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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who made the First Holy Communion Saturday such a special day for us all. It is the highlight of our school calendar and such a wonderful day for the children and their families. The sun shone and Jesus was very close to our hearts and our minds during the service and procession of the Blessed Sacrament.



Corinthians 11:24 "And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We are looking forward to our school fair tomorrow, doors will be open at 12 noon and it looks like the sun will also shine on this event too. Please come along and support the school and the PTFA there will be plenty to buy and lots of fun to be had.



"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



YEAR 6 EVENTS

We are all looking forward to the year 6 play on Thursday the 4th of July. Rumour has it that is a WW2 theme! Doors will be open at 6.40pm for a 7.00pm start, children to arrive at 6.30pm.

Thank you to the Year 6 children for raising just over £400 at their school business fair. There were some imaginative stalls and the children really enjoyed putting their ideas into action. Some of the money will go towards the Year 6 day out and the rest to the children's chosen charity 'Be More Ben'.

Please see the school calendar for all events-however this is a very exciting term for our Year 6 leavers with lots of activities happening.

Wednesday 3rd July St Bede's Transition day

Tuesday 9th July Gordano Transition day

Friday 12th July Leavers family event at St. Joseph's *

Sunday 14th Leavers mass at school 9.00am* *All Year 6 children are expected to attend.* Tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches available after Mass.

Tuesday 16th July Leavers day out to MOJO active

Wednesday 17th July Retreat day St Joseph's church

Thursday 18th July End of term mass-1.30pm*

Friday 19th July 12.15-Leavers lunch* 1.30pm Leavers assembly*

***Parents welcome**

WOW what a lot to get through!

Message from the Year Six Parents

Thank you very much to all the families who have supported the recent Y6 cakes sales and coffee morning's. Lots of the cakes sold, were baked by our Y6 children and they have enjoyed running the after school sales. We are delighted to have raised £312, which will go directly to funding some of the fun activities we have planned for the Leavers celebrations in July.

Swimathon

We were delighted to receive a cheque for £750 from the Rotary Club for our fundraising efforts for the Swimathon. Thank you to all the children and their families who took part. We will put that towards replenishing class reading books and various other special treats during the year.

PTFA

Thank you again to the PTFA for all they do to support the school, when you buy a programme tomorrow at the fair you will be able to read about all the marvellous things the PTFA have contributed towards in the school to make it a more fun educational environment for you children.

Please see the notice board outside the main entrance for PTFA information.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTFA THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL



Sports week-Monday 8th July -Friday 12th

There will be more information in next week's bulletin re sports week; children will need to wear their sports kit for the week and house colours on Wednesday and Friday.

Parents are invited to:- KS2 swimming Gala –Monday 8th July AM
KS1 Field events Wednesday 10th July AM (stay for a picnic) then
KS 2 field events PM
KS1 and KS2 Track events Friday 12th July AM

Safeguarding

It is important that we receive written confirmation and an absence form is filled in if your child is going off site for any kind of examination out of school. In effect your child is being educated 'off site', which means St Joseph's are still responsible for the safeguarding of your child (even if you have taken them to the examination).

OAP Singalong

As part of our reach out to the community the children entertained some of our older Portishead residents to some WW2 songs from the Year 5 and 6 children, a Year 2 around the world medley, the school band and singing and guitar solos. Thank you to Mr Bath and Mrs Page for organizing the event and Mrs Winward and Mrs Logan for serving the teas and cake. I was particularly impressed by the way the Year 6 children sat and chatted with our visitors at the end of the afternoon.



Events at School

We have been very busy this term with exciting trips and events taking place. All the children have or will have attended Forest schools at Leigh woods. The Year 4 children had a lovely 'Retreat' day out with St Francis in Clevedon, mass was at the Friary with Father Reg, followed by reflections on the beach and a treat at the play park.

The Reception children went to St Peter's school where they joined with some of the Nurseries for their annual 'Mini music makers'.

Year 2 joined with St Peter's school here at St Joseph's with their around the world music extravaganza.

Year 5 went to St Bede's for a secondary school taster morning

Year 3 and 4 went off to their overnight camp where it only rained a bit!



The whole school went up to St Joseph's church (in their classes) to find out more about the church and pose questions to Father Tom.

The children in KS2 were entertained by a band from Gordano School, giving them a taster of the kinds of instruments they can (continue to) learn to play.

Thank you to all the parents who helped and made these trips possible.

WOW day out in September

KS1 and KS2 will be off timetable again the first week back, culminating in a big school day out on Friday 6th September. Please see the attached letter with regards further information.

Community Events

Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019

On Monday during assembly we will be telling children how to take part in Space Chase, this year's summer reading challenge in libraries.

All they have to do is read six library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting stickers along the way. It's fun and completely free.

Bring your children to your nearest North Somerset library, and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading. Space Chase starts on Saturday 13 July and continues throughout the summer until Saturday 7 September.

We will be celebrating children who took part at the start of the next school year. For more information about events in libraries over the summer visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/events or visit the North Somerset Libraries Facebook page.

Please see the attached Flyer for Stage Coach Summer School in August

Summer Activity morning St Joseph's Church Sunday 7th July 10.30-12.15

For ages 6-11 yrs. Please sign up on the list in church or e mail Tom Osman tafosman@hotmail.co.uk

Sports News

Another week and another sporting success! Our Year 4 and 5 girls competed against all the other Portishead Primary Schools in a World Cup themed tournament on Wednesday. To say that the girls were superb would be a massive understatement.

We won every game comfortably and I don't think our goalkeeper even touched the ball. The quality of skill on show was matched by the team's attitude, teamwork and sportsmanship. Most importantly they all played with smiles on their faces.

I am expecting great things from this squad in the 2019/20 season.





On Thursday evening our Year 6 boys football team had probably their last opportunity to pull on the famous blue and golds shirts as they played an away fixture at St. Peter's. As you would expect from a local derby the match was keenly fought with no quarter given by either side. The final score was 1-1 a scoreline which reflects the quality of whole team defending which was on display.

Well done lads and don't forget that teamwork is everything.

Mr Donovan

God Bless

Mrs Jackson



Please regularly check the school calendar on the website for school events and timings.

Term 6

Monday 3rd June- Tuesday 19th July

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July are INSET DAYS. Last day for children Friday 19th July

2019-20 term dates

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

- term 1: Monday 2 September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019
- term 2: Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019
- term 3: Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020
- term 4: Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020
- term 5: Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- term 6: Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020

Foundation, trust, academy and voluntary aided schools set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

