

# ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



6th October 2023 - 3

### MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON

We are at the end of another busy week. Since I last wrote, we have had our harvest festival at St Paul's church and welcomed authors Jenny McLachlan and Cressida Cowell into school. Next week sees Mental Health Week, a visit from the hedgehogs and trip into Chichester for year 3.

We have updated our website to include curriculum plans for the Autumn term for each year group - please do have a look and see what your child is learning about in class and see how you can support them with this at home. Accelerated Reader is used throughout the junior school to track reading. Please do encourage your child to log on at home and complete a quiz for any books they read. This logs how many words they have read too with prizes for reading millionaires up for grabs.

Looking towards the second half of this term, we have a 'Light Party' planned for 31st October. This is a disco with lots of sparkly lights where children can come dressed up in (non-scary) costumes. More details will be sent next week. Parent consultation evenings will take place after half term too. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a ten minute meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress so far.

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



# Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church



Thank you for all your kind donations. We appreciate your support.



# Learn an instrument with West Sussex Music

## 100% Bursary

To qualify, pupils must be:

- Receiving **benefits-related free school meals**, or
- **A Child in Care**, or have
- **Refugee status**



## 50% Bursary

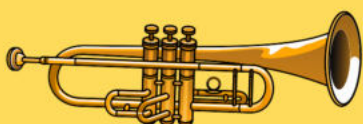
For pupils whose school is unable to support them through pupil premium funding and whose parent/carer receives one or more of the following:

- Income Support/Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Child Tax Credit/ Working Tax Credit/Universal Credit
- Incapacity Benefit
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)



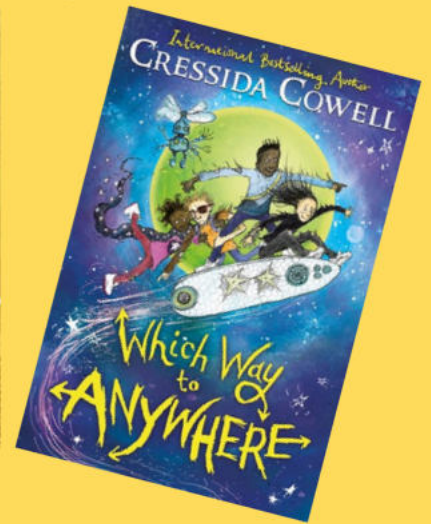
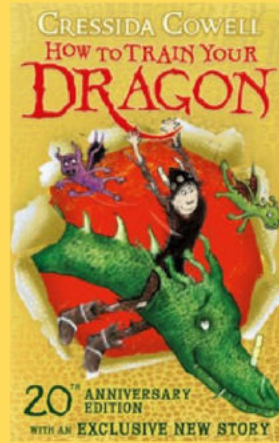
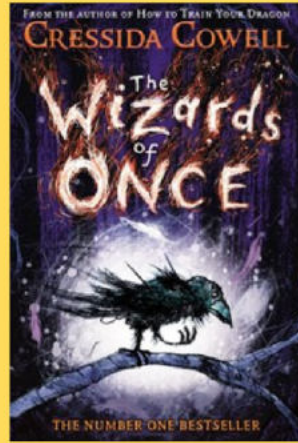
We have been lucky enough to offer taster sessions to some pupils to try out the clarinet, flute, French horn and trumpet recently. In addition to this, we offer violin and keyboard lessons in school through West Sussex Music. If you would like your child to learn an instrument then please sign up. 100% bursaries means that there is no cost for group lessons and free instrument hire. If your child is interested in learning a woodwind instrument contact Vince

[vincent.godfrey@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:vincent.godfrey@westsussexmusic.co.uk) or if you are interested in learning a brass instrument then contact Chloe [chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:chloe.harvey@westsussexmusic.co.uk). If you need help applying for the bursary then we can support with this too.





# BookFest 2023 at St Joseph's!



We were so lucky to welcome authors **Jenny McLachlan** and **Cressida Cowell** to school this week as we took part in BookFest. They came in and ran workshops with every class, then every child met the author, and received a free copy of the book dedicated especially to them. It was such a wonderful day and seems to have inspired our own young writers.

**CRESSIDA  
COWELL'S**  
**Waterstones**  
**Children's**  
**Laureate**  
**Charter**  
Every child has  
the right to...

1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Have some choice in what they read
8. Be creative for at least fifteen minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on





Remember to ask:  
Why do children  
want to be  
Magic?









# Big Brother Big Sister West Sussex

Big Brothers Big Sister UK (BBBS UK) creates long term mentoring relationships between children at risk and caring adults with the aim of supporting the children to thrive in life. The research that shows children experiencing this type of mentoring relationship are more likely to avoid risky behaviours and focus on achieving at school.

## Who Can Apply?

We are looking for a trusted adult volunteers who are willing to spend time with children who need extra support/companionship for a minimum of an hour a week.



## Who is it for?

- Children aged 7-12 with limited adult support in their life. That would benefit from a consistent relationship with a non-related adult.
- Trusted adults who want to make a difference to a child's life

## What's in it for You?

Rewarding Relationships: Forge a special bond with a young mind and be their guiding star.

Personal Growth: Enhance your skills in communication, leadership, and mentorship.

Fulfillment: Witness the positive change you bring to a child's life.

Community: Join a network of like-minded individuals making a difference.

Full Training provided

Enhanced DBS check will be carried out

Must be over 18 to apply



## 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.







## Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.



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# WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

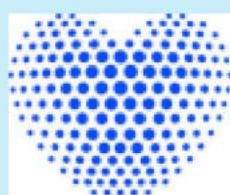
## SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

**FREE TO ANY  
PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX**

- **19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**    **ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)**
- **8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**    **BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE**
- **13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**    **DEPRESSION**
- **17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**    **OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)**



**SUPPORTED BY**  
**NHS  
CHARITIES  
TOGETHER**

SUPPORTED BY HEADS ON AND NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'S COVID APPEAL

## WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

[https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/  
Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-  
Webinars#/](https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars#/)

### NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: [CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk](mailto:CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk)

Delivered by **Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**



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:



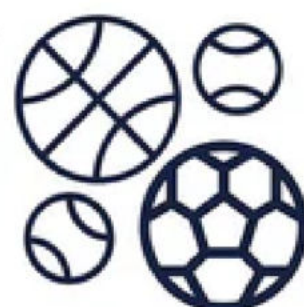
Be polite to all others



Follow school  
rules for  
health  
and safety



Play safely  
at break  
and lunch  
times







# ***STARS OF THE WEEK***

St Teresa - Stanley, Harvey, Angel and Sophia D

St Francis - Matei and Xander

St Paul - Ezekiel, Sebastian, Betsey and Noah

St Cecilia - Charlie, Emilija, Zuhra and Frankie

St Martin - Bradley and Evie

St Bernadette - Omar and Kayla

St Richard - Adam J, Thenuki, Nasif and Rachel

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





# Dates List

10th October	World Mental Health Day
11th October	Year 3 Hedgehog Visit
19th 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.