



# St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 28th April 2023

15th Edition

## What Makes St Joseph's Exceptional?

A big thank you to all the parents who responded to our recent survey. The feedback is proving very useful. We will provide a more detailed report on the survey outcomes over the coming weeks but I wanted to share some of the wonderful comments that have been very much appreciated. We are an oversubscribed school with extensive waiting lists in every year group. This is because of the exceptional provision received by all our children. A sentiment echoed by so many parents 'We are very blessed with the teachers and staff at St. Joseph's, they are the best' another parent stated 'St Joseph's is not just a school, it's a community where I feel very supported and listened to.' A theme running throughout the survey was how highly staff were thought of for their care, commitment, hard work and talent in the classroom. One parent recognised this as 'Dedicated staff and leadership who are responsive to needs.' We often describe St Joseph's like being part of a family. Our school was summarised by one parent as a 'warm, welcoming, friendly and nurturing school, a perfect starting point for children's academic journey.'

If you have any queries or worries about your child, I would always encourage any parent to come and talk to your child's teacher in the first instance or myself. Please don't wait for a parent survey before getting in touch. I have an open-door policy and can be contacted via email if you don't do the school run. St Joseph's is a high achieving school because we work with the first educators of your child, you, the parents. Thank you for your continued support and championing everything we stand for at St Joseph's.



## Positive Behaviour

The best schools don't stand still. They are continually striving for excellence and are outwardly facing. This is exactly why we are in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy. The current behaviour policy is perfectly fine but was introduced when I first joined St Joseph's. The governor's and I want our behaviour policy to reflect current educational theory. This is why I will be running a workshop for parents to share the new Positive Behaviour policy with you on Wednesday, 24th May at 1.45pm. I will also explain how this will be reflected in our everyday practice at St Joseph's. Please see the poster attached with this newsletter for further details.

## Class Photos

A reminder that whole class photos take place next Wednesday. Children should be in summer uniform with their school jumpers.

## 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. **Please do get in touch.**

## Fortnightly Attendance

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



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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.**



## 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.**

## 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.

## Summer Uniform



A reminder that all children should now be in summer uniform (unless the weather takes a turn for the worse!) - not a mixture of summer and winter. Our uniform leaflet is available on the school website under the 'Parents' tab. We would recommend that during hot weather, children have a sun hat and that sun cream is applied before school. Staff are NOT allowed to apply sun cream. If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy, please speak to Mrs Walker.

## ILP Review Evening

If your child has an ILP, please remember to make an appointment for the ILP review evening, 3rd May, 3.30-5.30pm via <https://stjosephscatholichh.schoolcloud.co.uk>

## St Margaret Class Assembly

This week it was the turn of St. Margaret's class to lead our assembly. They chose to explore the school value of 'Collaboration'. They shared how collaboration can lead to solutions to problems, building friendships and feeling successful in and out of school. We all enjoyed a video, made by the class, of all their Hindleap Warren photos, which show their collaboration in action. Well done St. Margaret's class

## King's Coronation

Don't forget, Friday, 5th May in celebration of the King's Coronation, all children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes and a crown! We ask that a donation of £1 is made via ParentPay towards the FOS summer fair.



## Reporting Absences

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.



## Spanish Dancing Starts Next Week

# Summer Term Diary Dates

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

- 1st May - Bank Holiday
- 3rd May - Class Photos
- 3rd May - SEN Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
- 8th May - Bank Holiday
- 9-11th - May - National Curriculum Tests, Yr 6
- 12th May - May Procession, 2.15pm
- 15th-19th May - KS1 Assessment Week
- 17th May - St Joan Class Assembly, 9am
- 18th May - Ascension Day Mass
- 22nd-26th May - Fairthorne Manor Residential - Year 6
- 24th May - St David Class Assembly, 9am
- 26th May - FOS Cake Sale, St E, St Gen & St J to contribute please
- 29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

### June

- 5th Jun - Back to school
- 7th Jun - St George Class Assembly, 9am - *please note change from previous issue*
- 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

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