



# St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 15th March 2024

12th Edition

## Friends of School Fundraising

It's been another incredibly busy couple of weeks at school, filled with numerous personal achievements that have resonated throughout our school family. The abundance of headteacher stickers awarded reflects the joy of witnessing your child's growth and development as they achieve their individual milestones. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and the tireless efforts of our marvellous 'Friends of School' are undeniably making a significant impact in bringing our vision to life. An impressive £13,000 was raised through various fundraising events over the past year, such as non-uniform days, school discos, the Summer Fair, Christmas Fair, Talent Show, and Quiz Nights, among others. We are immensely grateful for every £1 donation, £20 spent at the Christmas Fair, and more, all of which contribute to supporting the additional needs of our school community. Please refer to the fundraising overview attached to this week's newsletter for details. These funds have been instrumental in enhancing the school's IT provision by acquiring much-needed iPads and laptops, enriching our playground equipment to make playtimes more enjoyable, providing supplementary reading resources, and subsidising school trips for every year group. Such a remarkable achievement wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated time and support generously offered by countless parents towards these fundraising endeavours. This accomplishment is particularly noteworthy amidst the current economic climate, where household budgets are stretched thin and utility bills continue to rise. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your support is invaluable, and we are truly grateful. Please consider donating an hour of your time to support our upcoming events such as the Talent Show or the Summer Fayre on Saturday, 6th July. Your contribution will greatly enhance the provision of additional resources that the school budget may not always cover. Thank you for being amazing, and together, let's continue making a difference to the lives of our pupils.

## Hindleap Warren Residential



There was mud, lots and lots of mud! Even so, Year 5 had a great time and were not put off by the slightly damp conditions. They challenged themselves, taking part in activities outside of their comfort zone and showed wonderful team spirit, working together and supporting each other.

A huge thank you to Mrs Fuller, Miss Morris, Mrs Threshie, Miss Warren & Mr Wright for accompanying the children on their residential trip and looking after them.



## Fortnightly Attendance

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



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## Class Assembly - St Genevieve

Last Wednesday, we enjoyed St Genevieve's class assembly. Their assembly was about the Stone Age and the core value of curiosity. They entertained us with some great singing - songs they had chosen themselves, with S Club 7 being a particular hit - who doesn't love a bit of S Club on a Wednesday morning!! Thank you to Miss Manners, Mrs Brooks and Mr Burnell for helping the children with their performance.



## Class Assembly - St Margaret

This week it was the turn of St Margaret class. They entertained us with an overview of their learning since September and also spoke about their recent residential trip to Hindleap Warren. The assembly was accompanied by lovely singing and they all spoke extremely well - well done St Margaret Class. Thank you to Miss Morris and Mrs Fuller for pulling it all together.



## FOS Quiz Night



Thank you to everyone who came to our Friends of School Quiz night. The night was a great success, team 'Too Many Cooks' won the quiz, and Clare Butcher won the Golden Envelope and kindly donated her winnings back to the school—thankyou. They made an unbelievable £480.00 in profit for the school. Thank you to our FOS team for organising this event and raising much needed funds for the school—it is greatly appreciated.



## Medication 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.**

## NUTS & SESAME

**Please remember we have a NO nut or Sesame policy in school. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella / Peanut Butter, dips such as hummus and chicken satay. We have several children with severe nut and sesame allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.**



## Sussex Uniforms Rebrand

Sussex Uniforms has rebranded to Monkhouse Schoolwear! You can no longer order on the Sussex Uniforms website, to place online orders in future, go to: [monkhouse.com](http://monkhouse.com).



We had a fantastic World Book Day last Thursday. The day was fun filled and action packed! Thank you to everybody who took part and to parents for providing the wonderful costumes on display in school.

# World Book Day 2024!



## Spring Term Diary Dates

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

### March

- 19th Mar - St Joseph's Day Mass, 1.30pm
- 20th Mar - St Francis Class Assembly, 9am
- 22nd Mar - FOS Cake Sale (St A, St H, St M & St T to contribute please)
- 22nd Mar - FOS Talent Show
- 25th-28th Mar - Spirituality Week
- 27th Mar - St Elizabeth Class Assembly, 9am
- 27th Mar - Reports out, years 1-6
- 28th Mar - End of term, normal school day finishing time

### April

- 15th Apr - Inset Day - School Closed
- 16th Apr - Summer Term begins
- 17th Apr - SEN Parents Evening
- 24th Apr - St Patrick Class Assembly, 9am
- 26th Apr - FOS Fundraising, Non-Uniform Day - £1.00 via ParentPay

## Summer Term Diary Dates

### May

- 1st May - St Joan Class Assembly, 9am
- 2nd May - Class Photos
- 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- 9th May - Ascension Day Mass, 11am
- 13-16th May - National Curriculum Tests (Yr 6)
- 15th May - St David Class Assembly, 9am
- 17th May - May Day Procession, 2.15pm
- 17th May - FOS Cake Sale (St E, St Gen and St J to contribute please)
- 20-24th May - Year 6, Fairthorne Manor Residential
- 22nd May - St George Class Assembly, 9am
- 24th May - FOS Fundraising, Non-Uniform Day - £1.00 via ParentPay
- 27-31st May - Half Term

### June

- 3rd Jun - Back to school
- W/C 10th Jun - Phonics Screening Week
- 12th Jun - St Xavier Class Assembly, 9am
- 12th Jun - Parent Consultations, Years 1-6, 3.30-6pm
- 14th Jun - FOS Non-Uniform Day, Donations
- 17th-20th Jun - Assessment Week
- 19th Jun - St Theresa Class Assembly, 9am
- 19th Jun - Parent Consultations, Years 1-6, 3.30-6pm
- 21st Jun - Open Learning Day, 9-10am and 1.45-2.45pm
- 24th Jun - INSET DAY - school closed
- 25th Jun - New Parents Evening, 5.45pm (starting September 2024)

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