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Dear Parent



March is dedicated to St Joseph

In this year of St Joseph, as instituted by Pope Francis, it is a good time to get to 'know' him better and his role in the life of Jesus. St Joseph was an extraordinary family man – a model for us all. We ask his prayers and protection for ourselves and for our families.

HOLY WEEK



This is the holiest week of our year and being able together to worship makes this year even more special. Our Y5 and Y6 children have attended the 8.30am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and will tomorrow, Wednesday. Thank you for supporting your child's faith journey with us. It has been a positive experience for our parishioners too.

A Holy Week Reflection for Action...

Pope Francis

Fast from grudges ... and be reconciled.

Mrs Riisager

Mrs Riisager, who has not been in school since last term, will be leaving us at the end of this term. She and her family are relocating down south. Mrs Riisager has been a wonderful addition to our staff and has supported the children magnificently. She will be greatly missed by us all. We wish Mrs Riisager, good health and happiness for this next step in life and God's blessings in all she undertakes.

Clothes required for St Chad's

Thank you so much for the very generous response to this request. It is so appreciated.

Keeping Children Safe...

DOGS: There are a number of dogs being brought into school when children are being picked up. Please do not bring dogs onto the school premises when so many children are leaving site. Some children are frightened and some dogs get a little 'excited'. Let's all keep to our well-known rules and refrain from bringing dogs to school. Thank you as always for your support and care for our children.

MOBILE PHONES: A huge number of Y6 children are now bringing phones to school and giving them to Mrs Shepherd until the end of each day due to them beginning to walk home 'alone'. Some children are being met in Waitrose by their parent and others are walking at a distance either in front of or behind their parent - these children do not need to carry mobile phones with them. Arguably, carrying a phone actually makes the child more vulnerable and a target rather than being a form of 'protection'. Where a child has a distance to go, we understand that you may feel better about your child having access to a phone, but unless needed, these items should be kept out of sight.

Parent Questionnaire

We invite you to fill in a questionnaire – see link below – and thank you for doing so.

<https://forms.office.com/r/g71UWb77Xi>

After – School Coaching

Both our curriculum rugby coaching and our after-school rugby coaching will resume in Summer Term.

The after-school club is currently only available for Years Two and Three since they are the classes who had curriculum coaching in autumn term.

The cap is set at x20 per class and there are separate options available for 2L & 2F (Wednesdays) and 3L & 3F (Mondays). Two coaches and two separate playing areas will be provided so the integrity of the bubbles can be kept intact.

Please use the link to book a place.

<https://www.clubs-hub.com/bournvillerfc/index.cfm?event=shop#.YGMMui1Q3L8>

Milk Orders.

If you have placed an order for milk, the deadline for payment is today. Please pay via School Gateway.



On behalf of all our staff, I wish you all a happy and holy Easter time. May the blessings of this holy season, descend on you and your families in every way. Keep safe and enjoy!

Yours sincerely,

HM Cusack

Headteacher