

ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th November 2023 - 6

MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON



Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like this term is flying by! We now have three weeks left until we break up for the Christmas holidays. In those three weeks we will have a lot to fit in, including carol services, fayres, Christmas jumper days and parties. Please see flyers below for more details.

I have had the pleasure of seeing some fantastic work created by the pupils at our school this week. Well done to all the pupils who have shown that they are ready to learn and challenge themselves to do better every day. Year 5 were lucky enough to have a day with the West Sussex Wellbeing Ambassadors last week learning about 'Five ways to Wellbeing'. They enjoyed, meditation, yoga and lots of fun activities.

Here at St Joseph's we love books. We encourage all pupils to log into Accelerated Reader and complete a quiz when they have finished a book. This tests their understanding of what they have read. Today, we put the names of all the children who got 100% on their quizzes into a (virtual) hat and drew one lucky winner to get a £10 book voucher courtesy of Whyke football club. Adelia in Year 6 was the lucky pupil who's name was picked - well done Adelia!

If you need to talk to a member of staff, then please get in touch with us via the office, or catch me on the gate if you need a chat - I try to be n the gate as much as possible.

Kind regards,
Mrs Koiston

The benefits of reading are endless

Ten tips to help your child take 10 minutes to read every day
Follow our top tips to help everyone in your family build a
daily reading habit:

- Create a routine. Set a specific time each day that works for the whole family where you can all sit and read. You could set up a cosy reading corner at home or be out and about!
- If your child is an independent reader, make sure you grab your favourite book, magazine or even recipe book to read as well to show them how important reading is to you.
- Set a timer to help you all hit 10 minutes.
- Turn off your phone or TV so there are no distractions.
- You could pop to the library to find the perfect book, magazine or comic for you and your children.
- Create a Take 10 reward board where everyone gets a star for every 10 minutes they read, and at the end of the week everyone can get a treat.
- Create a bookmark based on your child's favourite book or character.
- Get creative with technology and set up a Zoom call with loved ones who live far away. What better way to share the excitement for what you're reading than with loved ones.
- Why not go digital and try one of many audio books to stir up creativity with reading?
- Read a book as a family and then find the movie version (if it exists) so you can watch it at the next family movie night.



St Joseph's Infant and Junior School

Friday 1st December
Non-uniform day
Wear your own
clothes for a
donation to the
tombola

**MERRY
XMAS**



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

GAMES, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE AND CAROLS

£2 FOR A BAG OF 4 TOKENS

**GAMES WILL BE 1 OR 2 TOKENS EACH
THESE CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY**

WEDNESDAY 13TH 3.30-5.00





St Joseph's Infant and CE Junior Schools

FILM AND PYJAMA AFTERNOON

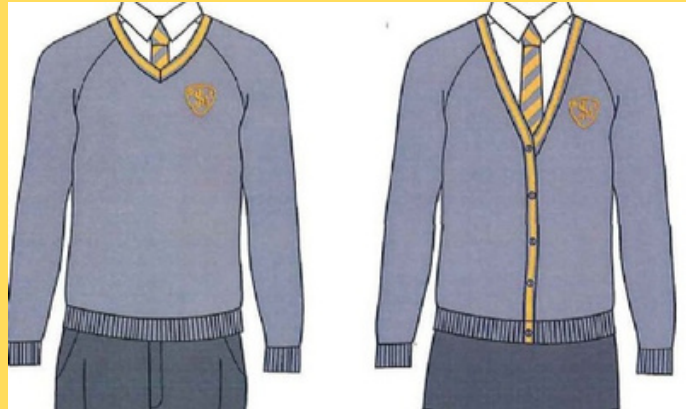
Children can come to school in their pyjamas
and watch a Christmas film with their class

Cost: £2 This will give each child 4 tokens to
use at the Christmas Fair for stalls and games
Snacks and drink provided

