



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 17th March 2023

13th Edition



Parent Voice

Parent voice is integral to school improvement and we really value your feedback. You may receive a phone call from one of our governors asking you about aspects of school life and your experience of St Joseph's. As well as suggested school developments, this feedback will also provide a platform for the quiet majority. The many parents who are really pleased with how we do things here but perhaps assume that we know how delighted you are. Please do let us know! Please do tell us why you have put St Joseph's as the school of choice for your child. We are an oversubscribed school with excellent high standards. However, we are an outward facing school and are always reflecting on our practice to ensure the very best education and experience for your child. We would love to know what you are most proud of about our school. Before the Easter holidays we will be sending home your child's yearly report. These individual reports will give details about your child's progress so far this year and identify the next steps they need to take with their learning. We changed the timing of our school reports a few years ago to allow parents to discuss the outcomes of their child's report with the class teacher and see how they continue to progress into the next term. Rather than having the school report in July and heading into a summer holiday that could allow for a 'summer dip.' We have found this to have a greater impact on children's progress at this mid-point in the year. We will also be sending home a parent questionnaire with the school reports, so please do take some time to fill it in over the Easter holidays. We would be very grateful. Parents who have a child in either St Bernadette or St Andrew classes will receive their child's report in July. This is in line with Early Years end of year assessment arrangements.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Walker

Foodbank



We are very aware that many families are currently under considerable financial pressure and it isn't always easy to ask for help. We have a very good relationship with the local Foodbank team. If there are any families within the school community who would benefit from a Foodbank delivery, please speak to a member of the school office team in the strictest confidence and we can arrange this for you.

Please do get in touch.

HE IS NOT HERE. FOR HE IS RISEN.

Spiritual Pilgrimage

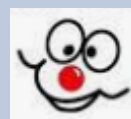
WE WELCOME YOU TO WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. THE STATIONS, BEAUTIFULLY PREPARED BY THE CHILDREN, REMIND US OF THE TRUE STORY OF EASTER.

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH
2:30PM
THE SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SIDE WOODEN GATE IN THE CAR PARK

Fortnightly Attendance

St A	97%	St B	96%
St C	96%	St D	90%
St E	93%	St F	92%
St Gen	97%	St Geo	93%
St H	98%	St J	96%
St M	97%	St P	93%
St T	94%	St X	97%



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During the
*Season
of Lent*
contemplate
your heart and
look at our
world with
Hope.

FOS - We Need YOU!

On Thursday, 23rd March our Friends of School team would like to invite you to a planning event / social at 7pm in the small hall. They would love to encourage more parents to get involved with FOS events - more hands make light work! In particular they are looking for parents to step forward and help organise the school fair, this could be in any capacity (setting up / running a stall, helping with refreshments - no experience necessary and you won't be abandoned! We do absolutely know how busy everyone is however without more helpers our fabulous fair may not be able to take place.



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.**



FREE - Easter Holiday Camp to FSM children

Pioneer Childcare are running Easter Holiday Activity Camps at various locations. These include Free HAF (Holiday Activity & Food) Programme places for pupils who receive means tested Free School Meals.



For more information about their Easter Holiday HAF Camps please visit www.pioneerchildcare.co.uk To book your place, please email: enquiries@pioneerchildcare.co.uk or call us on 01444 411388

If you require a HAF code to access any of the camps on offer, please get in touch with the school office.

St Theresa Class Assembly

A huge well done to St Theresa class last week. They took one of the school's LEARNING skills – RESILIENCE – and demonstrated to the school how they have shown resilience in their learning. They all read their lines excellently and their singing was fantastic! Well done! Thank you to Mr Philpott, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Westby for supporting the children.



St Francis Class Assembly



On Wednesday, St Francis performed a fantastic class assembly all about collaboration. They confidently spoke about what collaboration was and what they had done in school. They showed artwork and even a short drama piece. They finished off their assembly with the song 'We're all in this together' from High School Musical. Many thanks to Miss Harvey, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Clark and Mrs Olejniczak for helping the children pull it all together.

Reporting Absences

Please can we remind parents that **all absence, whether for illness or medical appointments or any other reason**, 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. By reporting all absences, it prevents office staff from having to ring and email parents to find out the reason for them not being at school and avoids unnecessary home visits. Please remember to report absences daily, your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Lent



Year 5 Hindleap Warren



Our year 5 children recently went to Hindleap Warren on a three day residential. Despite it being rather chilly, the weather remained dry –although as you can see, there was plenty of mud underfoot! These trips help the children’s development both physically and socially with various teambuilding exercises. They were all fabulous, taking part in all the activities on offer and had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Miss Brown, Mrs Fingerneissl, Mr Hancock, Miss Harvey, Miss Watson and Mr Wright for accompanying the children on this trip.





Free School Meals

Why wouldn't you?

Applying for **PUPIL PREMIUM** couldn't be easier. All it takes is for you to complete a form from our school office and then we do the rest.

It can also be accessed via the link on our website!



Not sure if you qualify? Come into our school office for a chat or email us at:

office@stjosephshh.org.uk

All applications are treated with the utmost discretion and children in receipt of PUPIL PREMIUM are not identifiable in any way.

PUPIL PREMIUM money is paid to the school and can be used by us to:

- Contribute towards trips and residential;
- After School Clubs;
- Specific resources;
- One-to-one sessions to support and extend learning;
- **FREE school meals!**



If you receive **any** of the following then you could qualify for the **extra support:**

Universal Credit Child Tax credit Working Tax Credit run-on

Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Spring Term Diary Dates



March

- 20th Mar - St Joseph's Day Mass, 1.30pm
- 22nd Mar - St Elizabeth Class Assembly, 9am
- 23rd Mar - FOS Summer Fair / Planning Social - 7pm
- 24th Mar - FOS Disco
- 27th-31st Mar - Spirituality Week
- 28th Mar - Reports Out Years 1– Year 6
- 31st Mar - FOS Cake Sale, St A, St H, St M & St T to contribute please
- 31st Mar - End of Term, normal finish time

Summer Term Diary Dates

April

- 17th Apr - Return to school

May

- 1st May - Bank Holiday
- 3rd May - Class Photos
- 3rd May - SEN Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
- 8th May - Bank Holiday
- 9-11th - May - National Curriculum Tests, Yr 6
- 12th May - May Procession, 2.15pm
- 15th-19th May - KS1 Assessment Week
- 18th May - Ascension Day Mass
- 19th May - Talent Show
- 22nd-26th May - Fairthorne Manor Residential - Year 6
- 26th May - FOS Cake Sale, St E, St Gen & St J to contribute please
- 29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

June

- 5th Jun - Back to school

**Please note all dates and events are subject to change.
Dates are also available to view on the St Joseph's website calendar.**