



# Newsletter



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the last week of term and children and staff are looking forward to a restful holiday.

Thank you for your support during Term 4 especially during weeks with staff changes due to COVID.

We remain cautious but positive about the return to normality in school.

Please remember that school breaks up at 1pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. If your child attends ASC then the session will run from 1pm to 3pm.

## COVID Update

The guidance for schools has now been removed following two years of ever-changing advice. We are now being encouraged by the government to "live with the virus" as it becomes endemic rather than a pandemic.

"Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19" is the current government guidance and can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>

There is also specific guidance at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

The government guidance now states:

"Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat,

or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

"Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

"All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues."

Please do not send your child into school if they not well enough or have a temperature or fever.

The advice for testing children is as follows:

"It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

"If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

"Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal."

### **Year 5 and Year 6 Camp – October 2022.**

The following school camp trip costs will be going on ParentPay this month:

Mill on the Brue £363 pp

Kilve Court £199 pp

There is a deposit payment and then a suggested payment schedule.

If you have difficulty with payments, please contact the office to discuss with Mr Bath.

### **All Sorts of Things for Ukraine**



The Year 4 children are planning a sale of "things" for Ukraine. This will take place after school on Friday at 1pm in the school playground.

Please bring some loose change for you and your child to spend.

Proceeds from all fundraising will be sent to CAFOD/Disaster Emergency Committee so the government can fund match what we raise in school.

### **Parent Helpers in School**

If you would like to be a regular helper in school with reading, library, cooking or other class activities, please email the school office with your availability.

[office@st-josephs.org.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.org.uk)

We do not have an issue with you helping in your own child's class.

If you do want to volunteer, we will need to complete a new DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check in line with our safeguarding policy. The office will help you with this process.

Parents who have a DBS as a volunteer can also be invited as parent helpers for school trips and off-site visits.

### **Uniform - Socks (when wearing shorts or trousers)**

Please can you make sure your child wears the correct socks if they are wearing shorts.

They should be charcoal grey and ankle or knee length. Trainer socks are not part of our uniform code.

### **Summer Dresses**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can wear summer uniform after Easter.

Dresses should be gold (yellow) and white striped – not checked fabric please.

KS2 children are no longer asked to wear summer uniform as they can wear skirts or shorts with short sleeved shirts to stay cool.

### **Save the Date – Sunday 8th of May**

#### **Car Boot Sale** at St Joseph's Primary School

Gates open to sellers at 8:30am

Gate open to buyers 10:00am

Stalls cost £10

Entry fee £1.00 per adult, children are free

To book a stall please contact: Frances Gale  
07921808828 or [frances.gale@rocketmail.com](mailto:frances.gale@rocketmail.com)

### **Family and Young People – Events at St Joseph's Church**

[A message from Tom Osman:](#)

[Family Sports Afternoon - Sunday 10th April \(Palm Sunday\) 3pm-5pm](#)

[All welcome to the Lake Grounds for an afternoon of Sports and Social time. Look out for the pink gazebo as we will meet come rain](#)

or shine! Contact Rachel or Tom for further info - [rachel.mougeot@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.mougeot@gmail.com) or [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk). Can you support? We'd love to hear from you.

The Final Walk: Stations of the Cross - Good Friday at 9.30am

Would your young people like to get involved? Reading, Miming, Playing music, or welcoming, buttering hot cross buns? Or just come along. Please chat with Tom or email him: [tafosman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tafosman@hotmail.co.uk). Join us in the church as our young people lead us through the Passion of our Lord: the final moments of Jesus' earthly life before his death. Followed by hot cross buns in the hall.

### **New Youth Choir**

Katherine Everett, who has been teaching singing in our school for over 10 years, is starting two new choirs in Portishead. The Portishead Youth Training Choir might be of interest to some of our young musicians in Years 3 - 6. If your child would like to try the choir out to see if they would like to join, she is running a 3-hour Easter Workshop on the morning of Tuesday 19th April, at St Peter's Church.

**TWO EASTER WORKSHOPS**

**PORTISHEAD YOUTH TRAINING Choir**

**AGES 8-11**  
**Tuesday 19th April 2022**  
St Peter's Church, Portishead  
9am - 12pm  
**£10**

**PORTISHEAD YOUTH CHAMBER Choir**

**AGES 11-18**  
**Wednesday 20th April 2022**  
St Peter's Church, Portishead  
1pm - 4pm  
**£10**

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE EMAIL:** [portisheadyouthtrainingchoir@gmail.com](mailto:portisheadyouthtrainingchoir@gmail.com)  
[portisheadyouthchamberchoir@gmail.com](mailto:portisheadyouthchamberchoir@gmail.com)

### **And Finally...**



Have a great week.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath  
Headteacher