

# ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



22nd September 2023 - 2

### MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON

We are at the end of week three already. We have managed to pack in plenty of learning so far including Year 5's trip to the planetarium. This visit was a super start to the year group's learning about space this half term. Read all about the day in our report from Tilly below. We have had the NSPCC in delivering the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign which aims to make sure children know they are people to talk to if they are worried.

Clubs are in full swing now with a range of activities being enjoyed by our pupils to support their many talents. Chess club has been particularly popular and it was lovely to see pupils engaging in games together with children from different classes. There are still a few places available in selected clubs so please get in touch with the office if you are interested in a place.

Thank you to all those who came along to our 'Three Weeks In' meetings. It was fantastic to see so many families attending. We have added the resources to our website in case you were unable to attend. We are also in the process of adding our curriculum planning to the website to keep you well informed about what your child is learning.

Our Harvest festival celebration will take place at St Paul's church on Monday 2nd October. The service starts at 9.30am and will be led by our Year 4 pupils. All parents are welcome to attend, particularly Year 4 families.

As always, please do get in touch with myself or a member of the team if you have any questions, or anything that we can help with.

Kind regards,

Mrs Koiston

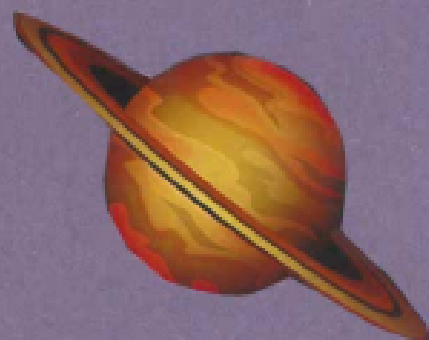
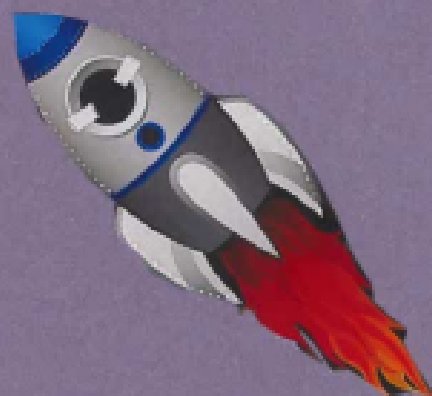
# Plane

On Monday the eleventh of September, St. Cecilia class and St. Martin class went to the south downs planetarium. It was a half-hour walk and was quite the exercise. When we arrived, we were welcomed by two lovely men and a woman - who did not tell us their names. First, one of the men told us we would be going into the actual planetarium part which is the room with the huge yellowish dome. The man inside - who was called Jim - said we would be in there for about an hour.

All of a sudden, the lights went off and we saw stars - but not very many. This was because there were still little lights on around the edges of the room. Jim explained in real life we only see this amount because of the Chichester lights - the ones on the edges of the room - and if you were in the country you would see many more stars. With that he turned off the lights on the edges and we could see more stars.



# Year 5 Planetarium Trip



Next, he, outlined all of the planets you could see at night and then outlined some of the constellations. Such as, the big dipper, andromeda, the big bear and the little bear. Everyone was amazed and we were also shown some videos of the planets and a video of a rocket blasting off. At last, the time in that room was over and we ~~ate~~ went out for lunch! We ate outside on a large field where most of the girls did gymnastics.

After lunch, we all went back in. St. Cecelia did a hunt to find all the answers on the question sheet. While St. ~~Martha~~ Martin watched a powerpoint on satellites then we swapped. St. Cecelia did the powerpoint and St. Martin did the hunt. Eventually, our day at the planetarium was over and we headed off back to school! That was our day at the planetarium!



## School Uniform Reminder

Grey trousers, pinafore  
dresses or skirts

White collared shirt

School tie

Grey with gold band school  
jumper or cardigan

Grey or white socks

Black shoes (not trainers)

Gold/yellow or grey  
headband



## 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.



As you are aware the ordering system for school meals including free school meal children has changed. All children that have a hot meal including free school meal children have to have a meal ordered via Parentpay. If you do not order your child a hot meal by the cut off day of each Thursday at midday and they normally have a hot meal, the school will order them a jacket potato. If you require any assistance, please contact the school office immediately.

Please note you are able to order in advance rather than weekly.

