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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back every one and to all the new parents and children joining our school. I hope you all had a lovely restful summer. Everyone at school is raring to go and we have had an exciting week finding out about houses and homes through the ages. Today we all decamped to St Fagan's an open air museum, in Wales. It's a great way to start the year as we get to know our new teachers and new friends. In assembly this week we talked to the children about positive thinking and new opportunities a new school term is always a good place to start with a clean slate and a new outlook. It's important that the children remember our school vision and mission as sometimes the words wash over us, but they are very powerful when we say them out loud.

## Our School's Vision, Mission, Values and Aims

### School Vision Statement



Together we love - Together we hope - Together we learn.

#### Mission

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is an inclusive, vibrant, Catholic community where we encourage everyone to share a love of learning and the love of Christ.

Together, we hope to inspire ourselves and each other to be the best we can and to embrace our future with confidence.



***"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."***



## **PTFA**

The parents and friends association need you! Please support the PTFA:

**The next meeting is the AGM on Monday the 9th of September at 7.30pm** in the **School** please, come along to find out if you can help in any way.

**Please support the PTFA they do so much for our children.**

## **New members of staff**

A big St Joseph's welcome to:-

Mrs Pullen: dinner time staff Monday to Friday

Miss Johnson: Reception class teacher

Mrs Palmer: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15 to 1.15 in the front office.

Please give Mrs Palmer your support as she gets to know the routines, as the office can be very busy especially in the morning.

## **Front office closure**

The front office will be closed between 1.15 and 2.45 Monday to Friday. Please leave any urgent messages on the answering machine and they will be picked up at 2.45pm. If you need to pick a child up in the afternoon please speak to someone in the office in the morning so it can be arranged. Likewise any non-urgent phone calls should be made to the office in the morning.

## **School web site and e schools**

Please check the school web site for new dates that have been uploaded. These are very busy terms up to Christmas so please ensure you check the diary. Termly overviews for each class will be on the curriculum pages of the web site at the end of next week. Reception parents and new parents will get their e-schools log in by the end of next week.

## **IMPORTANT DATES-Please check the school web site for the full calendar.**

### **Meet the teacher:**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Year 1 and 2: 3.00pm-3.20 pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September- Year 3 and 4: 3.00-3.20pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September Year 5 + Kilve Camp info. 3.00-3.30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 + Mill On the Brue camp Info 3.00pm-3.30pm

### **Parent's evenings:**

Settling in and progress during term 1: Reception-Year 6

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October- 3.00pm-6.00pm

### **Christmas performance dates:-**

Reception Nativity: Tuesday Dec 3rd 9.00 am

Years 1 and 2 Nativity: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 3 and 4 Christmas concert: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Years 5 and 6 carol service: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm, St Joseph's Church

## **Praise assembly Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

This will be a special assembly when the House Captains, Sports Captains, e safety monitors and school councillors will be presented with their badges.

**School Uniform Reminder:** Summer uniform can be worn up to Friday 28th September. If you are unsure of the uniform code there is a list available in the office and on the web site. Please make sure everything is named as it will go into the lost property box if it is left unnamed around the school.

Named PE kits should be in school all week.



## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Let children know you're listening (NSPCC)**

You never know when a child will start to tell you when something's wrong, so here's some good advice from the NSPCC. An article on their website develops these ideas further, but the key points are:

Show you care, help them open up

- Take your time, slow down
- Show you understand, reflect back
- Handling disclosures is often talked about, but in my experience, disclosures hardly ever come in a signposted package. Children often just talk, or do, or draw and it is our job as adults to notice what is being said (or sometimes, what's not been said). Safeguarding should be part of all of our values and vision, and the way we talk to children and young people on a daily basis should give them a sense that we are listening.

Further reading: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/2019/let-children-know-you-re-listening>

## **Starting school September 2020**

If your child is 4 before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you can apply online on:-

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions) or they can contact the School Admissions Team for a paper application from 12<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2020. There are open days when you can visit the school at 2pm on 25<sup>th</sup> September and the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, please contact the school office if you wish to attend.

### **New parent Open mornings**

Please come in to have a look around the school on Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.

## **Free School Meals**

If your circumstances have changed or you are a new Reception parent on a low income you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on line or come into the school office and we can help.

<https://www.gov.uk> > [Childcare and parenting](#) > [Schools and education](#)

Remember although your child may be entitled to free Infant school meals you can also apply if you feel you are eligible as the school also get support for your child to help with support teaching, equipment, subsidy for trips, music lessons, after school clubs and school uniform.

## **Community events**

**Summer Reading Challenge** – Space Chase continues until 7th September Children have until then to complete the Space chase Summer Reading Challenge at North Somerset libraries: please encourage them to visit the library to collect their medal and certificate. Children who finish the challenge by this date will have a chance to win tickets to the Curzon, Clevedon (terms & conditions apply). Over 3,150 children joined Space Chase in our libraries this year and enjoyed reading for fun over the summer.

## **Housekeeping**

- **Please take care in the car park, do not double park or park in staff spaces. If you can drop off and leave that is the best option. Especially if your child is in KS2-it starts to give them independence. If you need to park and the car park is full please park off the site and walk. Do not block the car park gate or the roundabout as this causes a huge back log off traffic on Bristol Road. This is a continuing ongoing problem and we have so many complaints from parents about car park behaviour. We are very lucky to have such a big car park but it cannot hold everyone. Our new PSCO was on duty yesterday and will continue to monitor the situation.**

Thank you again to the Wlaznik family for repainting the Ark and the train we are really grateful to you as this makes it weatherproof for another year.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).*

