



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have all had we are so relieved to be back at last. What a joy to see so many happy, smiling faces at the school gates (and that was just mum's and dad's). Joking aside a few children were understandably nervous about being back but that was soon all forgotten as the children saw their friends and teachers again. We have been concentrating on being together again, in class this week, finding joy and hope in each other as we climb through the first week out of school lock down. The children have been talking about their hope for the future and what it means to be back in school. Everyone we speak to say the same thing, 'we are so glad to see our friends'.

We have restarted our Praise assembly this morning and there is a recording on Google class room for you to watch and enjoy.

COVID NEWS

Please don't forget the rules following a positive PCR test in your household, the whole family need to self-isolate for 10 days. It is recommended that you get the whole family tested, if the rest of the results come back negative you will still need to self-isolate. If a pupil at St Joseph's tests positive please inform the school as soon as possible so we can take the necessary steps to stop the spread of infection (this includes the week end as the school e mail will be monitored).

All teaching staff at St Joseph's are now taking lateral flow tests twice weekly. Primary school children do not need to take these tests in school; however the Government recommends that you order these tests for your household to use at home.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please remember to keep your distance when queuing in the morning with your children. Please do not group together to chat.

Safeguarding

Thank you to everyone for being vigilant with your children's on – line learning and keeping them safe, click on the NSPCC link below to find out how to continue to keep your children safe on line.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Preschool news

We are hoping to announce within the next 2 weeks news about the Preschool opening. If you have any preschool children, who are 3 and 4 and are not due to start school until September 2022 please email the office with your child's details, if you are interested in them starting at the Preschool in September 2021. We will give you priority updates as soon as we have the opening date. Please pass this information on to any friends who might be interested.

PTFA

Bag2school 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.



Please only donate:
Bedding
Clothes
Handbags / bags
Underwear items
Hat, scarfs gloves, belts
Coats
Shoes tied together
Soft toys only
Curtains
Towels

Drop off black bin bags to:
21 Woodhill Ave,
Portishead
BS20 7EX
27th - 30th of
March 2021

Please leave in front of garage door

Music news

Mrs Page wanted to let everyone know that the music service is up and running and providing brilliant music lessons in school.

If anyone wants to book new music lessons for the summer terms please could parents let Mrs Page or the office know by Tuesday 16th March. Mrs Page would also like to know by then if anyone does not wish to continue music lessons after Easter.

North Somerset Music Service provides lessons in: Violin (and cello), woodwind (flute, clarinet, and saxophone) brass (horn, trumpet, and trombone), guitar, drums.

£11.64 per individual 20 min lesson: £8.73 for a paired 30 min lesson. You do not necessarily have to have your own instrument to start with.

There are also private lessons being offered in: piano and singing, prices on application. You can also email Mrs Page or the office to enquire about private lessons.

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RED NOSE DAY: Friday 19th March

We will be taking part in red nose day next week with lots of fun activities planned. Please come to school with or without your red noses but dressing up as a super hero, don't forget this could include super hero workers (you all know who you are), princess super heroes and not forgetting sporting super heroes !!! Please bring in £1.00 to support charitable causes.

Housekeeping

Don't forget as we near the financial year end to pay down any monies owed on parent pay for lunches and music lessons.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath

