



# Newsletter



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term. Please continue to bear with us as we monitor any changes to the guidance from the Department of Education. Much of the advice we have hasn't changed since March and we suspect the government is being very cautious with regard to schools and any major changes.

## COVID Testing

Please stay vigilant with regard to the symptoms of COVID and continue to follow the government guidance.

The government are encouraging families to use the free lateral flow tests at home. These can be collected from local pharmacies and also ordered online via <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## INSET DAYS 2021-2022

Thursday and Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday February 28<sup>th</sup>

## Preschool Opening



**If you would like to register your interest, please visit this link and fill in your details. If you know anyone outside of our school**

**community who may also be interested, you are welcome to share this link with them:**

<https://forms.gle/keJNt1QKabAjuPoA8>

The Pre- School will open its doors to our new children on **Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September**. If you have registered your interest you will be getting more information with times, costs and pre-registration documents via your e mail.

We are hoping to have an open day on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July (the same day as the school fair).

## New Multi Academy Trust

The Cardinal Newman Catholic Educational Trust, consisting of nine Catholic Primary Schools in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset is looking for eight new Directors to form its Trust Board.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of one of the first Multi Academy Trusts within Clifton Diocese. If you have enthusiasm and commitment, can take a strategic view and contribute to boardroom discussions, then you can make a valuable contribution to the governing board of this new Multi Academy Trust. It also provides the opportunity to use your life/work skills and experience, to provide the best possible education for the benefit of the children in our schools.

Please see the Director Recruitment Pack

[Directors Application Pack](#)

for further details and how to apply Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 25 June.

## **Class and Library Book Appeal**

We are really keen to add quality books to classrooms and to our library to enhance the reading opportunities for all of our children.

If you have any quality picture story books for ages 4-11 that would be brilliant – we want to have book baskets in all classes for children to access for a quick, fun read.

We would also like to top up books for curriculum topics including:

- Animals, plants and habitats
- Evolution (Darwin)
- Geography – places including Kenya, Brazil, The Amazon, African Savana, Taiga, Rivers
- Places to visit – castles, forests, seaside, lighthouses.
- History – any periods from the stone age to 1066 plus Mayans, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Brunel, Bristol History, WW2
- People – a diverse range of significant people from world history
- Dinosaurs
- Fairytales
- Pirates and shipwrecks
- Space

This is not an exclusive list and we would welcome your help with any quality books that your children have grown out of.

## **EU settlement scheme**

With the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) application deadline (30 June) fast approaching, the Home Office would appreciate our continued support in reminding parents, families, young people and staff that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme. It is crucial that eligible parents apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS.

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

## **Music lessons Term 1 and 2-KS2**

We are very lucky at St Joseph's school to have the opportunity to learn a wide range of musical instruments, including piano, violin, guitar, ukulele, drums, flute, clarinet, saxophone, cornet and singing.

Learning a musical instrument or singing provides opportunities for children to widen their education while developing a skill that can improve well-being. **If you have any questions or would like your child to learn a new instrument please email the school office for the attention of Mrs Page (Music Lead).**

## **AFTERSCHOOL CLUB news**

For any ASClub queries, please contact either Sue Geary or myself (Mrs Jo Fenton-Stretton) e mail:

After.School@Staff.St-Josephs.N-Somerset.Sch.Uk

We currently have spaces on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## **School meals**

Our new school meals are really yummy!! Please have a look at the menu on the web site and if your child would like to try school meals for a change then give it a go. Don't forget Foundation stage and Year 1 and 2 the meals are free. If you pay for the meal in KS2 they cost £2.30 and can be paid for on parent pay.

If you have any issues accessing your parent pay account, please let the school office know.

## **PTFA**

The PTFA needs you!

**Save the date- Summer Fair 10th July 12-4.  
(Restrictions permitting)**

- Please see your PTFA rep to volunteer your time on your class stall.

- We need donations for the raffle! Perhaps you have unwanted new toys/ gifts? Perhaps you own or work for a business that can offer a small prize or voucher?

Please let us know. Many thanks to all who have already sourced prizes and volunteered their time.

## **Cake of the week**

This is a really fun way to make some money for the PTFA please enter the weekly draw. £1.00 per entry

[https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8sOJY5POTo?fbclid=IwAR2ww0EiSmNxgjkzOneiclaMjIMKvd1\\_kqxClqJJuNUp4Gq4rCkCpX0Z4n4](https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8sOJY5POTo?fbclid=IwAR2ww0EiSmNxgjkzOneiclaMjIMKvd1_kqxClqJJuNUp4Gq4rCkCpX0Z4n4)

## **This week's winner was Seren in Year 1**

### **Housekeeping**

**Sun cream**-Please try and apply 12 hour sun cream to your child before they come to school and make sure they have a sun hat. We will assist children to apply their own sun cream if they need a top up during the day. Please let the class teacher know if this is required.

### **Mobile phones**

In years 5 and 6 children are allowed to bring mobile phones to school, if they are walking to and from school, or if you need to contact them after school should they not be going directly home. We would encourage all other children not to bring phones into school. Can you please reiterate to your child that once on the school premises phones should remain in their bag, phones should not be out on the school playground or in the school building.

## **Have a safe and happy weekend.**

God Bless, Mr Bath & Mrs Jackson

