



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Thursday, 20th July 2023

21st Edition

Farewell Message

I can hardly believe I am writing my final reflections of the school year. We are an incredible community. A community that cherishes the uniqueness of every child. Celebrates their God given talents and champions every inch of progress no matter how small the footsteps or the path they take to get there. This is made possible because we are a great team. When parents work in partnership with a school - great things happen. We know children achieve in many different ways. Your children are only on loan to us and are far more than a Phonics or SATs score. They make us laugh; they make us burst with pride but most of all they give us a tenacious drive for excellence. Believe, Achieve, Succeed!

A few tears were shed at our Leavers Mass on Tuesday as our fabulous year 6 children move onto secondary school. They have achieved so much over the years that they have been with us at St Joseph's. I would like to thank our Head Boy, Isaac and Head Girl, Fia for all that they have done over the last year to represent our school so well. They have been supported by Deputy Head Boy and Girl, James and Mila, alongside our brilliant Year 6 Prefects throughout the year as well as our Sports Leaders and House Captains. We say a fond farewell to all of leavers throughout the school, we will miss them enormously but wish them great success at their new schools and in their next venture.

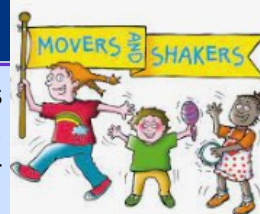
Have a wonderful summer. Please stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back through the green gates on Tuesday, 5th September.

God Bless
Mrs Walker



Movers & Shakers

As you will be aware, we have two of our wonderful teachers leaving the St Joseph's family. Miss Harvey is moving to another school in the area, Miss Bacon is taking time out after many years of teaching and is looking forward to new adventures. We wish them all the very best with their future roles, they will both be greatly missed.



THANK YOU



A HUGE thank you to all of our helpers this year, as always you have stepped in and helped wherever possible. Our Friends Of School team (FOS) have been incredibly busy running various events. Thank you to our fruit distribution team who wash and deliver fruit to our reception, year 1 and year 2 classes! Without our parents, grandparents and governors helping with reading, accompanying classes on trips and all the other help you provide, we really could **not** manage without you. Enjoy the summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September!



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Fruit Co-Ordinator - Urgently Needed

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 her help and that of the other volunteers who 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.

House Keeping

Please remind your child to bring home **all** their belongings today 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.**

Malayalam Celebration

Thank you to all our families who took part in our Malayalam celebration yesterday, it was very well attended. We have had such fun over the last school year, the children really are a credit to you. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the autumn term.

Mrs Noone.



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;
- Ask any questions you may have;

Meetings will start at 3.30pm in the classroom. 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.

Monday, 11th September:

St Elizabeth, St Helen, St Margaret, St Patrick

Tuesday, 12th September:

St Genevieve, St George

Thursday, 14th September:

St Christopher, St Joan

Friday, 15th September:

St David, St Francis, St Theresa, St Xavier

Thursday, 21st September:

St Andrew, St Bernadette

Years 1-6 return to school on Tuesday, 5th September 2023

Summer Term Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

21st Jul - INSET DAY - School Closed

Autumn Term 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 Sept - Welcome Meetings for St E, St H, St M & St P, 3.30pm in class

12th Sept - Welcome Meetings for St Gen & St Geo, 3.30pm in class

14th Sept - Welcome Meetings for St C & St J, 3.30pm in class

15th Sept - Welcome Meetings for St D, St F, St T & St X, 3.30pm in class

17th Sept - Education Sunday – 10.30am Mass

18th Sept - YR full-time attendance

21st Sept - Welcome Meetings for St A & St B, 3.30pm in class

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.**