



# St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 8th April 2022

13th Edition

## Easter Wishes

As the term draws to a close and there is a glimmer of hope that the sunshine may return, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed and happy Easter. Please remember when we return on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** all the children will be in summer uniform. Please refer to our website for uniform guidelines. Can I also remind everyone that long hair should be tied back (boys and girls) and extreme haircuts, tram lines, coloured braids, Mohican shaved styles etc. are not permitted. Your support of our uniform policy is very much appreciated and ensures children have a sense of belonging and continued high standards. Please do get in touch if you are in need of support with any items of school uniform. We can help, and thanks to a local business we can offer brand new leather shoes to anyone in need. Myself and the governors are looking at ways to poverty proof our uniform and will be sharing this with you early next term. Please do remember to pass on your unwanted items of school uniform, they are always gratefully received.

It has been a very busy spring term with lots to celebrate. You have hopefully had time to enjoy and share your child's school report (Y1-6), and there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress face to face in school next term. Thank you for all your continued support and for championing all that we do here at St Joseph's. We really appreciate everything you are doing at home to extend your child's learning. We are still continuing to develop our outdoor learning environment and if you are having a spring clear out, we would happily take the following items off your hands; small metal toy cars, Lego, Duplo bricks, wellington boots, EYFS - upwards. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible hard work of the St Joseph's team. Good schools don't happen by accident. It takes a lot of dedication, hard work and commitment to provide the exceptional education that is happening within the classrooms here. I look forward to sharing this experience with you all next term. There will be an Open Learning day for all parents and we will be opening up the classrooms for you to come and have a look for yourselves. I hope you all have an eggcellent Easter and a well-earned family break.

God Bless  
Mrs Walker

## Easter Bonnets

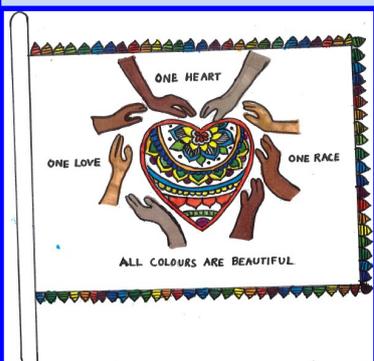
Well it's been some time since we have had an Easter Bonnet Parade. This year's entrees didn't disappoint! As always the standard was extremely high with some very imaginative bonnets on display making judging incredibly difficult. Well done and thank you to all that took part, thanks go also to parents for supporting the children, everybody had an Eggcellent time! It was a lovely end to the spring term.



The winners:  
St A - Arlo / St B—Mateo  
St C - Isla / St D - Jordan  
St E - Heicel / St F - Marlowe

## A Flag of Hope

Huge congratulations to Nayontara (year 4) who has won the Henry Adams 'design a flag' competition. The standard was extremely high with judging extremely difficult. Well done to all entrants.



## On To Pastures New

As we come to the end of the spring term we have a member of staff leaving the St Joseph's family. Mrs Norrby-Gow is going back home to Ireland with her husband. She has been with St Joseph's for 7 years, we wish her every success for the future, she will be greatly missed.





# Stations of the Cross

We hope parents who visited us on Wednesday enjoyed viewing our Stations of the Cross. Each class designed their own prayer space with thoughtful readings and scripture references. Throughout the day children went on a special pilgrimage around the school, pausing to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. It was a lovely day.



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.



## Year 3 Treasure Hunt

Recently our year 3 children spent a morning walking around Haywards Heath learning about the local area and the history of Haywards Heath. The sun was shining, they were all very well behaved and had great fun. Thank you to our parent volunteers who accompanied them on the trip, making it possible to go ahead.



## Gymnastics Competition

Last weekend, some of our gymnastics club took part in a competition. We are delighted to announce that they came first, showing great skill, flexibility and expertise. Many thanks to Amalia for organising this for the children.



## Ukraine Fundraiser

Well done to Ridley in year 2 who spent a Saturday morning selling cakes with his mum and a Ukrainian friend in Lindfield, raising over £2000! A fabulous achievement and a very worthwhile cause.



## Sports Update

We've had a busy few weeks with sporting events and festivals. There's been basketball, football, netball and rugby. Well done to all the children who took part, smiling throughout - even in the snow and on Wednesday the pouring rain!! Particular mention to our basketball team who won 8 out of 9 matches in a competition last week, finishing in 2nd place—hurrah!!



## FREE - Easter Holiday Camp available to Free School Meal children

Pioneer Childcare are running an Easter Holiday Activity Camp at Harlands Primary School. We're providing Free HAF (Holiday Activity & Food) Programme places for pupils who receive means tested Free School Meal.

For more information about our Easter Holiday HAF Camp please visit

[pioneerchildcare.co.uk/holiday-activities-food-programme-easter-camps-2022/](http://pioneerchildcare.co.uk/holiday-activities-food-programme-easter-camps-2022/)

To book your place, please email [enquiries@pioneerchildcare.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pioneerchildcare.co.uk) or call us on 01444 411388



## Summer Diary Dates

25th April - Summer Term Begins  
2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday  
4th May - Class Photos  
4th May - SEN Parents Evening

## Date Change

Open Learning Day moved from 3rd May  
NOW Monday, 13th June, 9-10am / 2-3pm



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