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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we have come to the end of Term 4 and breaking up today for the Easter holidays. It has been a very packed term with lots of exciting activities both in and out of school to be proud of.

We have been remembering Jesus' journey to the cross with a tableau by Years 5 and 6 which they presented to KS2. We took part in a whole school Lent Pilgrimage and the children took away mementoes to remind them of their journey with Jesus.

Congratulations to the Year 3 Holy Communion group on making their first Reconciliation last week, we are really looking forward to their big day on the 24th of June.

1 Peter v5-6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be on **Monday the 9th of April at 7.30pm in Hall and Woodhouse**. There will also be a coffee morning / update after praise assembly on **13th April 2018**. It's coming up to the time to prepare for the Summer Fair. If you can help in any way please volunteer as this event can't take place without willing helpers. The children enjoy it so much and it's the highlight of the PTFA calendar.

The next PTFA event will be the spring hamper draw on the 4th of May (replacing Easter Hampers) and the family disco on the 11th of May.

Thank you to the PTFA for all the fundraising for CAFOD during Lent.

Cake of the week will be returning in Term 5.

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



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



Charity Fundraising

The children put on a spectacular cake sale and they raised £94.80 for Cancer Research. We also celebrated world book day and the children came dressed as their favourite book character, we raised £38.00 for that event so perhaps if your child didn't bring in their £1.00 there is still an opportunity to increase our total, providing access to books to children in many parts of the world.

So far we have raised £168.37 for CAFOD in their 'Give it up' campaign. The children can see that a few pennies go a long way to providing people with the basics like clean water.

Sports News

Despite the awful weather Term 4 has been a fantastic period for our sporting teams.

We have had children from across KS2 representing St. Joseph's in both Town and County level tournaments and we have 'punched above our weight' whenever we have participated.

Our Roll of Honour includes-

- *Gordano Netball Champions*
- *Gordano Tag Rugby Champions*
- *North Somerset Girls Netball 7th place*
- *North Somerset Tag Rugby Semi-finalists*

Together with our success on the field of play I am also delighted to report that every squad member represented the school superbly with their manners, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Thanks to Mrs. Raven's hard work we also had over 50 children representing the school in the 2018 Portishead Swimathon, this is more than any other school or organisation in the town! (If you have not already done so, please could we ask that you return any sponsorship money to the school office as soon as possible so we can pass this on to the event organisers.)

As we enter Terms 5 and 6 I am expecting that our sporting success will match the superb spell of weather which I am sure we all hope for.

Mr Donovan

Maws and St. Bedes music festivals

Congratulations to all the children that took part in the MAWS festival at the Colston Hall this week. It was a vocal, musical and dancing extravaganza. Once again St. Joseph's children did themselves proud, a big thank you to Mrs. Page, Ms. Shephard and parents for all the hard work they put into making the festival special for our children.

Years 5 and 6 also took part in the St. Bede's choir evening. Once again thanks to all children, parents, Mrs. Page and Mr Ogden who took time to rehearse and get children there and back.

POND AREA – GARDENING-Saturday 24th March

Are you available tomorrow between 10am and 12 Noon? The Portishead in Bloom team will be here to tidy up the pond area. Please come along with the whole family.



Safeguarding

I get many requests with regards children and on line safety particularly children having access to you tube. Please see the attached information sheet (which I have sent out before). It is a very handy fact sheet with lots of helpful information and websites to keep you up to date and informed to put on the fridge or family notice board.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays. Shorts can be worn all year round by girls and boys. Please check the uniform list on the schools web site.

Art WOW week

Last week the children had a very exciting Art week where they studied different artists and created some amazing pictures and sculptures. There will be an Art exhibition after school on **Monday the 23rd of April** where you will be able to come and look at your children's wonderful art work for yourselves.

Chess Club

Congratulations to the chess club - they have got through to the south west regional semifinals. We are the only state school to have got this far. Thank you so much to Mrs. Faram and Mr. and Mrs. Choi for all their support. I want to thank all the parents of the chess club for their support and also the PTFA for funding some of the entry money.

Math's information Evening

Parents attended a math's information evening led by Mrs. Matravers on Wednesday. Parents commented that they found it really useful to see and learn about the different approaches to maths from Reception up to year 6. If you were unable to attend the evening the PPT is on the web site under parent information.

South West science finals

Ava Williams, Jessica Wenn, Owain Donovan and Lukasz Golebiewski from Year 4 designed the fastest buggy in a school competition, the buggy went through to the South West Science finals in Bristol. Lukasz and Owain represented the team at the finals and won a magnificent trophy- well done and thank you to Mrs Golebiewski for providing the transport.

School Meals

With effect from Monday 9th April our school meals will be provided by Chartwells. A copy of the new menu is on the outside noticeboard and on the school website. Wraps will still be an option. The revised charge for school meals is £2.00 per day. UIFSM still applies to children in Reception, Year 1 & year 2. Please could you ensure that school meals are paid for in advance on ParentPay.

School trips on Parent Pay

School budgets are extremely tight this year and unfortunately there is no money to subsidise school trips. Please could we therefore ask you to ensure that contributions are made by the stated deadline. Decisions will then be taken as to whether or not the trip may proceed. In the event of a trip not going ahead due to insufficient contributions being made a full refund will be issued. If you are experiencing difficulty making payment online please contact the school office in confidence to ensure written permission is given.



Local events

Portishead Town Football Club are hosting a charity day on Thursday 5th April 9.00am – 3.30pm with all proceeds going to Children's Hospice South West. This event is open to children in Year 1 – Year 6 and the cost is £20.00. If you would like to book a place please email:

portisheadtownfootballclub@outlook.com

Housekeeping

- Outdoor coats should be navy or black
- Please do not park in the pub car park or the private road (Sheepfields) when picking up or dropping off children from our school
- If the car park is full please do not block the road by waiting outside the gate, find another place to park and walk the short distance

Pupil Premium / Free school meals

If you believe your child may be entitled to free school meals you may apply online after **26th March 2018** at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/> and will receive an instant decision for entitlement during Terms 5&6. If your application is successful please provide the school office with a copy of the confirmation letter so we can update our records, alternatively if you would like assistance with your application please contact the school office. It only takes a minute to submit an application so if you are unsure whether or not you may be entitled to claim this it is worth doing. As well as providing payment for school meals for your child, the school will also receive additional funding to support them in their learning.

Once again thank you for all your support this term have a restful and peaceful Easter break.

God Bless
Mrs Jackson

"When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. If you listen, you may learn something new."

— Dalai Lama XIV

Please see the school calendar on the website for all school events

Term dates:

Term 5

Monday 9th April-Friday 25th May

Term 6

Monday 4th June - Tuesday 24th July

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July are INSET DAYS. Last day for children Friday 20th July