## ***HOT MEALS INFORMATION***

## ***REGULAR ATTENDANCE MEANS PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE***

Please remember in September:

- Gates open at 8.25am
- Classroom doors open at 8.30am
- Gates close at 8.45am

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.





# Ready, Respectful and Safe at St Joseph's CE Junior School

## Be Ready to learn:



**Be on time**

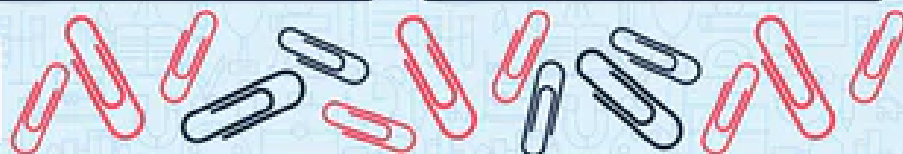


**Have all my  
equipment**



**Enter the  
classroom  
calmly**

## Be Respectful:



**Show wonderful walking in the corridors**

**Look after  
all school  
property**



**Stop and  
listen when  
an adult  
raises  
their hand**



**Show pride  
in my  
learning  
and  
presentation**



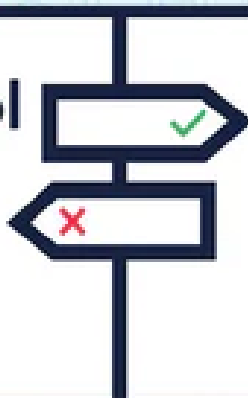
## Be Safe:



**Be polite to all others**



**Follow school  
rules for  
health  
and safety**



**Play safely  
at break  
and lunch  
times**





# ***STARS OF THE WEEK***

St Teresa - Harvey and Anna

St Francis - Isabella and Alex

St Paul - Isla-Rose and Ayla S

St Cecilia - Poppy and Lena

St Martin - Zach L and Freya

St Bernadette - Charlotte and Lena

St Richard - Rachel and Bailey

Well done to all pupils who received  
an award this week. We are so proud  
of you.



# Pupil Leadership at St Joseph's CE Junior School



Congratulations to Lily O and Joey C who were successful in their applications to become Head Girl and Head Boy. Applying for a leadership role takes courage. We are so proud of EVERYONE who applied for a role. As well as head boy and head girl, we have librarians, junior receptionists, hall monitors and computer monitors. Lily says, "I have butterflies in my stomach but I am so excited to help people and be a good role model for younger pupils."

## School Council





# Dates List

2nd October	9.30 - Harvest Festival at St Paul's Parents welcome
3rd October	Flu Vaccinations
4th and 5th October	Bookfest – Letter to follow
10th October	World Mental Health Day
13th October	Year 3 walk to Chichester
20th October	Learning plans sent to parents of children on the SEND register
w/c 23rd October	HALF TERM
30th October	First day back after half term
31st October	Light Party – Disco in the hall. Tickets £3 per child. More details to follow. EYFS+KS1 – 4.30-5.30 - KS2 - 5.45-6.45
7th and 9th November	Parent Consultation Evenings. Appointments available to book from 30th October
w/c 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week
12th December	Christmas Service at St Paul's
13th December	Christmas Fair after school
14th December	Chartwells Xmas Lunch
15th December	Last day of term
w/c 18th December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
w/c 25th December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

2nd January	INSET Day
3rd January	First day of Spring term
8th February	Valentine's Disco
9th February	Learning plans sent to parents of children on the SEND register Mid-year report out to all parents
w/c 12th February	HALF TERM
19th February	INSET Day
20th February	First day back after half term
28th February	SATS meeting for parents – 5-6pm
27th March	Class Photos
28th March	Last day of Spring Term
w/c 1st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
w/c 8th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
15th April	First day of Summer Term
24th April	5-6pm – Y6 Residential Meeting for parents
24th May	Learning plans sent to parents of children on the SEND register
w/c 27th May	HALF TERM
3rd - 6th June	Year 6 Residential to Cobnor Activity Centre
28th June	Summer Fayre
3rd July	West Sussex Transition Day
9th July	Summer Disco
12th July	End of Year Reports out to parents
18th July	3.30 - 4.30 - Parents consultation – drop in and discuss report and visit new classroom
23rd July	Last day of summer term Y6 Prom

All dates are subject to change. More dates will be added as we go through the year. Please check the newsletter for the most up to date list.