



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 14th July 2023

20th Edition

FOS Summer Fair

What a wonderful atmosphere we generated. What hard work went on behind the scenes. What a fantastic outcome. Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of School summer fair, it was a great success. This is one of the main sources of fundraising for the school and our Friends of School (FOS) team work incredibly hard to make this event a success. The weather was kind to us and the fair was extremely well attended, with plenty for all to do. Net profit was £5,000 a fantastic result, especially when we recognise how tight household budgets are being squeezed. We are incredibly grateful for every penny that was raised, which as a school, we can do so much with and will go directly back into being spent on the children. I will generate a parent survey early in September to allow all parents to suggest how you would like these funds to be spent. FOS would like to thank their main



raffle sponsor Angel Care and Brock Taylor, and all the parents and companies that donated prizes, all those that helped with organising, setting up, running stalls on the day and helping to tidy - they really couldn't do it without you. Please, please do support this event again next year. We need **more helpers** to set up on the field, give an hour of your time on a stall and of course to come and support to make this benefit all your children. THANK YOU

St Christopher Class Assembly

This week St Christopher had their class assembly and what a celebration it was! Travelling through space with some amazing writing. Off to India with some yummy food tasting. Then reflecting on happy times at Washbrooks Farm and the Holi celebration. They really have "smashed" their learning this year! Thank you to Mrs Ashworth, Mrs Noone, Mrs Goddard, Miss Ismael for helping the children pull it all together.



Year 6 Production

Well done to our fantastic year 6 on their performance of Mary Poppins this week. They have been rehearsing extremely hard over the last weeks and it showed, a brilliant show. Thank



you to our year 6 team; Mr Philpott, Miss Smith, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Wallace & Mrs Westby for pulling it altogether and to parents for helping with costumes and helping the children with their lines.



Fortnightly Attendance

St A	95%	St B	93%
St C	97%	St D	95%
St E	96%	St F	94%
St Gen	99%	St Geo	96%
St H	95%	St J	94%
St M	97%	St P	97%
St T	98%	St X	100%



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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....!)

Calling All Budding Musicians

We have various musical instrument lessons available at St Joseph's:

Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone lessons are taught by 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

Violin is taught by Deirdre Danagher, West Sussex Music Associate Tutor, deirdredanaghermusic@gmail.com

Fruit Co-Ordinator Needed - URGENT



After many years of coordinating the fruit rota, Mairead will be stepping down from this role at the end of the school year, we are very grateful for all her hard work. **Without a fruit coordinator and the parents who volunteer to help wash and distribute the fruit, we would need to stop the provision of fruit for our EYFS and KS1 children.** We are therefore looking for a volunteer or several volunteers, to take on this role. It involves coordinating our wonderful volunteers, to ensure distribution of fruit to classes, once it has been delivered. If you would be able to take on this voluntary role. Please get in touch with the school office—thank you.



Hot Meal Provision - Year 2 moving into Year 3

Don't forget: If your child is moving into Year 3, the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme ends. Go! Catering will continue to provide a hot meal, however, you will need to order and pay for this via their online booking system. Bookings for next academic year will be available via the online system from Monday 24th July. From this date, next term's menu will also be available here:

<https://gocatering.co.uk/current-menu/> (where this term's menu is currently shown). If you have any queries about booking, or the menu, please do get in touch with Go! Catering directly at: enquiries@gocatering.co.uk

House Keeping

Please remind your child to bring home **all** their belongings next week including P.E bags, wellies, lunchboxes and water bottles. If we hold medication in school for your child, please remember that it is your responsibility to check expiry dates with the school office. Any medication held in the office for our year 6 children will also need collecting by an adult.

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.



Holiday Dates

Attached with this newsletter is an updated holiday dates for the next academic year 2023-2024.

Please note there are a couple of changes as follows:
30th October 2023—additional inset day
Change of inset date, was Wednesday, 26th June now Monday, 24th June

Welcome Meetings - September

At the beginning of each school year we have a meeting for parents to meet the new class teacher. This is an opportunity for you to find out the following:-

- curriculum for the year;
- homework opportunities;
- clarification on school rules and classroom behaviour;
- classroom management for that particular class;

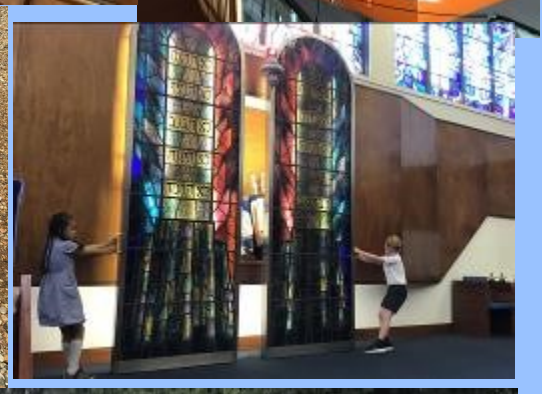
This is also a chance for you to ask any general questions. Years 1-6 meetings will be held w/c 11th September, class dates to be confirmed and will start at 3.30pm in the classroom. EYFS/ R will have their welcome meetings w/c 21st September.

Lasting about half an hour, the children may attend these meetings with parents. Please ensure that your child is not left unsupervised during this time.

Year 2 School Trip



Year 2 had a fabulous trip Monday when they visited Brighton & Hove Reform Synagogue and Shoreham Lifeboat Centre. Huge thanks to our helpers, Mr Clark, Mr Harvey, Mr Menon, Mrs Pond and Mrs Tovey for whom without their assistance the trip couldn't have gone ahead.



Sports Days



DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Term Diary Dates

July

17th Jul - Whole School Transition Afternoon & New YR Storytime

18th Jul - Leavers' Mass, 2pm

18th Jul - Y6 Leavers' Party, 3.30pm

20th Jul - Last day of Term, **1pm finish**

21st Jul - **INSET DAY - School Closed**

Autumn Diary Dates

September

4th Sept - **INSET DAY – school closed**

5th Sept - Start of Term Y1-Y6

4th - 8th Sept - Home Visits YR

11th - 15th Sept - YR start part-time – am/pm

11th - 15th Sept - Bikeability Y6

11th - 15th Sept - Welcome Meetings for Parents Y1-Y6

17th Sept - Education Sunday – 10.30am Mass

18th Sept - YR full-time attendance

22nd Sept - Welcome Mass, 1.30pm

28th Sept - Pre-Meeting Hindleap Warren 3.30pm

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