



St Joseph's Junior School News



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MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear Parents and Carers

We are already nearly at the end of another busy half term. As we look forward to the holiday, we remember some of the exciting things that have happened at St Joseph's CE Junior School so far in 2023. We have taken part in sporting competitions including Tag Rugby in Bognor and Cross Country at Bishop Luffa. One of our Year 5 pupils qualified for the county championships! Pupils across all year groups participated in Chichester Festival of Speech and Drama last weekend – well done to all involved. Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability sessions, providing them with valuable skills to use their bikes safely.

Tuesday of this week was internet safety day. Mr Lehmann held a whole school assembly focusing on internet safety. We looked at the age limit for different apps and looked particularly at Whats App, and the recommended age limit for this app.

We continue to welcome new families join our school this term. Welcome to all of you. Please do get in touch with me or a member of the staff team if there is anything we can help with.

I do wish you all a happy half term break.

Kind regards

Mrs Hardy

Executive Headteacher

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

10th February	Last day of term
20th February	First day of term
21st February	6pm – Year 6 Residential Meeting
22nd February	Science Day – Please pay online via Parentpay

3rd March	Year 6 mini first aid day
10th March	AIM Higher Writing Day
13th March	Year 4 Cinema trip, please return your consent forms
21st March	Year 6 SATS meeting – 6pm
28th – 31st March	Year 6 Residential Trip
31st March	9.30am - Easter Service at school, all parents welcome

NEWS AND UPDATES

A is for Attendance!

At St Joseph's CE Junior School we take attendance and punctuality very seriously. We aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%. Attendance data is tracked by the Department for Education. Our current attendance percentage is 92.7% and we **MUST** improve on this figure.

We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

GREEN - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

AMBER - 96.7% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

RED - below 96.7%. Attendance below expected level. We will monitor the child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement we will contact you by letter.

A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office and a copy will be provided with your child's annual report in the Summer term.

Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration, including the plan for the day.

- ◇ Gates open at 8.25am
- ◇ Classroom doors open at 8.30am
- ◇ Gates close at 8.40am

The Legal Stuff

School attendance is important because the law requires it. As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly.



Parking

We have had an increased presence from traffic wardens at school drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that you follow the guidance on parking. Parking permits for families for Northgate Car Park are available from the school office.

A request from the school office



If your child has borrowed a school tie, please could it be returned to the school office. We have now run out of spare ties as they are not being returned.

Keep your child safe on WhatsApp

What are the risks?

- Bullying, particularly in group chats
- Seeing content of a sexual nature, or showing violence and hatred
- Settings that allow messages to disappear after 24 hours or 7 days. This could make it harder to track bullying, and your child might share things they wouldn't otherwise because it will disappear
- Sharing their live location, particularly with people they don't know in person
- Spam or hoax messages
- Being exposed to strangers through group chats



WhatsApp says the **minimum age** to use it is **16**, but younger children can still use it easily.

Do you need support?

For children who are not FSM eligible but who's families need urgent support with food here in West Sussex there is a Community Hub operating.
The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week. Further information can be found via the [West Sussex County Council website](#).

House Points Update

Oaklands House	Pallant House	Novium House	Goodwood House
<u>POINTS</u>			
505	635	582	535
<u>POSITION</u>			
4th	1st	2nd	3rd

Congratulations to Pallant house who were the house winners last term.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

Friends of St Joseph's are currently planning our school summer fayre. If you would like to get involved, please email friends@stjosephscejunior.school



STAR OF THE WEEK

Week Ending	27th January	3rd February
St Wilfrid	Stanley and Scarlett	Zackery and Matilda
St Anne	Sophia and Charlie	Jessica and Emilija
St Pancras	Robert and Lacey	Abigail and Rashid
St Richard	Ruby and Kayleigh	Kayleigh and Bailey
St Olave	Kayla and Elias	Rooney and Lena
St Bartholomew	Luzy and Evie	Tristan and Noah
St Paul	Archie and Alice	Jim and Isabella

Well done to those pupils who have been recognised by their teachers in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

CLUBS

Monday	Homework Club	Miss Pennicott	3-6	15	3-10pm – 4pm
	Cheerleading	Rachel-Hellcats	3-6	FULL	3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday	Journalist club	Mrs Marshall	3-6	12	3-10pm- 4pm
	Craft Club	Miss Nora	3 & 4	FULL	3.10pm – 4pm
Thursday	Board games	Mrs Hardy	1-6	FULL	3-10pm- 4pm
	Art Club	Tasha	3-6	12	3-10pm- 4pm
Friday	Forest School (13 th Jan-10 th Feb)	Jen <i>(on the infants site, please collect from the infants)</i>	3-6 3-6	FULL 12	3-10pm – 5pm promptly from the infants
	Badminton	Mr Gayle	3-6	12	3-10pm-4pm
	Dance Club	Annie Grant	R-6	16	3.10pm – 4.15pm

All spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis, the clubs are all funded by the school
To register your child for a club please email the school office: office@stjosephscejunior.school, you will receive an email confirming if your child has a place.

If your child has a place with Forest school they will need warm clothes, waterproofs and a named torch if they have one.

- Dance club will be run by Annie Grant. To join and pay please use this link: Fridays - <https://hellcats-cheerleaders.class4kids.co.uk/info/680>
- Cheerleading club free spaces are full but if you would like a place for your child please follow this link: <https://hellcats-cheerleaders.class4kids.co.uk/info/694>

TERM DATES

School Year Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022 Thursday 1 st September 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022
Half Term Monday 24 th October 2022	Friday 28 th October 2022
Christmas Holidays Monday 19 th December	Monday 2 nd January 2023
Spring Term Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Half Term Monday 13 th February 2023	Friday 17 th February 2023
Easter Holidays Monday 3 rd April 2023	Friday 14 th April 2023
Summer Term Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023
Half Term Monday 29 th May 2023	Friday 2 nd June 2023



INSET DAYS: Monday 17th April 23, Monday 5th June 23, Friday 21st July 23

BANK HOLIDAYS: Monday 1st May 23, Monday 8th May 23

We would like to remind you that St Joseph's Junior School is a nut free school