAN
COMES IN HIS GLORY,
AND ALL THE ANGELS
WITH HIM, HE WILL SIT ON
HIS GLORIOUS THRONE.

- MATTHEW 25:31

Have a great week.

Mr Bath

Headteacher

NORTH SOMERSET TENNIS ACADEMY

North Somerset Tennis Academy Christmas Tennis Camp

FUN WITH FRIENDS
PRIZES TO BE WON
JUST £10 PER DAY
ALL PLAYERS WELCOME

Why not come along to one of the NSTA camps!

Lots of fun, learn new skill, from drills to team events.

Available to all children from 4 - 16 years of age.

9 am - 12 pm - £10 per day

DECEMBER 2023 : WED 20TH - THU 21ST - FRI 22ND - THU 28TH - FRI 29TH
JANUARY 2024: TUE - 2ND - WED - 3RD

📍 Clevedon Seafront Tennis Courts
TO BOOK SCAN THE QR CODE!

For more information Contact Head Coach Stuart
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