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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearly at the end of term 4 and spring is definitely in the air. The trees are full of blossom and the children are able to play on the field and have their packed lunches outside hurrah!

We are still in the middle of Lent and although we will have our Palm Service, Lent Pilgrimage and Stations of the Cross next week Easter still seems a long way off.

It was lovely to see the Year 4 Holy Communion group have their first school reconciliation this week with Father Tom. We are really looking forward to their big day on Saturday the 22nd of June at 12 Noon.

It always amazes me the number of talents that our children have. I always say to every child that God blesses us with different gifts and Praise Assembly is a wonderful show case for those gifts. I was privileged to be with those children that took part in the Weston Dance Festival on Monday they really WOWED the audience. Thank you to Mrs Shephard, the girls and all the parents who helped. I would like to share an e mail I received from Clevedon School.

"I just felt the need to drop a quick message to say how impressed I was with your performances last night. The commitment, expressive skills and choreography were stunning and it was clear how much rehearsal you had put in. I have seen a lot of Primary performances over 19 years of teaching and I think these two pieces were conceptually and in performance, two of the best I have seen.

I hope you are all feeling very proud of yourselves today".

Yours,

Debbie Morgan

Mrs D. Morgan Co-ordinator of Dance and Drama – Clevedon School

Well done to you all.

Ephesians 2-10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be this Monday **the 1st of April at 7.30pm at the Albion pub.** It's coming up to the time to prepare for the Summer Fair. If you can help in any way please



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



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.

Please check the board outside school for up and coming PTFA events. The next event will be the car boot and craft day on Saturday the 27th of April.

Thank you to the PTFA for all the fundraising for CAFOD during Lent, the new books for the library and new sand for the big sand pit.

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

Charity Fundraising

Today the children have been raising money for the Brain Tumour awareness campaign-we were asked to support this by the Portishead community and although this is a difficult subject to tackle I know it has already affected families in our school. Thank you for your contribution. This term we have supported Book Aid and Cancer Research and we continue to raise money for Cafod during Lent. This year's initiative is to restock ponds with fish in areas that have been stricken by drought. Every penny counts and I know that the children have been bringing in their pennies for the class money boxes.

Once again the children (and parents) are taking part in the Rotary Club's Swimathon this Saturday (30th March) at Parish Wharf. Thank you again to Mrs Raven's for organising this. Last year the Rotary Club gave the school a cheque for £600.00 which has really helped towards science equipment and art materials.

Safeguarding

The next big thing after Fortnite--With 50 million players worldwide within its first month, Apex Legends is considered to be one of the fastest growing games. However, as with any online game, there are risks that trusted adults need to be aware of. It is also important to note that in the UK this game is PEGI rated 16+.

You can find below a link to both guides on our social media platforms below:

WEBSITE: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/apex-legends/>

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1105791631113011200>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1978638645775649/?type=3&theater>

School lunches

The new Spring/Summer menu will be starting after Easter and running through until the end of the Summer Term. This is available on the school website and all children have been given a copy to bring home. Please note that after Easter there will **no longer be jacket potatoes** as an option, this will revert **back to wraps** for the Spring/Summer Terms.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays. Shorts can be worn all year round by girls and boys. Girls in Years 5 and 6 can continue to wear skirts instead of the summer dress. Please check the uniform list on the schools web site.

Curriculum News

Please copy and paste the link below to learn more about Math's Mastery. There is also an information sheet on the website under parents/curriculum. Here at St Joseph's we have embarked on a new way of teaching Maths. We held a Math's workshop for parents last year and we hope to hold another one at the beginning of the next academic year to give you further insight into the way we are teaching your children.



https://planetparent.com/episode-3-kate-mole/?utm_source=NCETM+Newsletters&utm_campaign=2d6e985d4c-primary-round-up-march-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_13f8d631f4-2d6e985d4c-222941245

Please check out the website each term for your child's class curriculum overview for the term.

I have also mentioned before our new way of testing spelling. Research has shown that rote learning 10 spellings and getting 10 out of 10 each week does not make your child a better speller. Learning the way a group of words is constructed and spelling rules for groups of words is a much better way of learning. Our children are asked to find words that belong in a particular group and with the help of their teacher understand the rules. They are then tested on the spelling rule rather than regurgitating a list, this helps them memorize the rule for using in their day to day work.

