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Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it's already the end of September; we've achieved so much since we've been back. The children are well and truly getting into the swing of things-working and playing hard and discovering new things every day. The Reception children are also starting full time on Monday.

We really enjoyed our 'where and how do we live' project and the school looks splendid with beautiful art work and literature depicting our St Fagin's week.

It's already getting quite cold in the morning and the evenings are drawing in, every-one should be in winter uniform on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Please make sure your child has a black or navy coat and that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, our lost property is already full of un-named jumpers and cardigans.

It's our harvest festival service on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October; please see below for the kinds of things the Clevedon and Portishead food bank would like. Children can bring goods into class over the next few weeks and we will send a reminder the week before. All are welcome to attend; this will be in place of praise assembly.

*"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease." Genesis 8:22*

### **PTFA**

The parents and friends association need you! Please support the PTFA:

There is a coffee morning on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October after Praise assembly.

Teddy Bears picnic on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October at 5pm until 6pm for Year R and 1, this is not a drop off event-come along for a story with your teddy. Refreshments will be served. Please let the office know if you are going to be attending.

**The AGM will be after praise assembly in the school Hall on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.** Please come along to find out if you can help in any way.

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

### **Applying for Reception school places 2020-2021**

#### **Starting school**

If your child is 4 before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you can apply online at:-



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



[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions) or you can contact the School Admissions Team for a paper application from 12<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2020.

If your child is a baptised catholic please provide the school with the baptism certificate so we can take a copy. The next new parent open afternoon is Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November at 2.15pm please spread the word if you know anyone who has a pre-schooler.

### **Parent's evenings: R-Yr 6**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of October 3.00pm-6.00pm

You will be able to make appointments on e schools from 6pm on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Please make sure you have your log in details. You will be informed of the times and dates on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

These evenings are to give you a snap shot of how your child has settled into school and if there are any potential concerns. If you need a longer time slot, please contact the school to request a different appointment on a different day. If your child has special Educational Needs the class teacher will be contacting you to make an appointment for you to come in on a separate occasion.

### **School led Mass**

Please join us on Sunday October the 13<sup>th</sup> for our school led mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph's church. This will be our first school mass at church and it's always wonderful to see our children and families there. If your child attends in uniform they can wear their own clothes to school on Monday (the next day).

### **School Photos**

We are currently awaiting a date for the photographer to come to school and will advise soon.

### **Safeguarding**

#### **Jessie & Friends: online safety education for 4-7s (ThinkUKnow)**

Introducing the idea of a safer internet to younger children can be quite challenging. Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations from online safety specialist at the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. The videos follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. A storybook accompanies each episode.

Find the resources here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>

### **Harvest service Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

The Clevedon and Portishead foodbank would like the following items, if the items could be brought into school in time for our service we will deliver them to the food bank: **-Tinned peas, tinned carrots, tinned tomatoes, tinned sweetcorn, tinned potatoes**  
**Tinned fruit, tinned tuna, tinned custard, tinned ham,**  
**Packets of custard, instant mash, sage and onion stuffing, rice**  
**Jars of pasta sauce, coffee,**  
**Cartons of UHT milk and long life fruit juice**  
**Packets of biscuits and chocolate snack bars**  
**Tinned sponge puddings, Soap, deodorant, toothpaste, loo roll**  
**Pasta**



## **Church News**

AN INVITATION TO AN EVENING FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



Do you want to know more on how to support your children's faith at home?

Please join us for a session on **Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>** at **St Joseph's Church hall Portishead** at **19:30pm**

Tea, Coffee and Wine provided.

For an idea of numbers please email Joanna Penn on [Joanna.holdsworth@gmail.com](mailto:Joanna.holdsworth@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Shoe Box campaign**

On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September during assembly we will launch our Christmas shoe box appeal (Please see attached information sheet). The presents make children (and adults) smile and bring joy to thousands of people across Europe. The closing date for the shoe boxes being in school will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of October (last day of term).

### **Sing for Africa**

On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September our Year 5 children will be joining other schools in Portishead and the singing children of Africa at Gordano school. This event is for the school children only. There is an event in the evening which the General Public will be able to attend. Our children will NOT be performing in the evening.

*Singing Children of Africa and Generation Vibe will be holding a fundraising concert at Gordano School. Tickets are now available either in store at SoleLution or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/portishead-wonderful/t-ykzjq> £10 for adults, £5 children and family tickets are available for £25 (2 adults, 2 children).*

Thank you to all for bringing in £1.00 for MUFTI last week there is still time to bring in your £1.00 if you forgot.

### **IMPORTANT DATES Ahead-Please see the school calendar for all important dates**

#### **Christmas performance dates:-**

Reception Nativity: Tuesday Dec 3rd 9.00 am

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 3 and 4: Christmas concert Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 5 and 6 carol service: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm, St Joseph's Church

### **Brexit**

Some information for EU nationals:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

[https://www.gov.uk/brexit?gclid=EAAlQobChMIw9I3u\\_w5AIVxsreCh1qaQR9EAAYASABEgL86\\_D\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds#individuals](https://www.gov.uk/brexit?gclid=EAAlQobChMIw9I3u_w5AIVxsreCh1qaQR9EAAYASABEgL86_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds#individuals)

#### **Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status)**

**Overview** If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. If your application is successful, you'll get either settled or pre-settled status.

The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.



You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you're an Irish citizen or have indefinite leave to remain.

**When you can apply** - The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can apply now if you meet the criteria. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

Which status you get may depend on when you apply.

**If the UK leaves the EU without a deal** - You will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply. The deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020.

**Fees** - It's free to apply to the scheme.

Please refer to the websites above for further information. It is our understanding that if you do need to apply, it is best to do it as soon as possible – ie: before the decision is made on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

### **House keeping**

- Curriculum overviews for all classes are available on our website go to: Information / Curriculum <https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/curriculum/159833>
- Teachers and or the office staff cannot give out class lists or email addresses. In the past this has been collated by the PTFA representative or between parents
- Once again I have to remind everyone about the car park-There was a very near miss this week between a car driving in very fast through the gates and a pedestrian walking across the gates. Please be considerate when you are using the car park and consider other people's safety.
- Toys should not be brought into school (apart from show and tell days).
- Thank you for your Aldi stickers our chart is getting quite full we are nearly there for our first lot of sports equipment.

*"Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction ... nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. "*  
Abraham Lincoln

**God Bless  
Mrs Jackson**