



St. Joseph's Journal

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2nd Edition

Head Boy & Head Girl

I am delighted to introduce our new Head Girl, Jasmine and Head Boy, Aiden. Both pupils had to apply for this very special role during our recent Prefect Elections. They will be supported in their role by our Deputy Head Boy & Girl, by Ben and Grace. We are very proud of all the Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward for these important leadership positions. All the staff and Year 6 pupils took part in voting and we were also able to announce our new Prefects during celebration assembly this week. Our Year 6 pupils provide excellent role models for all members of our school community. The opportunity to become a St Joseph's Prefect also enables our pupils to develop their leadership skills. We value the exemplary examples of behaviour, uniform and attitudes to learning demonstrated by the eldest pupils in the school. Well done Year 6, you are making great strides in being fantastic ambassadors for our school.



Welcome Mass

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Mass with Fr Raglan this afternoon. This is the first time we have been able to come together as a school family for Mass. We welcomed our new parish priest, Father Raglan and all the new pupils who have joined St Joseph's. The children were a real credit to the school and spoke eloquently as they read their bidding prayers and readings. We will be celebrating Education Sunday on 3rd October at the 10:30am Mass. St Joseph's pupils are encouraged to attend Mass that day in their school uniform. It is a lovely way to witness the Catholic ethos of our school. We appreciate that this will be the first time many children have been back to St Paul's for Mass in a very long time. We hope to see the congregation full of St Joseph's blue uniforms next weekend. Please do join us even if you are not a practising Catholic, everyone is welcome. To sign up for Mass please copy the link below and complete the online form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNTruRss1IzOVBZQg7qY_O-F7xt9Hd8W7reYoW_CrjUj9qOw/viewform

Friends of School (FOS) Meeting & AGM, 7.30pm St Joseph's

FOS will be holding their committee meeting next week on Wednesday 29th September. The first meeting of the school year is also the AGM where we set out what fundraising events we plan to run and introduce and welcome all new committee members. This year, more than ever, we need new team members to add fresh ideas and enthusiasm to what we do. We have been unable to run much throughout the pandemic so want to come back this year even stronger with something fantastic! Unfortunately, if we can't put a full committee together next week, the future of FOS is uncertain which would be such a terrible shame. For those of you who might not know much about what we do; we are the parent led fundraising committee running events such as the school's Christmas and Summer fairs, school discos, cake sales, non-uniform days and other fabulous events and activities for both the children and parents of St Joseph's. Our goal is to raise money for the fun stuff! We don't pay for teacher's salaries or classroom equipment (unless it's something really cool!) and instead raise money for things outside of the school's budget such as: *Trim trail & pirate ship in top playground *Complete IT suite with brand new PCs *Sound & lighting equipment in school hall *Maintenance of school woods *Forest School teaching aids *Special author visits *SEN room *Extra reading books for KS1 *Book bags for all new reception children. So come along and join us next week. Being part of this really fun committee is a great way to make new friends and doesn't mean you have to attend every meeting or take control of anything! We just need your ideas and support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to message Angela Stannard or Sue Simpson via Classlist.

Open Afternoon & Morning

We have Open Days on Tuesday, 19th October from 1.30– 2.45pm and 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 19th at 1.40pm and 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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KS1 Fruit

We are looking for more volunteers to help with distributing the fruit to our KS1 classrooms. It involves washing some of the fruit and putting it into baskets. Obviously the more people we have on the rota the less often people will be called upon to help - ideally just 30 minutes, once a month. If you are at all interested please contact Mairead Murrell via email: mairread.murrell@googlemail.com - thank you.

Music Lessons at St Joseph's

Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone lessons are available. For further details please email Rodney Smith, West Sussex Music Associate Tutor - musicrodneysmith@gmail.com
Guitar is taught by Tom Holmes, further details available via email: tom@guitarlearn.co.uk
Cello is taught by Ethan Merrick, further details available via email: ethanmerrick@msn.com



10 Benefits of Playing Music

1. FUN!
2. READING SKILLS
3. LISTENING SKILLS
4. GOOD FOR YOUR MEMORY
5. SOCIAL SKILLS
6. GREAT FOR EARLY MATHS
7. FINE MOTOR SKILLS
8. CONFIDENCE BUILDING
9. STUDY PRINCIPLES
10. DISCIPLINE & COMMITMENT (& MUCH MORE....!)

Pioneer Catering

If you have any concerns or queries regarding hot meal provision please contact Pioneer Catering directly via email: enquiries@pioneer catering.co.uk

Year 6 Secondary Transfers

Applications for Year 6 children transferring to secondary school next September have now opened. The deadline for applications 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 **in addition to the on-line application with the Local Authority. Catholic application forms do need to be signed by your Parish Priest. Fr Raglan will be signing forms in October - dates to be confirmed.**

Medication

If we hold medication in school for your child, please remember that it is **your responsibility** to check expiry dates with the school office.

Going Gold for September

Huge thanks to everybody who supported the cake sale organised by St Paul's Toddler Group. They raised £160 to go towards the Going Gold for September campaign, raising much needed funds and promoting awareness of childhood cancer. Don't forget Kerry has organised a fun day in the Orchards tomorrow.

Autumn Diary Dates

28th Sep - ILP Review , 3.30-5pm
29th Sep - FOS AGM, 7.30pm
3rd Oct - Education Sunday Mass
15th Oct - EYFS 6 Weeks In
18th Oct - Individual Photos



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.



Parent Boxes



Remember that if you need to hand something into the school office, you can use the Parent Box outside the office or alternatively as you walk through the main gates into school on the left hand side. They are emptied every morning and it saves you having to queue at the office.

School Places

We currently have school places available in years 4 and 5. If you know of any families / friends moving into the area.

Fundraising Event

Last Saturday, Adam and Michael in Year 4 took part in a charity fundraising event for Cancer Research. They had to complete a 5K obstacles course. They supported each other and completed the entire course. Huge congratulations to them both, a fabulous achievement and all for a very worthwhile cause.



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