

# ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



20th October 2023 - 4

### MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON

Seven weeks have flown by and we are now at the end of this half term. As I write this newsletter, our Year 6 pupils are travelling to London by train to visit the Imperial War Museum as part of their history learning on World War II. Year 3 enjoyed a visit from the hedgehogs as part of their English topic which has inspired some excellent writing. Year 4 have been learning to play the djembe drums with Nigel from West Sussex Music service. They will continue this all year through whole class ensemble teaching.

We have lots planned for next half term including our light party on 31st October, parent consultation evenings, our Christmas Service at St Paul's Church and our Christmas Fair. Keep an eye on the dates list as new dates are added all the time.

Parking is an issue for parents and residents and unfortunately we have had another complaint from a resident who was unable to park in the residents parking this week. Please take advantage of the permits we offer for the Northgate Car park. Get in touch with the school office to request one. Our vision is to be at the heart of the community so it's important that we listen and respond to their concerns.

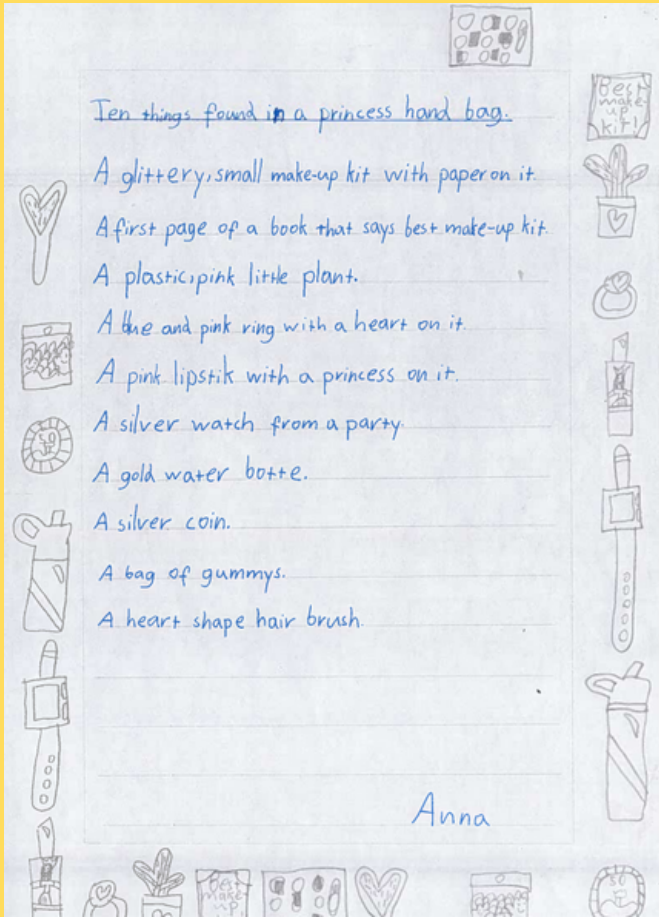
St Joseph's Junior school is at the heart of the community.

Through our journey with God we inspire life-long learners where every child is valued and loved.

