Dear Parents

We are pleased to announce the opening of a new Out of School Club to be run from St Joseph’s Centre, from 3.30pm to 6pm daily in term time.

The new club has been set up in response to requests by parents who wish to have an after school provision available on the school site. The club has been set up following discussions with parents, the headteacher, governors and the Church to establish the right provision for St Mary’s School.

The club will open from term 5: 22nd April 2014 and will provide a safe, secure environment for the children to relax as well as play, indoors and outdoors, while supervised by a well-qualified and experienced staff team.

Staff will be supported initially by the existing OOSC Manager, Alex Hill, who has successfully set up and run clubs at Olveston, St Helen’s and St Mary’s, Thornbury. All three of our existing clubs have been awarded at least ‘Good’ grades by Ofsted, with some Outstanding features and have been recognised as providing ‘fun and active sessions’ in an ‘extremely warm and welcoming environment’. Our most recent Ofsted report 2012 states: staff ‘promote independent play’ and ‘children’s welfare is safeguarded to a high standard’. You can find out more about the service we provide at www.oosc.co.uk

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<td>Pre-booked, regular users will be charged at: £8.50 per session, with third and additional children half price. Occasional / additional bookings are £9.50</td>
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Regular User fees are paid by setting up a monthly advance payment, with fees spread equally over the 12 months. Payment may be made by Standing Order or Childcare Voucher transfer. Childcare vouchers are a tax-free way to pay, and we are registered to accept several different voucher providers. We also provide Occasional and Additional use for children who do not require the same days every week, or not every week. These can be booked by PayPal or credit card online, subject to availability, up to midnight the night before!

Children will be collected and brought to the club at 3.30pm and parents may collect at any time until 6pm. If children attend any clubs after school they may attend the Out of School Club afterwards.

Children will be provided with a range of healthy snacks on arrival at the club, plus regular fruit and drinks will be available at all times. Children will be able to choose to eat first or play, and food will be available until 4.30pm. This provides a lovely social time for the children where they are able to mix with different age groups, but don’t feel under any pressure to eat at a certain time.

There will be a range of activities available for the children to enjoy such as:
- Construction, Lego
- Painting / cutting and sticking
- Junk model-making
- Dressing up / role play
- Puzzles and games
- Cars and car mats
- Wii
- Cooking
- Hama beads / sewing
- Scooters, Didi cars and football
- Books and comics
- Den-building

Our aim is for children to be supported in their own chosen play, rather than having activities presented to them. We encourage children to communicate and develop their social interaction with others of different ages. Activities such as cooking, model-making and role play develop their imagination, and there will always be opportunities to let off steam outside using scooters, Didi cars, playing football or building dens. If a child wishes to make a huge Lego model every evening, that’s fine too, as we want to recreate a home-from-home atmosphere. Any cooking or craft activities are always included in the session fee.

Are you interested in joining our staff team, or know of someone who would fit into a hard-working, fun environment? Great rates of pay from £6.50 to £9 per hour, plus free child places for staff children, convenient working hours, and training provided. Please contact us if this is something you are interested in at cathp@oosc.co.uk

If you wish to visit our existing clubs at Olveston, St Helen’s and St Mary’s Thornbury with your children you will be welcome any time, just ring 07740870418 so we know to let you in! Registration for places online will be available shortly at www.oosc.co.uk

Kind regards, Cath