



# St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 22nd September 2023

2nd Edition

## Welcome To Our Reception Children

We have a another wonderful week in school. We welcomed our youngest pupils into the family of St Joseph's full time. All of our Reception children have made a fantastic start to 'big school' and the start of their educational journey through our school has begun. Thank you for making St Joseph's the school of choice for your child. We look forward to working in partnership with you all to ensure the very best outcomes for your child. Please remember if there is ever any concern or question you may have, feel free to get in touch with your child's class teacher via the class email in the first instance. Usually any questions can be easily answered.

## Education Sunday

We celebrated Education Sunday last weekend and what a joy it was to see a sea of blue uniforms fill St Paul's church. Please do return to Sunday mass, if this was your first visit. Everyone is most welcome. I would like to extend my thanks to the RE leadership team, Mrs Dewdney, Mrs Howes and Mr Wright for the planning and preparation that went into this beautiful mass. Thank you to Father Rags and the parish for always making us feel so welcome. The children were a real credit to the school and read with such confidence and clarity. The music and choir were equally delightful. We were also formally introduced to our. Head Girl and Head Boy Margot and Luis, they will be supported by their deputies, Charlie and Minuki this year. Both Margot and Luis spoke with such passion and confidence about the year ahead and the responsibilities that will be involved in their new leadership roles. Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who applied to be a Prefect. We are incredibly proud of you all. You will be great ambassadors for the school and are already great role models for the pupils of St Joseph's. Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Walker



## Open Days - Starting School September 2024



We have Open Days on Monday, 16th October from 1.30– 2.45pm and Friday, 17th November from 9.45– 11am for prospective parents of children due to start primary school in September 2023. There will be a presentation on the 16th October at 1.45pm and a presentation on the 17th November at 10am, followed by a tour of the school by our school prefects. No appointment is necessary.

## Secondary School Applications—Year 6

Applications for Year 6 children transferring to secondary school next September have now opened. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 31st October. You must apply online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions). If you are applying for a place at St Paul's Catholic College you will also need to complete one of their Supplementary Information Forms, available from their website **in addition to the on-line application with the Local Authority. Catholic application forms do need to be signed by your Parish Priest. Fr Raglan will be doing this after Mass on Sunday, 8th October after 9am and 11am Masses.**

## Fortnightly Attendance

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



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## 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.**

## Parent Boxes

Remember that if you need to hand something into the school office, you can use the Parent Box outside the office or alternatively as you walk through the main gates into school on the left hand side. They are emptied every morning and it saves you having to queue at the office.



## 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.

## 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. They now have a Baby/Children's Bank and have an assortment of items to share, including Moses baskets, prams, cots, travel cots, high chairs, baby baths, bedside cots - **Please do get in touch.** On Tuesday, 3rd Oct 2023 2-3pm and Thursday, 5th October 10-11am the warehouse will be open to share children's clothes and coats up to the age of 5years. Address: 9a Delaware Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3UX



## Reporting Absences & Appointments

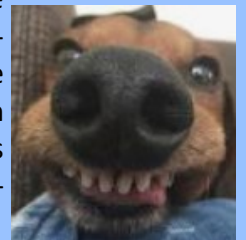


Please can we remind parents that **all absence, whether for illness or medical appointments or any other reason, should be reported to the school via Studybugs.** Studybugs is a free app and all reported absence goes directly into the register and

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.

## Dogs On School Premises

Please could we remind dog owners that as lovely as your furry friends maybe, they are NOT allowed on school premises - this includes the foyer outside the school office! There are both adults and children who find dogs scary - thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## After-School Club Spaces

We still have some availability across our after-school clubs, do look on ParentPay to see which clubs have spaces.

## Individual Learning Plan (ILP) Review

If your child is in years 1-6 and has an ILP, please remember to make an appointment for the ILP review evening, 18th Oct, 3.30-5.30pm (19th Oct—St Francis Class only) Via <https://stjosephscatholichh.schoolcloud.co.uk>

## Fruit Coordinator



Hurrah! We are delighted to announce that Mrs Waite will be taking over from Mrs Murrell and will now be coordinating the fruit rota. We are very grateful to her. Without her stepping forward and the help from our other volunteers who help wash and distribute the fruit, we would not be able to provide fruit for our EYFS and KS1 children. Thank you again.

# Autumn Term Diary Dates

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

28th Sept - Pre-Meeting, year 5 - Hindleap Warren, 3.30pm

### October

2nd Oct - FOS AGM , 7pm - small hall

5th Oct - Pre- Meeting , year 6 - Fairthorne Manor, 3.30pm

6th Oct - FOS Second Hand Uniform Sale, 3pm

13th Oct - Harvest Festival, 2pm

13th Oct - FOS Cake Sale - St B, St C, St F & St X to contribute please

16th Oct - Open Afternoon, 1.30-2.45pm (starting school September 2024)

18th Oct - SEN Parents Evening, 3.30pm

19th Oct - SEN Parents Evening, St Francis ONLY, 3.30pm

20th Oct - FOS Non Uniform Day, £1 payable via ParentPay

20th Oct - 6 Weeks In Meeting, Early Years (Yr R), 9.15am

23rd-27th Oct - Half Term

30th Oct - INSET DAY— School Closed

31st Oct - Back to School

### November

1st Nov - All Saints Day, Mass 11am

3rd Nov - Individual Photos

8th Nov - Parent Consultations, 3.30-6pm - all years

15th Nov - Parent Consultations, 3.30-6pm - all years

17th Nov - Open Morning, 9.45-11am

17th Nov - FOS School Disco

24th Nov - School Closed

27th Nov - INSET DAY - School Closed

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