



Newsletter



1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we were joined by Deacon Didier for our Praise Assembly and we were reminded that we are now approaching the most important time in the church's year – The Triduum – The final story in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The year 6 children have contributed to a beautiful song and artwork with Mrs Page and Mr Broyd. It was lovely to hear singing happening in school as the choir's voices echoed through the corridors last week for the recording session. You can hear the song and see the artwork using this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1szzCbwmvxjVKMhJr8Ge_aocWcGTFvNh5

Don't forget you can watch the Praise assembly on your child's Google classroom page.

A Polite Request

Please can you discourage your child from bringing toys and gadgets into school? The staff would really appreciate it if you can only send your child in with reading books, lunch and a drink. Lost and broken items can cause upset and arguments which can easily be avoided by keeping treasures at home.

Google Classroom

Please remember that even though we are fully open, teachers are still running their classrooms on the online google platform. You can find homework and links for learning as well as being able to contribute to discussions and the class streams. Reminders and messages from teachers may appear here so please access the platform with your child during the week.

Pre-School Reminder

We will be opening the **St Joseph's Pre School in September 2021**. If you have a preschool child who is 3 or 4 years old and isn't starting the Reception class in September they will be eligible to come to the pre-school. There are Government incentives that enable you to receive 30hrs free child care per week during term time.

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

The preschool will hopefully be offering wrap around child care from 8.00 a.m. until 5.45 p.m. (in line with the school hours and ASC). We will not be offering care in the holidays it will be term time only. Main school hours will be paid for from the free child care hours, if you required your child to stay for lunch and from 3.00 until 5.45pm there will be extra charges.

Please call or e mail the school office to register your interest and please let any friends or relatives know about our opening. We will be initially offering places for 13 children. There will be more information to follow shortly.

Covid News

You must contact the school office up to and including Tuesday the 6th of April if any member of your family test positive for COVID. The office e mail will be checked up to this date and we will follow the Government procedures if we need to notify anyone else.

You can click on the link below for the latest COVID updates from the Government. We are adhering to the Government road map out of lock down and hope we can start to relax some of our COVID rules in terms 5 and 6.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

New Drop off times: Tuesday 20th April

From the beginning of Term 5, all children will go into the classroom at 8.20am. Year 1 and 2 children can be dropped at school **from 8.00am**; parents do not need to wait with their children, unless their children are nervous or anxious, a teacher will be on the playground from 8.00a.m. **Reception parents** will need to wait with their children and we would encourage you to drop off as near to 8.20am as you can.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can be dropped off from 8.00 am, through the drop and go zone at the side of the school, they will enter the playground via the gate near the Year 5 and 6 class. A teacher will be there to supervise the drop off. Children that are walking can also enter via this gate from 8.00am. **Please do not drop your children off before this time.**

As you can see we are still trying to minimise the number of adults mingling on the playground.

Pick up times will remain the same. Years R, 1 and 2: 2.50 PM and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 3.00p.m (apart from Friday). Years 5 and 6 can be picked up via the drop and go zone.

PTFA Easter Hampers

Well done to Dom in Year 4 and Oliver in Year R the winners of the Easter hamper raffle. Thank you to the PTFA for organizing this. The next PTFA meeting is via zoom on Tuesday the 6th of April. The link will be on the PTFA face book page.

St Joseph's Walk to Bethlehem

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for the Children's Hospice South West – The children have raised £1680 for our local hospice! That is just amazing!

If you have not sent in your money or would still like to support this fundraising event you can still go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjosephswalktobethlehem> and make a contribution.

Performing Arts news

So exciting to see the return of performing arts club! Come and sing, dance, act, create your own plays, share your talents and enjoy having fun altogether.

Years 1 and 2 Wednesday Years 3 and 4 Tuesday After school 3pm -4pm. £36 per term.

Please text or WhatsApp Mrs Shephard on 07779335967 to reserve a place.

During Term 5 this may be weather permitting as the class will take place outdoors and or under the canopy to start with.

Mrs Shephard

Letter from Gavin Williamson to all pupils in schools

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

The Final Walk: Stations of the Cross for All – 10am – Good Friday

The young people of our parish and from the local parishes of Nailsea and Clevedon lead us with Art, Music and Bible readings through the final few hours of Jesus' earthly life before his sacrifice on the cross. This event will be available on Zoom at 10am on Good Friday morning. Please email Tom for a Zoom link on:

tafosman@hotmail.co.uk

Please also find the Parish newsletter attached

Community news

My name is Grace Hiscutt and I am 14 years old. I have recently started a baking club for 7-11 year olds because I love to bake and I really want to inspire children to get started with baking. I also think it would be a great opportunity for St. Joseph's students to grow their confidence and have fun!

I would really appreciate it if you could share this with your pupils and I have attached a PDF with more information.

If you would like to see my Facebook group here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gracesbakingclub>

Coding club

Please see the attached PDF for the return of the coding club in Term 5

We wish you a peaceful and happy Easter with your family and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 21st of April.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath



