



NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 11th March 2021



Welcome back everyone! It has been so truly wonderful seeing all the children back in school since Monday 8th. The children sound happy and pleased to be learning back in school, as it should be. The playground is back to full life and it feels as though we are getting ever closer to some sort of normal.

Many thanks to all the parents that I have seen this week and all the kind words and comments, in truth, it is these positive, supportive words which help keep us all going, and build the special St Joseph's community that we are. We are so very blessed to be part of this community. Well done to all the children this week, to have worked and behaved well on your return.....keep it up.

Mrs S Woods

SCHOOL PRAYER LINK

The Clifton Diocese asks us please to pray this week for:

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Corsham
St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Yate
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Kingswood
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chippenham



Rescheduled STAFF DEVELOPMENT DATE

Monday 24th May 2021

Children will not attend school on this date due to our rescheduled Staff Development Day.

Acts of Kindness

The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need.



With this in mind we would like to begin a collection for our local Malmesbury and District foodbank.

They have a need for specific items as follows:

- TINNED VEGETABLES (BUT NOT PULSES)
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- DOG FOOD

If you would like to be included in our Lenten almsgiving, we will make a collection in class each day from 15th to 19th March.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Reminder—procedure to request an absence from school.

Occasionally it may be necessary to formally request an absence from school, when this is the case, please complete and return a Leave of Absence Request Form, which can be found on the school website in Parents / Useful forms.

Examples for a request for absence could be:

- exceptional family circumstance, such as a bereavement / religious observance / wedding of a close family member / family emergency
- unavoidable medical / dental appointment (although it is the school's expectation that every effort should be made to secure routine doctor/dentist appointments out of school hours or during the holidays)
- absence, within reason, for an external exam such as ballet and music and to attend elite events (e.g. National Youth Orchestra or a representative sport event)

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we believe that every lesson is important & maximum attendance and punctuality are valuable life skills. Taking your child out of school during term time may harm your child's academic progress. In line with Local Authority policy, absences may only be authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher in **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances.



Checklist for Drop off

- ✓ Please do not gather in groups
- ✓ Safely queue 2 metres distance
- ✓ Bring only lunch box/water bottle sunhat, coat and small bag
- ✓ Child enters drop off point
- ✓ Parent leaves
- ✓ Child moves to waiting point

Reminder of Drop off and Pick up times

	St Scholastica At Church	St Francis At Church	St Lawrence At Church	St Anthony Main Gate	St Aldhelms Main Gate	Individually agreed Cross Key Stage Families Main Gate
Start time	8.30 – 8.35	8.45 – 8.50	8.55-9.00	9.00-9.05	8.45-8.50	8.50-8.55
Pick up times	2.50—2.55	3.05—3.10	3.15—3.20	3.10—3.15	2.50—2.55	3.00—3.05

Rags2Riches Collection Rescheduled

Please note we have rescheduled our collection for Wednesday 19th May, so please continue to collect these items for us. Many thanks!



K&S Tykes will be offering After School Club places for the children of St Joseph's school from Monday 15th March.

Please contact K&S Tykes for booking and more information.

07733 068519 or email:
ks.childminderservices@yahoo.co.uk.



Remote Learning Survey



Many thanks for those of you that responded to our Remote Learning Survey.

- We are pleased to report that **90% of the responses stated they were either somewhat satisfied or satisfied with the remote learning provision.**
- **100% of parents stated it is Very easy or easy to contact their individual teachers.**

There were many supportive comments and we appreciate your understanding throughout.

Employment Vacancy Casual Zero Hour Contract—MDSA/TA

The school is looking to appoint a casual Enhanced DBS cleared worker on an adhoc and emergency short notice cover basis. At present there are no working hours planned

Pay Grade B MDSA Grade D, TA Zero hour contract.
Term time only
Closing Date for applications noon on Thursday 18th March 2021

Employment Vacancy Teaching Assistant Part time KS1 16.5 hours per week to include MDSA

TA hours 8.45am until 12pm., 5 days per week.
16 hours 15 minutes per week. 38 weeks per year
MDSA 30 minutes per day, 5 days per week.
2hours 30 minutes per week. 38 weeks per year
The position may also include afternoon interventions when required, hours to be agreed.

Pay Grade B MDSA Grade D, TA Zero hour contract.
Term time only
Closing Date for applications noon on Wednesday 17th March 2021

For further details and an application form, please visit our website. Many thanks