Kind regards,

Mrs Koiston

# Fantastic Work!

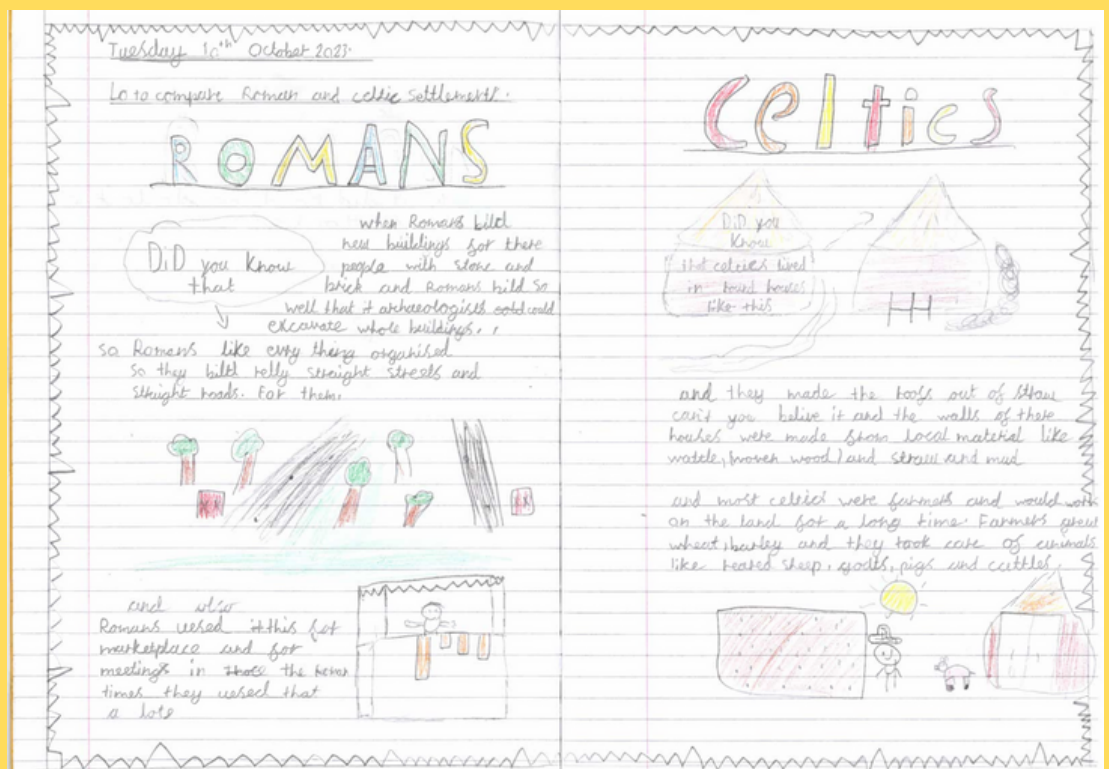


Anna created her own version of the magic box poem called 'Ten things found in a Princess's Handbag'



Colin produced a fantastic still life drawing using oil pastels.

Anthonio produced a double page spread comparing Roman and Celtic settlements



# St Joseph's CE Junior School is a Thought-Full School

How to access support for your child/ young person through Thought-Full:

Talk to the Senior Mental Health Lead (SMHL) at school. Tell them what the difficulty is and what you would like to be different.

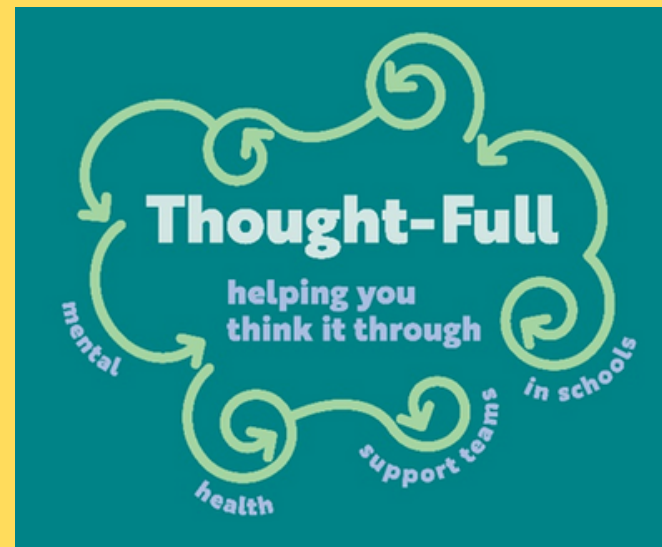
The SMHL will send a referral to Thought-Full. If your child is under 16 we will gain consent from you as a parents.

Our team will look at the referral and see if we are the right service to help. If we are not the right service, we will help the school by signposting.

If we are the right service, your child will be assigned an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). They will contact you as a parent and will work with your child/ young person by using questionnaires to decide what the most appropriate intervention is.

Once we understand the difficulty, your EMHP will help your child/ young person to set goals and begin to work through their difficulty. Your child/ young person must show that they would like change. There will be tasks to try at home.

The EMHP will meet with your child/ young person weekly for 10 sessions before closing. They will review the goals and help to make a set plan.



For more details visit their website

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/Thought-Full](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/Thought-Full)

Email them at  
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full@westsussex.gov.uk  
or find them on social  
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# JUST BECAUSE...