School trips on Parent Pay

- 1) Year 5 Celebration of Sport Festival. We have secured 50% of costs but require sufficient contributions before a decision to go ahead will be reached. Consent forms will be sent home after the Easter holidays. Please support this amazing opportunity and make a contribution before Friday 5th April 2019.
- 2) Year 4 Trip to SS Great Britain Wed 8th May 2019. All contributions (Parentpay or Cash) and your child's consent form must be at school by Thursday 4th April 2019.
- 3) Reception Trip to Tyntesfield Tuesday 14th May 2019. All contributions (Parentpay or Cash) and your child's consent form must be at school by Thursday 4th April 2019.

Children joining school September 2020

Will your child be starting school in September 2020?

School Admission Arrangements for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 2020/21 are now available to view on our website at

<https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/admissions/159675>.

We have arranged some Open Days, please contact the school office to book a space on 01275 848367
Mon 1st July at 2:15pm Mon 23rd Sept at 2:15pm Monday 18th Sept at 2.15pm

Community events

The Final Walk: Stations for All - Good Friday at 9.30 (St. Joseph's church)

Join us in the church as our young people lead us through the Passion of our Lord: the final moments of Jesus' earthly life before his death. Followed by hot cross buns in the hall.

Holy Week / Easter Music:

Joint Music Rehearsal - Saturday 6 April from 1030-1215 at st Francis Nailsea

All choir members and musicians are invited to the next joint music rehearsal where we will be focusing on Holy Week music. Please speak to Tom Osman or Lis Jeffrey for more info.

Race for life

Mrs Mougeot and Mrs Constanza (Year 6) have just motivated a group of year 6 girls, siblings and mums to make team St Joes for the Weston-Super-Mare 5km Race for Life happening on 12th June at 7.30pm on the beach. Fundraising cause is Cancer Research UK –Please contact Mrs Mougeot or Mrs Constanza if you would like to join in.



New Tennis Course at Portishead Lawn Tennis Club

Ever thought about trying tennis? With the sun shining and spring on its way it's the perfect time to get outside, meet some new people and learn a new sport.

Portishead Lawn Tennis Club has a new adult beginner's tennis course starting on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm - 8.30pm. The course is run by our head coach Mike Greedy and is perfect for those new to tennis or wanting to get back into it. It's an 8 week course, costs £90 and includes 6 month club membership. There's no need to bring equipment, just contact Linda on lindamt142@gmail.com to reserve your place or for more information.

Dance Workshop for children on Sunday 7th April at 2.30 in Greyfriars Hall, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clevedon.

Rosemary Carrington, a parishioner and an experienced dance teacher, will be running a free Dance Workshop for children of all ages. Parents are welcome to come and watch and encourage their children. Refreshments will be available.

South West Athletic & Running Club of the Year, North Somerset Athletic Club and Academy

are running their high-quality Fun/Coaching days during the Easter holidays. A great introduction to our action-packed sport, delivered by South West Coach of the Year for 2018, Chris Millard, and the amazing team of Ambassadors/ Leaders from the Club

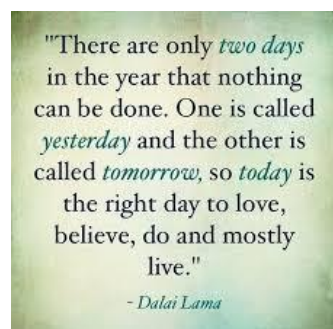
- CLEVEDON SCHOOL – SPORTS CENTRE AND RUNNING TRACK
- AGE 7 – 12 (ALL ABILITIES WELCOME)
- MONDAY 8TH APRIL – THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019
- MONDAY 15TH APRIL – THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2019
- 10.00AM – 4.00PM
- £17.00 PER DAY

For more information, please visit <http://www.nsac.org.uk/fundays/> and email chrisbtg@blueyonder.co.uk for booking details

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Please see the attached letter from the chair of Governors re the vacancy. It is also on the school web site.

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



God Bless
Mrs Jackson

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