



Newsletter



9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

So much has happened this last week that our heads are spinning!!! It was lovely to see the Year 3 and 4 children on line this morning and we can't wait to have you back next week. Thank you parents for supporting us through this bubble blip.

As you will have heard on the news the DFE have announced that from the 19th of July schools can relax all restrictions. You can read the full statement and further information here:

[Step 4 update - what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

The Government have stated that if schools are still finishing term 6 then they have the discretion to take the precautionary measures that they are taking at the moment.

At St Joseph's we want to keep everyone safe and as we approach the school holidays, it would be remiss for us to have a free for all at the end of term. We would therefore like to keep things as they are for the last day and half of term. School opening and closing will be the same as it has been on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th morning (**Don't forget 1pm finish on Tuesday**).

Please read the attached information with regards the splash and dash.

Next week (weather permitting) we are hoping to hold our end of term mass in the open air for the whole school.

School Reports

Your child's school report will be coming home with them on Tuesday. In the accompanying letter there will be instructions on how to book an on-line meeting with your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss the report on Thursday 15th July.

Move up day-Tuesday 13th

Traditionally children have gone up to their new class to meet the teacher. This year the children will stay in the same class and the teacher will come to them. (We will arrange something for the Year 5 children either on line or on the 19th/20th July).

Races for KS2

Next Friday 16th July we will have the postponed running races for KS2. Please wear your house colours on this day. We will have a sports assembly to announce the winners, which we will put onto Google classroom.

PTFA

Splash and dash- Monday 19th July from 1pm.

Please look out for the colour run permissions slip being sent out. This event will be on Monday 19th July and is a free event from the PTFA for the children to enjoy. This will be on throughout the afternoon starting from 1pm. Your child will need to go home after they have run their race as they will not be allowed back into school. Please read the letter for further details. Your child will not be able to run without permission. You can return a paper copy or an electronic copy.

Summer raffle

We are lucky enough to have secured lots of amazing prizes for a raffle which will be the last fundraiser of the year. A poster will be circulated shortly to show what could be won. These prizes were offered by local businesses and attractions for the summer fair raffle and as so many of them are day trips and restaurant vouchers it'd be a shame not to have them to use over the summer for the lucky winners. The ticket price is £2 per ticket or 3 tickets for £5, please follow this link to purchase! The summer fair is our big fundraiser and we were so disappointed not being able to do it for a second year. Please support this event if you can!
<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8AXSjGIQIJ>

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=IwAR2ww0EiSmNxxgjkzOneiclaMjIMKvd1_kqxClqJJuNUp4Gq4rCkCpX0Z4n4

Thank you to 'Heaven on the Hill' for this week's cake. This week's winner was Mia and Sophia in Year R and 4.

Cake of the week is one of our biggest fundraisers with some gorgeous cakes being won this year! Thank you to all the home bakers and Heaven On The Hill for keeping us supplied! From September we would like to offer the cakes from Heaven On The Hill and are looking for businesses or families to sponsor a cake each week at a cost of £20. If you would like to help please speak to Claire Williams or your PTFA rep.

Thank you to the PTFA for providing the Lollies for today's sports day- don't worry Years 3 and 4 (and 5) you will get yours next week.

TT Rock stars

We are holding a TT rock stars day on Monday, please come dressed as your favourite rock star on Monday for this FAB maths day. KS2 will be having a mini battle.

COVID testing

It is clear from the local data and the number of anecdotal comments that Portishead is being affected by the delta variant. We hope we won't have to disrupt our last couple of weeks in school and the only way we can do this is by everyone being extra vigilant.

Please watch out for the symptoms of COVID – cough, temperature, runny nose and headache. These could all be symptoms of other ailments; however under the current circumstances we would advise you to keep your child at home and book a COVID test 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>

All staff are using these tests twice weekly and we would encourage you to do the same.

As we go to press Year 5 has been sent home as there has been a positive case in the class. Letters have also gone out to parents with regards isolation. Please be vigilant if your child develops symptoms (as described above) keep your child at home and book a PCR test.

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 13th of September.** If you have registered your interest you will be getting more information with times, costs and pre-registration documents via your email. As the summer fair will not be taking place this term we will announce another date for the preschool open day.

Afterschool Club News

For any ASC queries, please contact either Sue Geary or myself (Mrs Jo Fenton-Stretton) email:

after.school@staff.st-josephs.n-somerset.sch.uk

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

Community news

Generation Vibe - children's choir for Year 3 and above - will be starting back on Monday 13th September. Please see the attached flyer.

e:mail generationvibechoir@gmail.com to book a taster session for that date, or can contact me via our Generation Vibe Facebook page. It would be lovely to have lots of St Joseph's children along. We have so much fun singing pop and Musical Theatre and we'll be working towards performing at our Christmas concert at Christchurch in Clevedon along with Vibe Pop/Rock Choir.

God Bless, Mr Bath & Mrs Jackson

