



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 26th May 2023

17th Edition

Ofsted Inspection

The call that we have long awaited finally came last Monday, with Ofsted arriving on Tuesday for a two-day inspection. It was a rigorous couple of days, as it should be, and I could not be prouder of the school and how the St Joseph's family responded. The inspection team were full of praise for our 'wonderful children' so a big thank you for how they conducted themselves over the two days and for being such great ambassadors for our school. Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to the parent, pupil and staff surveys. We have had some amazing feedback! I would also like to acknowledge the incredible team of staff whose brilliance I get to work alongside each and every single day. You are the foundations upon which great things happen. Every decision ever made is always with the children at the heart and therefore it seemed appropriate to round off a busy week with a surprise visit from an ice cream van. A memory the children (and Mrs Walker) will cherish for many years to come. The full report will be published and shared with the whole school community in due course.

Alegria Celebration



On Saturday, Mrs Figueira coordinated and hosted a Spanish Dancing celebration to mark 15 years of Alegria Dance School, raising nearly £1,000 to be shared between the Rockinghorse appeal and St Joseph's. In this time, Josefa has established a thriving dancing community including many pupils from St Joseph's. She continues to work with residential homes and various groups to enrich lives with her passion and energy for Spanish dance. We are so very lucky to have her as part of our St Joseph's community and thank her for her generosity and support over the years.



Play Equipment

We know how very tempting it is for your child/ren to climb on the trim trail and use the play equipment at pick-up but please don't let them – this is when accidents happen. None of the equipment / trim trails etc. should be used by any child outside of the school day. Parents are reminded to supervise their children at all times.

NO Dogs On Site

Please could we politely remind dog owners that dogs are **NOT** allowed on the school site. As lovely as you may think your furry friend is, not everyone feels the same way! Should something happen, you would not be covered under our insurance. We have children, parents and staff who are genuinely scared of dogs - please respect them and adhere to the rules - this is a countrywide school safety policy.

Fortnightly Attendance

St A	95%	St B	91%	St C	94%	St D	95%	St E	93%	St F	97%	St Gen	98%
St Geo	95%	St H	96%	St J	94%	St M	92%	St P	91%	St T	99%	St X	97%



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Medicines 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.**



Polite Reminder

A polite reminder of the following:

- * No extreme haircuts or hair dye
- * Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories should be black, white or royal blue.
- * Children can only wear a watch and small plain **earring studs (in pierced ears)**. No other jewellery is allowed, for safety reasons.
- * No make-up, no nail polish and no transfer tattoos.

Mini Beasts Visit Reception

On Wednesday, our reception children had a visit from some creepy crawlies! As part of their topic on mini-beasts they met and held an array of little creatures; an African snail, Madagascan cockroach, a corn snake and looked at a scorpion - from afar!! The afternoon was spent making paper plate spider webs and painting a mini beast of their choice onto a stone. They finished off with a release of their butterflies - great fun was had by all!



St Joan Assembly

Last week we were delighted by St Joan's class assembly, the theme was 'Curiosity'. The children showed off their African art, as well as singing two African inspired songs with beautiful dancing. The pièce de résistance being a live demonstration of a mummification, something new to St Joseph's!! Many thanks to Miss Brown, Mrs Silva Carvalho and Mrs Shahbazi for helping the children put it all together.



St David Assembly

On Wednesday, St David were in action showing off all they have learnt over the school year so far. Many thanks to Miss Bacon, Mrs Ismael, Mrs Nettell and Mrs Olejniczak for helping the children present their assembly.



ALL Absences MUST Be Reported

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.



Summer Term Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

June

5th Jun - Back to school

7th Jun - St George Class Assembly, 9am

9th Jun - FOS Talent Show

w/c 12th Jun - Phonics Screening

14th Jun - St Genevieve Class Assembly, 9am

14th Jun - Parent Consultations, Y1-Y6, 3.30-6pm

16th Jun - FOS Non-Uniform - Tombola Donations

19th Jun - Open Learning Day, 9-10am / 1.45-2.45pm

21st Jun - St Patrick Class Assembly, 9am

21st Jun - Parent Consultations, Y1-Y6, 3.30-6pm

26th Jun - Inset Day

28th Jun - St Andrew & St Bernadette Class Assembly, 9am

28th Jun - New Parents Reception Evening - Sept starters, 5.45pm

29th Jun - St Peter & St Paul Mass

July

1st Jul - Summer Fair, 12-3pm

6th Jul - Sports Day, EYFS & KS1 am

7th Jul - Sports Day, KS2 am

10th Jul - Reports out (year R only)

10th Jul - Year 6 Production, evening performance

11th Jul - Year 6 Production, afternoon performance

12th Jul - Year 6 Production, evening performance

13th Jul - Reserve Sports Day

14th Jul - FOS, End of Year Disco

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

Please note all dates and events are subject to change.

Dates are also available to view on the St Joseph's website calendar.