



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,



Firstly, thank you to all parents and carers for your support and dedication during the lockdown. We appreciate that home learning is a challenge especially if you are juggling your own work and other family pressures. Our school vision statement talks about togetherness and we are really looking forward to being together as a school again.

We have re-attached the return to school letter with timings and housekeeping for next week along with the school dinner menu.

After School Club

With the return of all pupils to school next week, the After School Club (ASC) will be operating as usual from Monday 8th March. As was in place during terms 1 and 2, Children will be in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 bubbles from 3.00pm to 5.45pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays the session is from 2.45pm to **5.30pm**.

ASC places have been allocated based on the places booked at the end of Term 2 (December 2020). If your circumstances have changed or you would like to confirm the current arrangements then please email after.school@staff.st-josephs.n-somerset.sch.uk for the attention of the ASC Manager (Sue Geary).

Invoices will be issued based on the above so it is imperative that you indicate any changes to your requirements as soon as possible.

Uniform

We appreciate that it might be a struggle to find all of the uniform in your child's wardrobe but we expect all children to be in normal winter uniform on Monday. If you have any issues with uniform or have a problem, please send a message into the school office. We do understand that your children's

school shoes may not fit and there are no shoe shops open! If this is the case your child can wear the most appropriate foot wear you have available until the shops re-open.

PE Kits can be worn on days when PE is planned – see below. As it is cold outside, please make sure your child has plain navy leggings or joggers and a plain navy fleece or hoody on these days.

R- Friday

Year 1 and 2 Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday

Job Vacancy – Extended services Administrative manager

Fixed Term Contract: 6 hrs per week

Start date 1st April

An opportunity has arisen to join the St Joseph's team managing the After School Club finances in the first instance and then the possibility of increased hours to manage the Pre-School finances. Full details and an application form are on the school web site under the tab - about us/recruitment or click on the link below. Please pass this information on to anyone who may have the experience and might be interested.

<https://www.st-josephs.org.uk/web/recruitment/349736>

PTFA – Bags2School

Bags2school is back this will be our 4th run. We always have a great response and with people at home decluttering it seems the perfect time to do it again.

We get paid by the kilo and the money we raise will be added to our PTFA pot to go towards the outdoor class room. Clothes are donated to good causes plus we get the benefit too. Two great causes with one bag of unwanted items. Please join us and get bag filling. Details of where and when to drop off below.



<p>Please only donate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BeddingClothesHandbags / bagsUnderwear itemsHat, scarfs gloves, beltsCoatsShoes tied togetherSoft toys onlyCurtainsTowels	<p>Drop off black bin bags to: 21 Woodhill Ave, Portishead BS20 7EX 27th - 30th of March 2021</p> <p><small>Please leave in front of garage door</small></p>
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Safeguarding – Gaming

During lockdown, many of the children have been using online games and platforms to play and socialise. We appreciate how important this is but we would ask that parents do take notice of the ratings of games and apps.

You can visit <https://pegi.info/> and discover the ratings for games and the reasons for the ages ratings for each title. Enter the game name and it will show the specific information.

You can also see why games are rated on <https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean> . Please take note of the comments for 16 and 18 games.

Games often become more graphic as a user levels up. If you choose to ignore the ratings or make a judgement that a game is acceptable, please find time to watch the game when your child reaches a higher level – you may be surprised at how graphic and violent a game can become! Also, please check if your child has access to online gaming and chat. You may need to set the parental controls for a game to restrict this feature.

Years 5 and 6 Football

Mr Donovan will be running a Years 5 and 6 football club on Thursday after school and Friday lunch time. If you have not returned the form to school there will be forms available in school on Monday.

Paper work from Home learning

Children can bring into school any filled exercise books or paperwork they have from home learning. We would like to be able to evidence all the work the children have been doing at home and will keep it in a home learning folder in school. Please make sure they bring any maths work books and learning diaries into school on Monday.

Thankyou again for everything you have done over the past few weeks we are a great team!

Regards and God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath