



St. Joseph's Journal

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11th Edition

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead us with lots of learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. More children will be experiencing our Forest School this half term and it was fantastic to spend yesterday afternoon with Year 5 at Hindleap Warren as part of their residential. This half term is also an opportunity for us all to reconnect as a community through opening our classroom doors to you all again. This has already started with our Year 1 and Year 4 open afternoons. It has been such a privilege to witness parents sharing in the joy of their children's progress by looking through their books. The children are so proud to be able to share their work with their parents. Please do come along to the designated year group open afternoons if you are able to. We will endeavour to accommodate more of these throughout the year as I appreciate not all parents have been able to make these times. This week we started our Lenten journey. We had a whole school Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Church and were delighted to be joined by Fr Rags. More details about our Lenten focus will follow in the coming weeks. This half term has also seen the launch of our brand new website. Please do have a look and become familiar with how you can navigate lots of useful information about our school. It is with thanks to our Bosco Academy Trust that we have been able to design such an informative and professional website. This has been at no additional cost to our school budget. A very big thank you to Mrs Covey and Mrs Rogers who have dedicated many hours of their time (and continue to do so), to ensure we have a fantastic advert and celebration of our school. So as we welcome home our muddy Year 5's (full report and photos in the next newsletter), full of excitement from their trip, I hope you all have a lovely family weekend.

God Bless, Mrs Walker

Fantastic World Book Day Costumes!!

We had some fantastic costumes on display yesterday as part of our WBD celebrations. Thank you parents for helping the children put together their brilliant outfits.



Introducing Our Play Leaders!

We are always looking for ways to improve our children's lunchtime experience. Whilst most children already enjoy their playtimes, some children do on occasion find these times tricky. How it works: the playgrounds will be divided into 5 zones and there will be two Play Leaders in each zone, each lunchtime. Once Play Leaders have finished their lunch they will bring along a game to play with the children in each zone, so that those children who struggle to play at lunchtime can join in and extend their friendship groups. We hope it will encourage more constructive play and help create an inclusive playground experience. Our Learning Mentor - Mrs Trattles, has done several training sessions and will be there on the playground on her working days to help and support them. We wish our Play Leaders every success in their new role.



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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**

On your marks, get set, GO!



As reported in a previous edition, after great success at the Mid Sussex Cross Country Final, Ben and Issac made it through to the Sussex School Games 2022 Final. This event was held yesterday at Waterhall in Brighton. Though no medals were received they both ran extremely well and should be very proud of their achievement—as we all are. Well done boys!

More WBD Pictures!



Spring Diary Dates

- 8th Mar - Year 6, Open Learning Afternoon—please book online via ParentPay
- 11th Mar - FOS Cake Sale, 3pm in aid of the Ukrainian people
- 16th Mar - Year 5, Open Learning Afternoon—please book online via ParentPay
- 22nd Mar - Year 2, Open Learning Afternoon—please book online via ParentPay
- 25th Mar - FOS Second Hand Uniform Sale, 3pm
- 25th Mar - FOS Disco KS1 5.15-6.15pm / KS2 6.15-7.30pm, booking via ParentPay
- 1st Apr - Reports Out (Yr 1-6)
- 4th Apr - Spirituality Week



Community Support

If you are a family that doesn't meet the threshold for FSM but are in need of support with fuel, food, clothing and other essentials, please get in touch with the WSCC Community Hub. They can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and are open Monday - Friday, 08.00 - 20.00pm and weekends and bank holidays from 09.00-17.00pm For further information about this scheme, please contact: welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk

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. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Cricket Competition

Some of our older children represented St Joseph's at a cricket tournament on Monday at the Triangle. They all played very well, learnt new skills and finished on a high with a win!



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