# DOESN'T MEAN...

@iamhayleykaye

You're worried



It won't go well

You're unsure if you can



You can't

Things have been Tough



They won't get better

You've been hurt

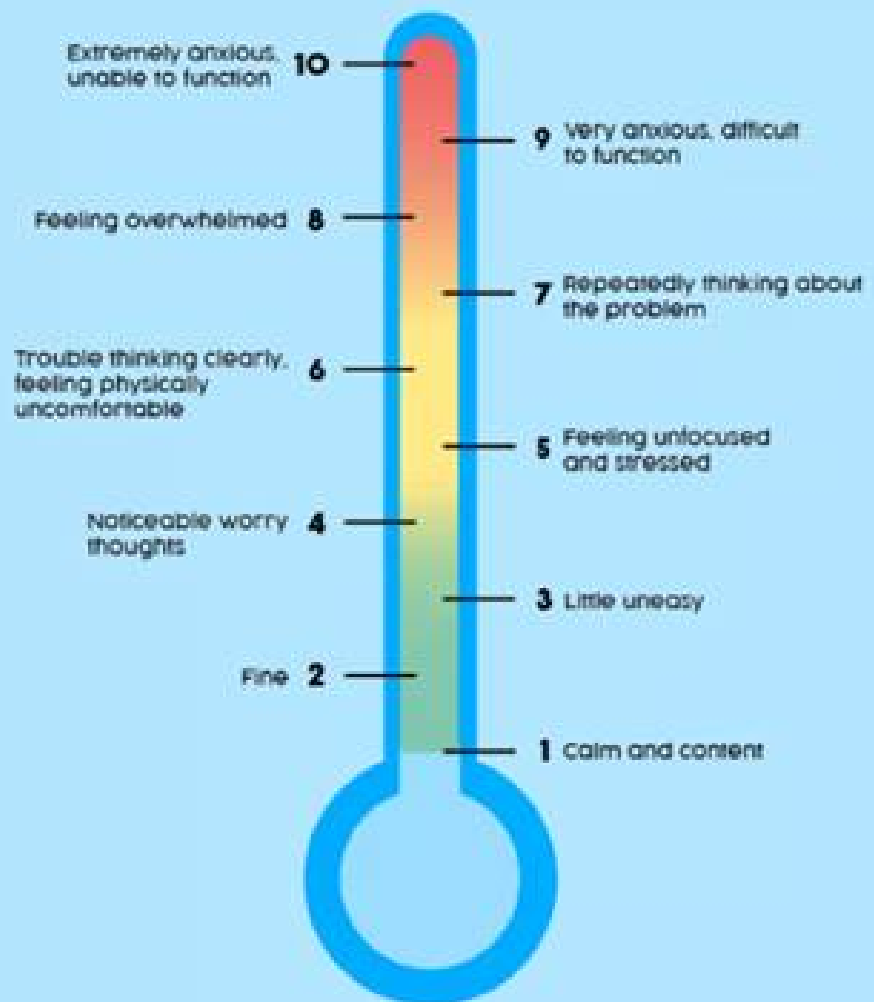


Good Things won't find you

Intrusive Thoughts feel real



They are True



## 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.

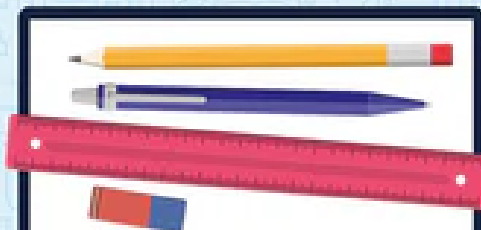


# Ready, Respectful and Safe at St Joseph's CE Junior School

## Be Ready to learn:



**Be on time**

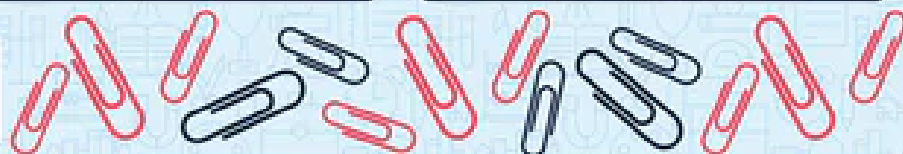


**Have all my  
equipment**



**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**



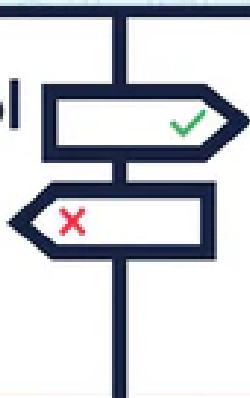
## Be Safe:



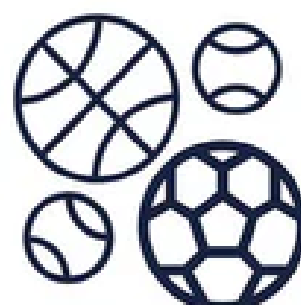
**Be polite to all others**



**Follow school  
rules for  
health  
and safety**



**Play safely  
at break  
and lunch  
times**





# **EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

St Teresa - Angel, Dec and Anna

St Francis - Alex, Vince

St Paul - Albie, Noah and Viktoria

St Cecilia - Sophie, Poppy and Ciara

St Martin - Freya, Zach and Eva

Year 6 Excellence Awards will be  
announced after half term

Our excellence awards are for children  
are are ready, respectful and safe  
every day. They are role models for  
our school and we are so proud of  
them.





# Dates List

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. 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
17th November	Children in Need - Wear sporty clothes for a £1 donation
7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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.