Friday 8th December
1.00 - 3.10pm

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

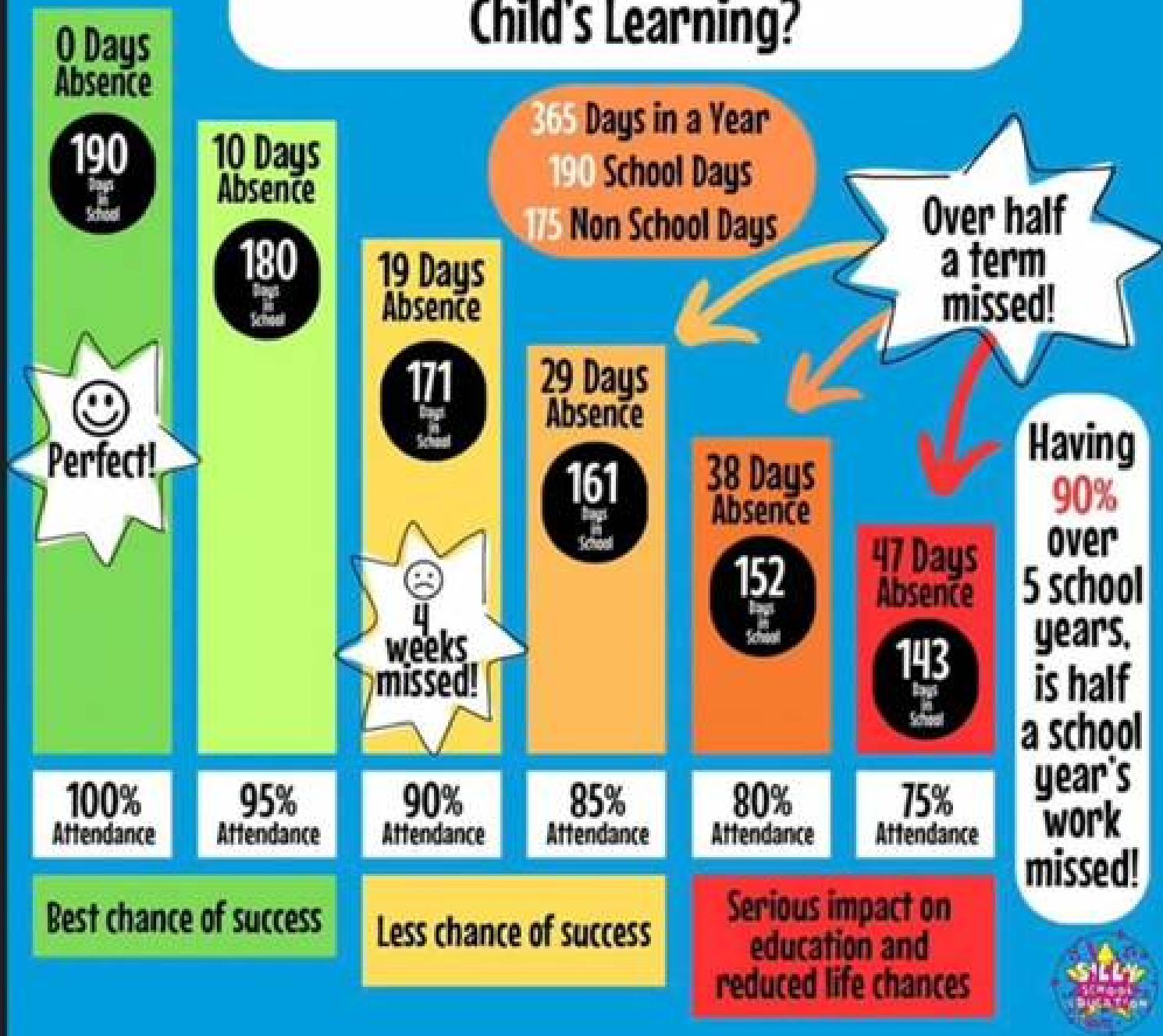
REGULAR ATTENDANCE MEANS PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE

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.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



St Francis - 96.1%

St Martin - 89.6%

St Teresa - 95.2%

St Bernadette - 93.9%

St Paul - 90.9%

St Richard - 95.0%

St Cecilia - 90.9%

Well done St Francis!



READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE AT ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Be Ready to learn:



Be on time

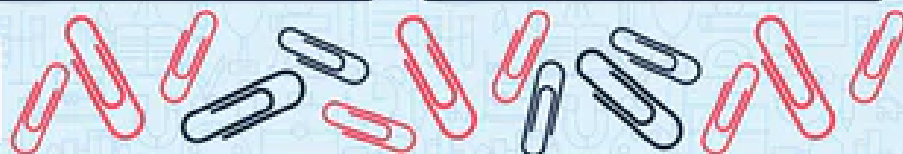


**Have all my
equipment**



**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**



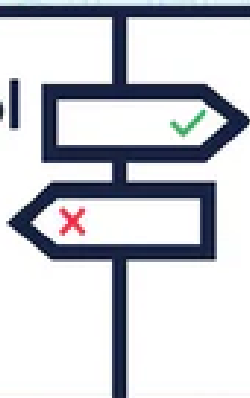
Be Safe:



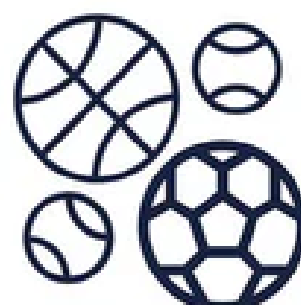
Be polite to all others



**Follow school
rules for
health
and safety**



**Play safely
at break
and lunch
times**





STAR OF THE WEEK

St Teresa - Ben and Amber

St Francis - Jennifer and Vince

St Paul - Archie and Matilda

St Cecilia - Ryan and Frankie

St Martin - Ava-Rose and Delilah

St Bernadette - Ethan and Amelia V

St Richard - Maya and Kirstie

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



Dates List

1st December	Non-Uniform Day - Bring in a raffle prize
7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
8th December	PJ and Film afternoon - £2 per child
8th December	St Cecilia Class singing carols at Wellington Grange care home
12th December	Christmas Service at St Paul's
13th December	Christmas Fair after school
14th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch - Book by end of November
15th December	Last day of term
w/c 18th December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
w/c 25th December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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.

2nd January	INSET Day
3rd January	First day of Spring term
8th February	Valentine's Disco
8th February	Year 4 Weald and Downland Trip
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