



Newsletter



Monday 5th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a wet and windy week. There are still children coming to school without coats! Please make sure your child has a suitable coat in school.

It is a busy week with parents' evenings and staff and children are probably counting the "wake-ups" until the holiday – we used to count the sleeps but the teachers don't have a problem sleeping!

School News & Updates

Illness and Pupil Absence

Whilst we want to have children in school for as many sessions as possible, there are going to be times when you need to keep your child at home.

The NHS has a guide for parents:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

A number of illnesses are called "notifiable" where the school has to inform the UK health protection agencies so it is really important to let the school office know if your child is off and if a condition has been diagnosed.

We also have children and adults in school who need additional protection when cases of some infections are identified – scarlet fever, slapped cheek, and chickenpox are examples of this.

Please leave a message or email the school office if your child is off sick. Our safeguarding

procedures require us to check each morning after the register so please leave a short message each morning to avoid the office making an unnecessary phone call.

Parents' Evenings

Our parent evenings are scheduled for this week Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th of February. This time they will be in the school hall with staff spread out and a waiting area in the centre of the room. This will help parents moving from class teacher to class teacher and help everyone keep to time.

If you can arrive before your appointment, your child's books will be in their classrooms where you can spend some time sharing their work.

Time slots should have been automatically sent back to you by email when you booked and teachers will have written appointments in planners or added a sticker with date and time.

If you have not booked an appointment, teachers may offer you an empty space or will contact you to make an appointment. It is really important for parents to have a meeting with the class teacher during the year.

If your child has special educational needs, your teacher will also arrange an appointment in Term 4.

School Led Mass – Sunday 28th January

Thank you to the families who joined us at mass on 28th January. Well done to the children who read prayers and readings and to those who also helped as altar servers.

Behaviour Policy Consultation

We review our behaviour policy each year but this year we have created a new document rather than reviewing and editing the existing one. We feel that this is then an opportunity to listen to comments from parents before the document is agreed by the governors.

<https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/consultations>

The consultation is still open and we would appreciate your comments.

School Reminders

ParentPay Charges on the System

- Yr3/4 swimming contribution
- Yr6 Evacuee workshop (deadline 18.3.24)
- Yr2 Noah's Ark Trip (deadline 19.2.24)

There are also payment items for Y5 and Y6 camps (current Y4 and Year 5).

Swimathon



The next Rotary Swimathon will take place on 23rd March – please keep the date free!

It would be great to have as many children take part but also ex-pupils and parents are very welcome to join in too. We had a fantastic team last year – the largest number from any single school in Portishead and the only one to fill the session while other schools share the pool!

PE Days

Although the teachers will have reminded you about PE days on their google classrooms, here is a list of the current PE days in school for Term 3 and Term 4:

R – Wednesday

1 – Monday, Tuesday

2 – Tuesday, Friday

3 – Monday, Friday

4 – Monday, Friday

5 – Tuesday, Friday

6 – Tuesday, Friday

Please can you make sure your child has a badged jumper or hoodie on PE days – we still have some random additions to our PE uniform.

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

Friday 8th March 2024 – Mr Bath's Runaround Quiz

Friday 14th June 2024 – St Joseph's Got Talent

Saturday 6th July 2024 – Summer Fete

Safeguarding

Social Media – Doxing

If you allow your child to use social media, you may want to read this article by the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL)

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/what-is-doxing-a-guide-for-professionals-parents-and-carers/>

Primary aged children are not old enough to understand the risk and problems of using social media so if you choose to allow your child to use apps on their phones or tablet, please make sure you are aware of what they are using them for:

- Set up parental controls (see internetmatters.org)

- Regularly check your child's social media use and message history
- Question why messages may have been deleted
- Make sure your child does not have any "hidden" apps on their phones or "vaults" where they can store information and messages.

Church News

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

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/vaj52SURS9iJDagtTOWK>

To keep up to date with news and events from our parishes please follow our new joint Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisandstjoseph/>

Please note that the old separate parish Facebook pages are no longer active and that you will need to follow the new page to see news stories and future events.

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.



GREENE KING

I am sure lots of families will still be eating chocolates left over from the Christmas period and here is a great recycling initiative for those empty boxes 😊.

Portishead has 2 Greene King pubs, **The Albion** and **The Royal** and they will accept the boxes for recycling 1 January - 11 February 2024. Any money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you want to find out more visit:

<https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/>

Free wellbeing
workshops

for residents of Portishead



Type 2 Diabetes Management

Wednesday 7 February

7pm - 9pm

The Folk Hall, High Street, Portishead

Led by health professionals from the Harbourside Family Practice and the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme, this information workshop will focus on Type 2 diabetes - looking at the signs of symptoms of both the pre-diabetic and diabetic condition and the challenges this serious health condition can present.

