



# Newsletter



28th May 2021

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe we have got to the last week of Term 5 already. We are all relieved and happy that we have spent a whole term together at last. Yesterday was a mile stone when we had a May procession, we managed to stay in our bubbles and sat in the glorious sunshine, singing songs and praising Mary. Father Richard led the service and it was so joyous to see all the children together.

We are looking forwards to spending more whole school time together in Term 6.

## 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 28th

## 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>

## 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>

### **School vacancies**

There is a vacancy for a Year 5 class teacher starting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 for a one year fixed term contract. All the details are on the web site; please let any-one know who may be interested in this position.

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

Please find a letter attached with regards music lessons. There is a form to fill in and return to school if you and your child are interested. 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.

### **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**

Please find attached a welcome newsletter from Aspens. Menus and allergy information have already been sent out. Please fill in the in the allergy information if your child has any allergies. Menus are also on the web site under parents/school meal information.

School meal prices will rise from £2.20 to £2.30 if you pay for your child's school meal and the

system for payment will remain the same through parent pay.

## **Track and Trace during half term**

Please e mail the school office if you, your child or any one in your household receives a positive PCR COVID test. The office e mail will be monitored and we will follow Government guidelines accordingly.

## **PTFA**

Cake-of-the-Week

Don't forget to enter the draw for week beginning 7th of June! £1 per ticket.

[https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8sOJY5POTo?fbclid=IwAR2ww0EiSmNxqjkzOneiclaMjIMKvd1\\_kqxClqJJuNUp4Gq4rCkCpX0Z4n4](https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8sOJY5POTo?fbclid=IwAR2ww0EiSmNxqjkzOneiclaMjIMKvd1_kqxClqJJuNUp4Gq4rCkCpX0Z4n4)

This week's winner was the Parker family.

## **Community news**

*Portishead Youth Centre May holiday scheme*

*Our half term Holiday Scheme is open to anyone aged 8 - 12 and are in need of positive activities or childcare during the next half term break, secure their space by downloading, completing and returning their booking form from here:*

*<https://portisheadyouthcentre.co.uk/club.../holiday-scheme/>*

*Our socially distanced sports, arts and crafts, cooking, crabbing and activities at the Lake Grounds mean there is something for everyone. Open Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June*

*Many Thanks*

*Steph Forrest*

## **Have a safe and happy half term.**

God Bless, Mr Bath & Mrs Jackson