



Newsletter



Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents at Praise Assembly today. The summer term will hopefully be a great opportunity to bring back some of our St Joseph's traditions and bring everyone back together at last!

Please read on as there are dates for diaries at the end of the Newsletter; we will try to keep the website calendar and newsletters up-to-date with useful dates and information.

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.

Reminder - Water, Sun Cream and Sunhats

We encourage all children to have a named water bottle in school. This should be a "sports" type bottle to avoid spillage. Please rinse and refill your child's bottle each morning.



All children need to also have a named hat for school – this should be navy blue but can be either a sunhat or a baseball style cap. Finding a plain blue one can be difficult but we would appreciate it if you could make sure hats are navy blue and not other colours – in line with our uniform code for hairbands and hair accessories.

Some parents are happy to have sun cream applied before school but if your child has sensitive skin they are permitted to bring their own sun-cream into school in their bookbag or rucksack. Please can you train them to apply sun cream themselves apart from the youngest children where staff can help if needed.

WANTED LIST

We have a number of requests this week:

- Short Chapter Books – If you have any spare as-new reading books suitable for Y2, Y3 and Y4.



- Children's sized hangers for our spare uniform and sports kit in school.
- Little Wellies – Age 3&4 – for our preschool children to wear.
- 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.
- A small picnic style table for the EYFS Reception area – if your child has grown out of their small garden furniture please let Mrs Luck know.
- 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.

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
- Deposits for Kilve Court and Mill on the Brue **(Current Y5 Class)**

Booking Holidays for Next Year?



Please take note of the term dates below.

Although we have not issued fines this year, we are now beginning to issue warning letters for unauthorised absence in school. From September, children are expected to be in school every day in term time and trips/absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Fines will be issued where appropriate by the local authority if you choose to take holidays in term time.

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

Extra Sports Event

All classes need to wear PE kit on Friday 13th May. We have an extra session with some PE coaches during the day.

New Menu

Please note that the latest menu is available on the school website.

For the summer terms, wraps (cheese, ham, tuna) replace jacket potatoes.

Local News

LLaDs at St Barnabas



LLaDs will return this month on Saturday 14th May. At the St Barnabus Children's Centre from 10:30 - 12:00.

LLaDs (Lads, Lasses and Dads) is a place for dads and their children (aged 0-7 years) to hang out on a Saturday morning. We offer bacon butties & good coffee for the Dads plus fruit, juice and exciting activities for the children.

It is run by volunteers. We have no set cost but we do welcome donations (suggested £2 per adult and £1 per child) to cover the cost of hiring the hall and the food. It is an ideal place to spend time with your children, meet other dads and allow your children to socialise with other children.

For further information please get in touch with Mr Broyd.

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 TBC

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 9.30am – SS Peter and Paul Mass

Wednesday 29th June 7.00pm – Year 6 Play

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

Wednesday 6th July – Y4-Y6 Swimming Gala (AM)

Thursday 7th July – Sports Day (AM Team games & PM Flat Races)

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...

The Gospel Reading on Sunday reminds us that Jesus is our Shepherd and guides us in all we do.



Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards,

Mr Bath

Headteacher