



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 28th January 2022

9th Edition



Welcome Fr Rags!

Congratulations to Fr Rags on such a wonderful induction Mass. Staff from St Joseph's and St Paul's were able to witness this special celebration on Monday evening, it really was a lovely occasion and we look forward to working with him at St Joseph's. #welcometotheboscofamily.



The feast of the patron saint for our Catholic Education Trust, St John Bosco, is celebrated on 31st January. John Bosco was warmly known as Don Bosco. He was an Italian Roman Catholic priest, educator and author. In the mid-nineteenth century, Don Bosco reached out to small communities to educate and provide life chances for disadvantaged youths. Central to his work was fostering an educational system with 'loving kindness' at its centre; putting the Word of God truly into practice. At Bosco, we aim to help model these ideals and be a part of developing larger educational communities which do aim to build a better world; or 'the kingdom'!

As a member of the Catholic family of schools across the Trust, St Joseph's will be joining in the celebrations on Monday. We will be joined in prayer and joyful celebrations with St Paul's, St Mary's, Anney and St Phillip Howard. John Bosco used a novel way to engage his student with unique magic tricks. When he performed his magic, a special dog used to appear by his side. Some people felt this represented the Holy Spirit. We will be starting our Trust celebrations during our Monday morning assembly and have a novel way of remembering our patron saint. Our celebration assembly will be dedicated to John Bosco too with a special Don Bosco certificate. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed @saintjoeshh see the magic unfold throughout the day!



Year 4 - African Workshop

Last week our Year 4 children took part in an African Workshop with the aim of bringing rich, authentic experiences to the children. They learnt about African drumming, dancing, singing and storytelling as well as African arts and craft. A fantastic day was had by all!



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Medicine in school



If we hold medication in school for your child, please remember that it is your responsibility to check expiry dates with the school office. **Particularly Epipens and asthma inhalers. If your child requires antibiotics or any other medication, we can only administer if your child requires it 4 times or more in a school day. All medication MUST come to the school office in its box with the information leaflet enclosed.**

Sporting Success



Well done to Ben, Isaac and Tommy who took part in the Mid Sussex Active Cross Country Final last week. They represented St Joseph's brilliantly. Though no results were announced at the event, Mr. Nicholson has reported that they all ran well and finished strongly in a very competitive event. It was a great achievement just to make the final and they should be very proud of themselves - as are we.

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.

Charity Fundraiser - Thank You, You are AMAZING!



On behalf of Rockinghorse Children's Charity and Aidan's Christmas Dinner Project and the 'Going Gold' for September Campaign ... THANK YOU ... £355 was raised through Elf on the Thirteenth and £125.35 from parents and children buying gold ribbons throughout September.



These charities make a huge difference to so many children and their families.

THANK YOU



Parent Workshop

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

2nd February **Free**



Developing Good Dental Hygiene For Children
A free workshop for parents

- (1) workshop in school 9:15am - 10:45am
- (2) workshop virtual via Zoom 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Don't Forget
To Brush
Your Teeth



Don't forget the dental hygiene workshops taking place next week. To book a place at the morning session; being held onsite at St Joseph's, please book online via ParentPay. Please note, due to demand only 1 place per family can be booked.

VegPower

Please find link below from VegPower that is aimed at giving ideas and helping parents get more veg into children's lunch boxes <https://bit.ly/send-in-the-sarnies>

Reporting ANY Absence

Please can we remind parents that all absence, whether for illness or medical appointments should be reported to the school via Studybugs. Studybugs is a free app and all reported absence goes directly into the register and keeps class teachers informed of the reason for your child's absence. We have a legal duty to ascertain the whereabouts of all children. As you can imagine, given the current climate we are very busy and really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Spring Diary Dates

- 28th–30th Jan - The Big Garden Birdwatch: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>
- 2nd Feb - Parent Workshop - Dental Hygiene, 9.15 - 10.45am onsite, booking via ParentPay
- 2nd Feb - Virtual Parent Workshop - Dental Hygiene, 7.30 - 8.45pm (link to follow)
- 3rd Feb - Harry Potter 25 Year Celebration.
- 9th Feb - Parent Consultations, Year R only
- 14th Feb - Year 1, Open Learning Afternoon—please book online via ParentPay.
- 16th Feb - Parent Consultations, Year R only



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