



Newsletter



Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year Six children celebrated their end of SATs week with doughnuts and fizzy drinks this afternoon after receiving their leavers' hoodies at praise assembly.



They have worked really hard and Mr Broyd and I are really proud of the way they have handled the pressure of the government tests.

We hope they will have a great final few weeks with us at St Joseph's.

Please support the fundraising organised by the parents to provide the extra treats – year book and trip – over the summer terms.

School News

School Website

The school website is currently being redesigned. Part of this process is making sure the information we put on the new website is useful and relevant. If you have any suggestions, please email website@st-josephs.org.uk so we can try to take your ideas on board.

Menu Change – Census Day



All Key Stage 1 children will be provided with a free school meal on Thursday so you do not need to send in a packed lunch.

Late Arrivals

The number of parents dropping children off late at school is increasing. Being late for school can be quite difficult for your child especially if you are in a rush. Please try to allow enough time to come to school and have your child on the playground by **8.20am** each morning. Can we also ask that parents do not

try to come into school in the mornings – this is the busiest time for teachers, admin and support staff.

Drop-Off and Parking

Some parents are still driving too fast in the car park and we have had a few near misses this week especially when it is raining in the morning.

Please allow enough time to arrive and drop your child. Some parents are stopping and letting their child out of the car in the middle of the main car park. This can be really dangerous! Please use the drop off zone by the junior gate for any drop-and-go visits.

Please do not park on the bus markings as this can cause an obstruction to parents using the drop-and-go area.

Reminder - Water, Sun Cream and Sunhats

We encourage all children to have a named water bottle in school, a named navy hat and they can keep sunscreen in their bookbag. Please try to train them to apply this themselves but staff will help younger children on hot days.

WANTED LIST

We have a some ongoing requests this week:

- Picnic Blankets for classes to use for outdoor learning, story time and other activities.
- Unwanted clothes rails – useful for school play costumes and also for organising our spare uniform in the medical room.
- If anyone has any largish (about palm size) pebbles they could donate that would be great. We are not suggesting collecting from the beach... but if you have any in your gardens etc.
- Pastel paint! If you have any left-over pastel coloured emulsion paint for the reception outdoor areas that would be brilliant.

Thank you for all the donations of hangers and books this week.

Reminder - Parent Pay Items

Please log in and add the following to your basket (if applicable):

- Payment for Yr6 DT project
- Payment for Mojo Active Trip - Yr 6 by 20/05/2022
- Payment for Osprey Camp – Yr 3&4 by 06/06/2022
- Installment payments for Kilve Court and Mill on the Brue
- After School Club fees

After School Club Sessions

We will be asking parents to confirm if they want to retain booked sessions for September so we can allocate days to the new reception parents. There will be an assumption that children will keep the same days in September so please have a think about what you need in case you want to release any current days for other children to use.

Preschool & School Places

We have places in some classes in the school and there are still spaces for September in our reception and preschool. If you are able to recommend our school to friends and neighbours, please do and we are very happy to arrange visits now by appointment.

Viewings can be organised by contacting the School Office on 01275 848367 or Office@St-Josephs.org.uk

Safeguarding

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and a number of organisations have created resources for teachers to use. This year the theme is 'loneliness'.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2022 toolkit (Anna Freud)

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/mental-health-awareness-week-2022-toolkit-of-resources/>

Mental Health Foundations Resources

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week/resources>

Mental Health Awareness Week (Mind)

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week>

Local News

Portishead Town Football Club

We are really lucky to have Portishead Town Football Club on our doorstep – they often help us with their car-park for events and a number of families regularly take part in local matches. Grass-root sport is really important and as a not-for-profit organisation we are happy to share their forthcoming events:

Outdoor ABBA Tribute Concert

Portishead Town Football Club

Friday 27th May - Gates open at 17:30

Tickets can be found through our Facebook page "Portishead Town FC"

Dates for Diaries

Term Dates and INSET for 2022-2023

The school year is 195 days and includes five in-service days used for staff training.

Term 1 - Thursday 01 September 2022 to Friday 21 October 2022

Term 2 - Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022

Term 3 - Tuesday 03 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023

Term 4 - Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

Term 5 - Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

Term 6 - Monday 05 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

The INSET days for next year are planned as follows:

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

We have decided to align ourselves with the Lighthouse Partnership and Gordano for the new academic year.

Dates for Term 5 and Term 6

Monday 9th May – Year 6 Assessment Week

Friday 13th May – Praise Assembly with Y6 – End of SATs

Wednesday 18th May – Year 5 "Jailbreak" at Birdwell

Thursday 19th May 2.00pm – May Procession

Friday 20th May – Year 6 Business Fair "Dragon's Den" Pitch

Wednesday 25th May – Reach for the Stars Assembly (Invitation only)

Thursday 26th May – **Ascension Mass will not be at school – Masses will be held at St Joseph's and St Francis' church.**

Thursday 26th May – Y4-Y6 Swimming Festival

Friday 27th May – Y6 Cake Sale

Friday 10th June – Class and Individual Photographs

Tuesday 14th June – Year 3 Prayer Service TBC

Wednesday 15th June – Year 5 Visit to St Bede's

Saturday 18th June – First Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd June – Y6 Leavers at Cathedral

Wednesday 29th/30th – Year 3&4 Osprey Camp

Wednesday 29th June - SS Peter and Paul Mass will not be at school – Masses will be held at St Joseph's and St Francis' church.

Wednesday 29th June 7.00pm – Year 6 Play

Monday – Friday 4th-8th July – Sports Week

Wednesday 6th July – Y4-Y6 Swimming Gala (AM) Exact times will be confirmed before half term.

Thursday 7th July – Sports Day (AM Team games & PM Flat Races) Exact times will be confirmed before half term.

Monday 11th July – Reports to parents

Tuesday 12th July – Gordano Transition

Tuesday 12th July – St Joseph's Shuffle-Up Day

Wednesday 13th July – Reach for the Stars Assembly (Invitation only)

Thursday 14th July – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 15th July – Y6 Eco-Business Fair

Sunday 17th July – 9.00am – Leavers Mass in School

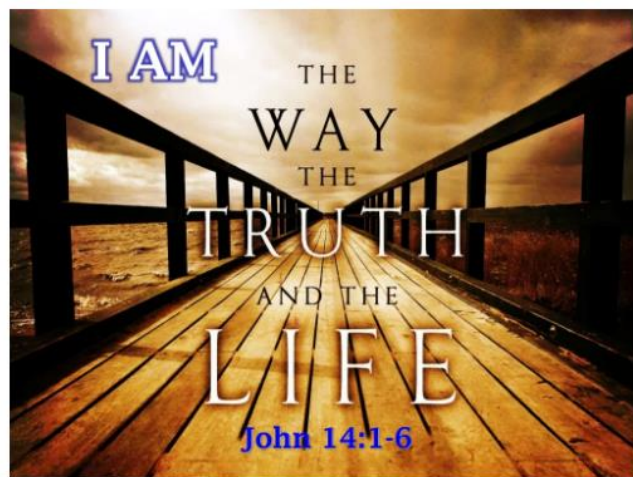
Monday 18th July – Leavers' Day Out

Tuesday 19th July – Year 5 Prayer Service TBC

Wednesday 20th July 9.30am – End of Term Mass

Thursday 21st July 11.00am – Leavers' Assembly

And Finally...



Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath
Headteacher