



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 22nd October 2021

4th Edition

Happy Half Term

As we complete the first half term I would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff at St Joseph's. Often arriving at school in the dark and leaving in the dark, they are fully committed to providing the very best outcomes for all learners. Thank you team we are all very grateful for your hard work this half term.

I am sure that over the coming months there will be many opportunities for parents to gain a more authentic experience of the school. We too, are frustrated by Covid and all the restrictions it brings. Some events we are planning may not be on the school calendar as we have to consider each one on an individual basis. They also have to be considered from a strategic view, we have to look at the implications for the whole school. Every class is closely monitored and this is not just for academic progress. How we enrich the curriculum is also carefully tracked. We know which class has not experienced a residential trip, who missed out on their swimming lessons and who may not have experienced Forest schools for example. Parents' evening will be hosted online next half term but later will return to face to face meetings and provide an opportunity for you to see your child's work. We are also intending to have year group tours of the school and shared story sessions. This will provide an opportunity for parents to come into school and read a story with their child. However, as the headteacher I have to ensure everyone's safety and this will always be the first consideration before any activity goes ahead. We want the traditional rhythm of the school back. We don't just want our pupils at the heart of what we do but our families too. I look forward to sharing more planned events with you all after half term. I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and restful half term.

God Bless, Mrs Walker

Thank you to the St Joseph's Family & Local Community



Message from Kerry Leppard and Family...We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Going Gold for September Campaign. Florence and Elsa raised £125.35 selling the gold ribbon pins within school. Rilee made a whopping £1200 for CCLG after having a her haircut as well as donating 14" of her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust.



The super-duper A Team of Mrs Noone, Miss Sweet, Mrs Shahbazi and Mrs Shifan made £218.30 doing face painting and mehndi at the activity morning held on the 25th. Mrs Figueria also donated £300 from gold ribbon pin sales, alongside a generous donation from each t-shirt sale she

made. It was a real delight to have Mrs Figueria's Spanish dancers and Amalia's Zumba kids performing on the 25th along with Irish dancers and Metacubs with Lucy Parker, many of whom are St Joseph's pupils. It was great to see so many St Joseph's families out in the Orchards, it was amazing to have so much support from our school family and we are very grateful. I will be updating the Haywards Heath Goes Gold Facebook page with a grand total soon once I have finished counting up the last couple of boxes, currently the amount raised is over £4,000 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295170588421221/?ref=share>

With sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for your support of a cause close to our hearts.

Hope you will join us again next year!!

Best wishes

Kerry Leppard and family



Open Morning

Our next Open Morning will take place on Friday, 5th November from 9.30—11am for prospective parents of children due to start primary school in September 2022. There will be a presentation on the 5th at 9.40am, followed by a personal tour of the school by our school prefects. No appointment necessary.



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St Paul's Pre-School

St Paul's Pre-School have places available for 3 year olds in the school Year 2022-2023.

If a child was born between 1 Sep 2019 and 30 Jun 2020 it is time to apply.

You can download the application form from their website www.stpaulspreschoolhh.co.uk

Harvest Festival Bonanza!



A huge thank you to you all for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival. The



Foodbank were incredibly grateful and the total weight of donated items was 309kgs.

They continue to support those who come upon difficult times and it has been another challenging year. They are currently providing food for approximately 100 people each week and without your generosity this would not be possible.

Thank you again. Many thanks also go to Mrs Silvey in the school office who loaded up her car to drop off all the donations. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Year 6 Secondary Transfers

Don't forget the deadline for applications for Year 6 children transferring to secondary school is Sunday, 31st October. You must apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. If you are applying for a place at St Paul's Catholic College you will also need to complete one of their Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) in addition to the on-line application with the Local Authority. **Catholic application forms do need to be signed by your Parish Priest.**

NUTS & SESAME



Please remember we have a NO nut or Sesame policy in school. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella / Peanut Butter and dips such as hummus. We have several children with severe nut and sesame allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.

Poetry Success

Some of our St Joseph's children took part in the Cuckfield Bookfest Poetry Competition, an event sponsored by author, comedian and TV presenter Mel Giedroyc. Entrants had to write a poem relating to 'The Environment'; they had to imagine they were the Earth, ice cap, glacier or any other aspect of nature and write a poem from their new perspective. We are delighted and hugely proud to announce that both Esme and Fia were winners, a great achievement by them both— Well done girls.

Primary Applications Sep 22

If you have a child who is due to start primary school next September, please note that the Local Authority no longer send out individual letters. Parents are being asked to apply online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. The application process is now open and the closing date is Saturday, 15th January 2022. In addition to the online application, parents wishing to send their child to St Joseph's will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form for 2022/23 available on our website www.stjosephshh.org.uk

Catholic application forms do need to be signed by your Parish Priest. Fr Raglan will be signing forms in November - dates to be confirmed nearer the time.



Autumn Diary Dates

25—29th Oct - Half Term
1st Nov - All Saints Day
4th Nov - Fairthorne Manor Virtual Pre-Meeting, 4pm - Year 6
5th Nov - Open Morning, 9.30-11am
10th Nov - Parent Consultations (virtual), 3.45-5.45pm
17th Nov - Parent Consultations (virtual), 3.45-5.45pm
19th Nov - FOS Non-Uniform Day, bottles, sweets and gifts
23rd Nov - Hindleap Warren Virtual Pre-Meeting - Year 5
24th Nov - Parent Consultations (virtual), 3.45-5.45pm
26th Nov - School Closed
29th Nov - Inset Day, School closed

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day Mass - 2pm, Monday 1st November, here is the link for the streamed All Saints' Day Mass:

<https://youtu.be/gXrEWNOLNeg>



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