



Newsletter



Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to celebrate our first week back in the second autumn term by coming together for our Worship and Celebration this morning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us today; we are really lucky, as a small school, to be able to welcome families in.

School News & Updates

Thank You! - Harvest Festival Donations

Update! I received a certificate of thanks for 137kg of donations – I think this is a record!



Pre-School and After-School Club

Term 2 Fees are now on ParentPay, can you please check your balances and settle them by the deadline as per the T&Cs, ideally by Friday 3rd November. 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;

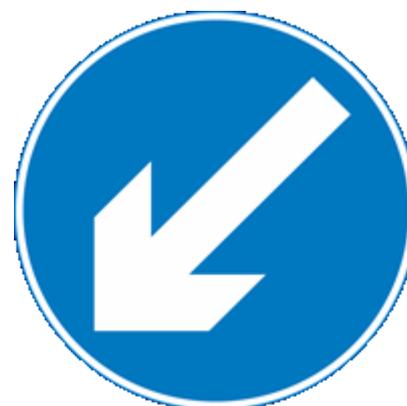
preschool@st-josephs.org.uk

Term 2 Clubs

Mrs Faram would like to welcome children for Chess Club for KS2 on Thursdays (in Year 3) and Crochet Club for Year 6 on Mondays (in the library) - both free of charge!

Parking – Again!

Please also remember the **5mph speed limit** at all times. There are some parents who seem to forget when they are in a hurry.



There is a **one-way** system in place. A number of parents are turning right (directly into oncoming traffic!) when entering through

the main gates. Please bear left and use the one-way system correctly.

Please be patient and careful in the car park – if there are no spaces left, exit the site and park outside the school premises. We are still having to remind a small number of driver not to double park and block the car park.

Headlice & Nits!!!

The little friends are back!



It is really important for all parents and carers to check their children's hair for visitors.



<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 everyone is vigilant, we can stop them spreading and be "nit free". It only takes one parent to ignore the warning and they will spread again quite quickly!

SEND Coffee and Chat



PARENT CARER COFFEE & CHAT

at
St Joseph's



Catholic Primary
School

Thurs 16th November

1-2.30pm



For parents and carers of children with any emerging need, additional need and/or disabilities- no diagnosis needed

School Reminders

Volunteers in School

Following a discussion with governors and our leadership team, we feel the new school year is a great time to ask parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school if they would like to volunteer.

We are looking for people to help with:

- Library at lunchtimes
- 1:1 Reading with children
- Helping Year 3 and Year 4 with their times tables
- Afternoon support in the KS1 classes
- Admin support
- Trips and events – one off when needed

All volunteers will be required to complete an online information form and, once we have identified a role or area you can help in, we will start a security check (Enhanced DBS).

Please use this form to register your interest:
<https://forms.gle/yTmM7NaxgveYV6yV9>

If you have already responded, you will receive and email next week.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Mon 6th Nov

Children in Reception to Year 6 are being offered flu vaccinations next week. If you have registered, the vaccine will be administered in school by the school nursing service (Sirona).

If you missed the closing date, you will be contacted by the NHS with alternative opportunities for the vaccine.

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.

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.

WANTED!

Rugs – Still needed

Do you have any clean small rugs that we could use for our reception class and Y4? Please contact the school office if you can help.

Cushions – Thank You

We now have lots of cushions! Thank you for those parents who have sent them in. I seem to have acquired a Christmas one in my office too!

PTFA

Reuse, Recycle, Reduce

TUE
12
DEC

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

Dont'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

Church News

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

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/szhVnMSrQ0asi3SAZPp2>

First Reconciliation

Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on the 9th December at 4.15pm in Portishead and 10th December at 2.00pm in Nailsea.

Youth Group

The next session of our Joint Parish Youth Group will take place on Friday 10th November from 4.00pm – 6.00pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. It is open to anyone from Y7 to Y9. All are welcome. We are still looking for volunteers to help out for a couple of hours, once a month. Please get in touch! Thank you. Anne-Marie

Clevedon Friary Fayre

Saturday 18th November from 12noon-3pm at Princes Hall in Clevedon Community Centre: Come along and enjoy this fun-filled event with superb cakes, quality second-hand goods, pre-loved toys and games, book stall, beautiful Christmas decorations and cards, and hot dogs and burgers. All to prepare for the run up to Christmas. Always a super occasion with plenty to see, hear and taste. Music with Portishead Concert Band.

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.



Volunteering goes both ways.

2nd Portishead want young people to have the chance to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life. It's not just the young people who benefit from Cubs.

Volunteering is good for boosting your wellbeing, developing CV-friendly skills, making friends and building memories.

It's good for them, and it's good for you.

You don't need to know about Scouting or have been a Scout before. Try something new today and discover Scouting! Contact us.

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Remembrance 2023



Saturday 11 November
Waitrose Plaza
10.45am

A short interdenominational service and two minutes silence.

Sunday 12 November
St Peter's Church
11.30am

Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service

This years' Remembrance Day schedule is below:

10:15am – Parade assembles at the High Street

10:45am – The Act of Remembrance will begin

11:00am – Two minutes silence will begin

11:05am – Parade moves off via the High Street

Residents and visitors are welcome to watch the parade as it travels along the High Street.

Please avoid parking in the High Street and all along the parade route.

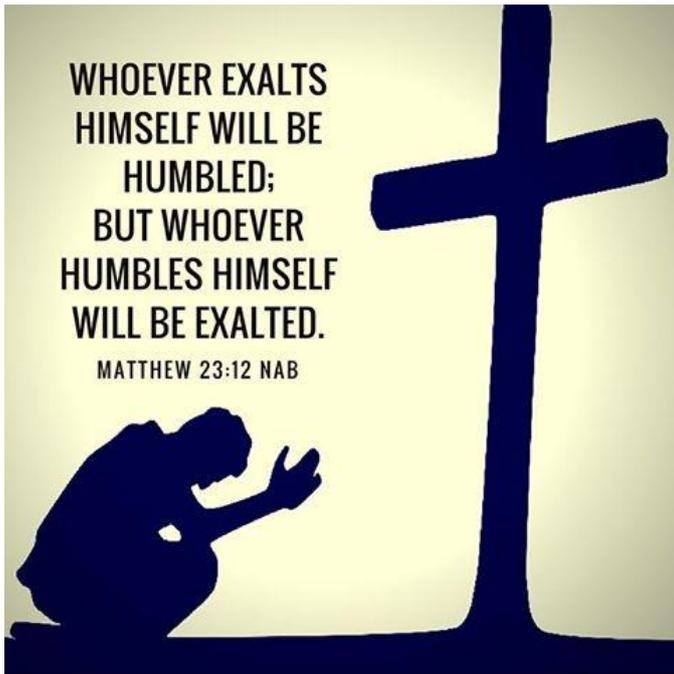
ROAD CLOSURES will be in place between 9:45am-12:15pm.

Any vehicles not moved before 9:45am will not be permitted legally to move until the roads are re-opened at 12:15pm.

Roads affected will be Portishead High Street between Church Road South and Combe Road, Stoke Road, Church Road South with restricted access to the High Street at Brampton Way and Church Road North. Diversions will be via St Peters Road, Slade Road and Combe Avenue.

North Somerset Council have given authority for closure of the two parking bays directly in front of Coffi Lab. They will be barriered off from Thursday 9 November evening until Monday 13 November.

And Finally...



Have a great weekend – Hope it isn't too rainy!

Mr Bath

Headteacher