



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 8th September 2023

1st Edition

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everybody back to school and welcome some new pupils to our school too. A huge St Joseph welcome to many of the new families that have joined us across the school. We are delighted you have chosen our school and we look forward to getting to know you all. Next week there will be an opportunity for you to meet your new child's class teacher at the class welcome meetings. This will be for Years R - 6 and will take place after school in your child's new classroom. We would also like to invite you all to celebrate Education Sunday on 17th September at St Paul's Church (next to the school). Perhaps this is an opportunity to come back to Church if you haven't been in a while or come and pay us a visit if you are from another faith or indeed have no faith background. All are welcome and we hope to see lots of St Joseph's children next Sunday. Mass starts at 10:30am and children are asked to come in their school uniform.

This year promises to be another exciting year of opportunities for all the children. Our recent Ofsted report confirmed and celebrated the high calibre of teaching we have across the school. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Threshie back to St Joseph's and introduce Mrs Howes and Miss Rooney (Year 2) and Miss Morris (Year 5) to the St Joseph family.

Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather as a community of believers, a family of your children. We thank you for the renewal of the past months and our safe return to St Joseph's. We thank you for the promise of the days ahead and for your guidance and accompaniment throughout the year. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Walker

Welcome Meetings

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



Fruit Co-Ordinator - Urgently Needed

After many years of coordinating the fruit rota, Mairead will be stepping down from this role VERY at half term. 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 or Mairead directly via Class List — thank you.



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Autumn Term Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

11th - 15th Sept - YR start part-time – am/pm

11th - 15th Sept - Bikeability Y6

11th-15th - After School Clubs Start

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

October

5th Oct - Pre– Meeting Fairthorne Manor, 3.30pm

13th Oct - Harvest Festival, 2pm

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

18th Oct - SEN Parents Evening, 3.30pm

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

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