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Friday October 20th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of term 1. Seven weeks have flown by and I don't know about everyone else but I seem to have a long list of things that I haven't done!

Year 5 and 6 camps have been a great success. I was privileged to be part of the Year 6 camp, all the children were an absolute credit to you and the school. I was amazed on night 2 when there wasn't a peep past 10p.m. and I had to wake 2 of the boy's rooms up at 7.30am!!!!

There will be a **Year 5 Kilve assembly at 2.30pm on Thursday 2nd of November** and a **Year 6 camp assembly after Praise assembly on Friday the 10th of November**. A big thank-you to all the staff and volunteers (Mrs McMahon) that went to camp this year and made it such a great success.

Of course after half term we are into Term 2 and the great Christmas count down.

"To everything there is a season a time for every purpose under heaven": Ecclesiastes 3:1

PTFA

The next meeting is on Monday the 6th of November at 7.30pm in the school; please come along, Christmas disco planning will be on the agenda.

PTFA Christmas Cards, your child has designed a Christmas card which has been sent off to the printers. After half term you will receive your child's Christmas card with information on how to order more on line.

PTFA Up and coming events

Thursday 9th November **Book at Bedtime** R-Year 3; 5.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 1st December **School Christmas discos**: R and KS1; 4.30pm-5.30pm, KS2; 5.45pm-7.00pm

Saturday 2nd December **Christmas Shop and drop** 10.30am- 12.30pm

Don't forget when doing your Christmas shopping on line you can go to the **Just Giving website**, find St Joseph's PTFA and any purchases you make on line a % goes to the school PTFA.

Please be aware that you can set up a yearly or monthly standing order to the PTFA. Not everyone can take part in fund raising and this is another way to show your support. Please contact the office for further details.

Please support the PTFA they do so much for our children.



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



Christmas Shoe box appeal

Last date for shoe boxes will be Friday 3rd of November. Please wrap a shoe box, lid separately, fill it with goodies (as recommended on the checklist) and bring it into school. There are checklist sheets available in the foyer. Please indicate on the check list what age range it is for.

You can go on line to find out more:-

<https://www.blythswood.org/shoe-box-appeal-2017-order-form#>

Applying for Reception school places 2018-2019

Parents can apply online on www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions or they can contact the School Admissions Team on 01275884078 for a paper application from 12th September. The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2018.

Applying for transfer to Secondary School September 2018 start

Please note that the closing date for applications for current Year 6 children transferring North Somerset and Bristol Secondary schools is 31st October 2017.

School Uniform Reminder:

Winter uniform requires girls and boys to wear a white long sleeved shirt with a school tie. However I am seeing a number of girls coming to school wearing fancy white blouses with rounded collars and puffy sleeves with no tie, they are not in the uniform code. Please ensure that your child is wearing what is stipulated in the uniform list. We pride ourselves on our uniform and smartness here at St Joseph's.

E Safety

I have attached information about the Yellow App, although this is something that is used by teenagers it is useful information for all parents particularly in upper KS2.

Free School Meals

North Somerset Council has recently changed the process for applications for Free School Meal entitlement. This must be completed at the beginning of every term, online with an instant decision being given. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your child please follow the link <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/> or come into the school office and we can assist you with your application.

Please also be aware that if your application is successful the school receives other additional funding to support your child's learning experience. Therefore it is beneficial to your child if you apply even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals.

School photographs

If you wish to order photographs this must now be done on line by the 24th October to avoid a late order fee:-

www.schoolpics.co.uk

Church Christmas Fair

The Parish Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday December 9th** in the school Hall. Father Christmas will be in his Grotto and there will be plenty of stalls to spend your pennies.



Raffle tickets will be coming to each family after half term, please return any unwanted raffle tickets in plenty of time for their resale. Sold raffle tickets can be returned to the school office with monies.

Week beginning 27th November- Good quality toys, books and games for the White Elephant - leave in the school entrance.

Friday 1st December MUFTI day bring a bottle for the bottle stall

Week beginning 4th December Bathroom goods- leave in the school entrance

Community events

Please see attached flyer from Fit for Sport re half term activities.

Night of light: 4-5.15pm St Joseph's church hall. Father Tom will be hosting an evening of fun and games come dressed as your favourite saint. Hot dogs will be provided.

IMPORTANT DATES Ahead

Christmas performance dates:-

Reception Nativity: Monday Dec 4th 8.50am

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 3 and 4 Victorian Christmas Extravaganza: Tuesday 12th December 2.00pm and 7.00pm (with refreshments)

Years 5 and 6 carol service: Thursday 14th December 7.00pm, St Joseph's Church

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

"The path to gaining respect is paved with knowledge and empathy" Evan Brown

Academic year 2017-2018

Term dates

- term 1: Monday 4 September 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017
- term 2: Monday 30 October 2017 to Tuesday 19 December 2017
- term 3: Thursday 4 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018
- term 4: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018
- term 5: Monday 9 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018
- term 6: Monday 4 June 2018 to Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET DATES:

30th October 2017

9th February 2018

23rd July 2018

24th July 2018

Unless otherwise stated, Praise Assembly takes place every Friday at 8.30am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend these assemblies.