The session will provide useful strategies and signposting that can be employed to prevent, and where already necessary, to manage type 2 diabetes for maximum quality of life.

Book your seat today!

wellbeing@portishead.gov.uk / 01275 847 078

PRIORITY FOOTBALL

WE'RE BACK AT NAILSEA SCHOOL FOR A WEEK OF FOOTBALL CAMPS!

DATES:
MONDAY 12TH FEB - FRIDAY 16TH FEB.

TUESDAY PUMA DAY! **FRIDAY STRIKER DAY!**

SCAN TO BOOK:

9am - 3:30pm - Early drop-offs available
£21 per day | Discounted multi-day tickets

Book online: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps
Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEAR 6+



STREET DANCE MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP WITH ANNE-MARIE

- Monday 12th February
- 3pm-5pm
- £15
- Perfect for those who love dance or drama - musical theatre with a modern twist!!

WESTON GLOW FESTIVAL

- Wednesday 14th February
- 5pm-9pm
- £20 including minibus transport and fast food dinner
- An interactive and immersive light show over 25 spectacular light exhibitions at Grove Park, WSM followed by fast food dinner

DIGITAL MUSIC WORKSHOP

- Thursday 15th February
- 11am-1pm
- £15
- Create your own digital music track using Logic Pro with tuition and guidance from our Studio Manager, Nick to share with your family and friends!

FULLY FUNDED SPACES FOR CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8-12



WAKE THE TIGER AMAZEMENT PARK & BOWLING TRIP

- Tuesday 13th February
- 10am-4pm
- £45 including minibus transport

IN-HOUSE COOKING, SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS AND TEAM GAME ACTIVITY DAY

- Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February
- 8.30am-5.30pm (or 8.30am-1pm including lunch, or 1pm-5.30pm)
- £34 including cooked lunch and snacks (£19 AM session/£15 PM session)

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Email mail@portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk for a booking form or more information



CODING WORKSHOP

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



Game Design

An interactive workshop for aspiring young game designers. Dive into the world of pixel art and game creation.

Suitable for children aged 8 and 12 years old.

For more information and to register: codingbug.co.uk/game-pixel-design/

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Tuesday 13th February 2024
From 10am - 12:30pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



facebook.com/codingbug/

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RECEPTION - YEAR 7

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WEST OF ENGLAND **MUSIC AND ARTS**

YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

UP TO AGE 18
ANY MUSICAL STYLE
GROUPS OF 2 OR MORE MUSICIANS
TRINITY ACADEMY, BRISTOL BS7 9BY

TO APPLY SCAN QR CODE

APRIL 27th/ 28th

FREE



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HOLIDAY CLUBS

February Half-Term

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& more!

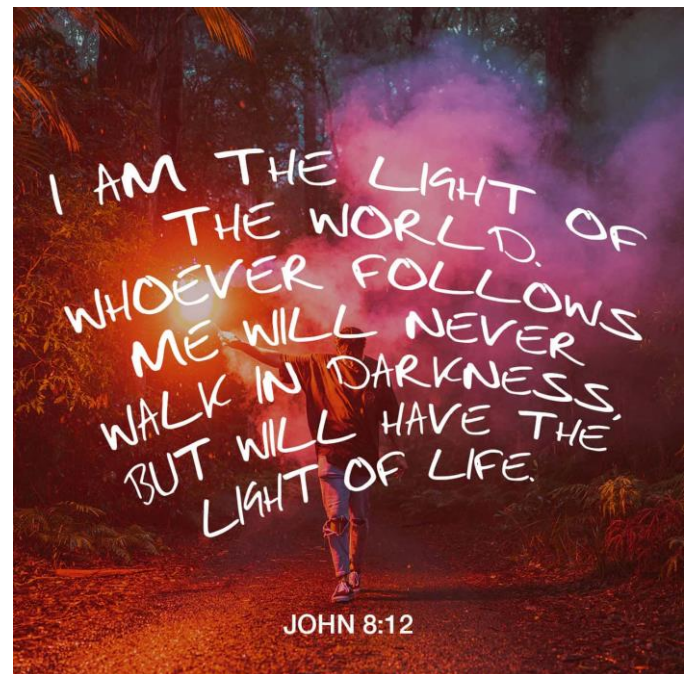
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And Finally...



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

JOHN 8:12

Have a great week.
Mr Bath
Headteacher