

# ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023 - 7

## MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON




Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly feeling the Christmas spirit here at St Joseph's. We have been lucky enough to have some fantastic experiences over the past few weeks. We started advent off with a worship by Mr Talbot, the CEO of DCAT, who talked to us all about achieving our full potential. Zena and Paul started out Posada off - the nativity scene is visiting each class. Bishop Luffa pupils came in on Monday to run their Christmas Roadshow assembly which involved some rather festive dancing! Kate, from the Children's Society, came in to talk to us about Christingles. Practices for the Christmas service on Tuesday 12th December are well and truly underway. All parents are welcome to join us at St Paul's Church for a 9.30 start.

As we look forward to the new year, we are busy behind the scenes organising new clubs, planning trips, and creating engaging learning experiences as part of our new learning journeys. If you have time available to help in school, we always appreciate volunteers. Whether it is an hour a week or more, please do get in touch if you can help. We will need to arrange a DBS check as part of our safeguarding policy.

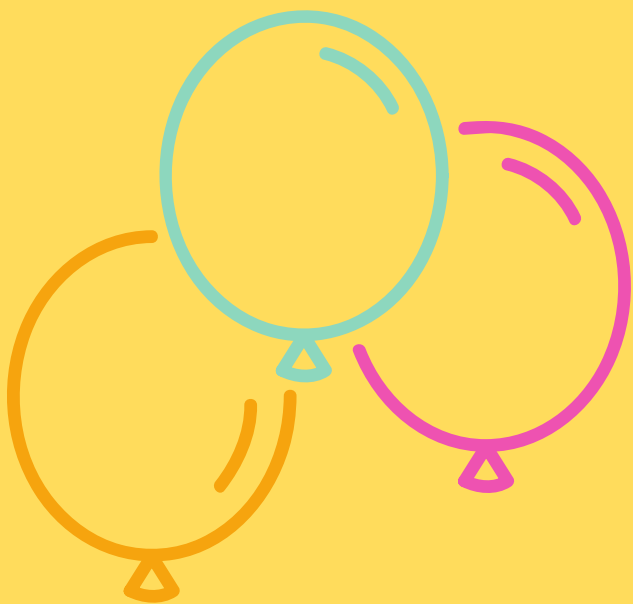
If you need to talk to a member of staff, then please get in touch with us via the office, or catch me on the gate if you need a chat - I try to be on the gate as much as possible.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Koiston



## Celebrations

Has your child achieved a swimming badge? Maybe they earned a new badge at brownies or cubs? Have they achieved something that needs celebrating? Please encourage them to bring in their certificates or photos on Fridays to share in our celebration worship.





# **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**





# Christmas Holiday Homework

**You have been working so hard this term. It's time to take a break, sit back, and enjoy a few weeks on holiday!**

**Here are some things we hope you manage to tick off:**

- Watch a Christmas film with your family.
- Make snowflakes out of paper and put them up in your window.
- Sing your favourite Christmas song really loudly.
- Feed the birds in your garden or local park (they can't find much food this time of year).
- Wear your pyjamas all day!
- Make something (like a monster or an ocean) out of discarded wrapping paper.
- Help your family to cook a delicious meal.
- Make a den out of duvets and blankets.
- Stay up late telling spooky stories or silly jokes.
- Make a paper chain with a friend or your family.
- Go on a hunt around your local area to find the best Christmas lights or decorations.
- Have a warming hot chocolate or put on cosy socks when you come in from the cold.
- Make a New Year's resolution on New Year's Eve.

## 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

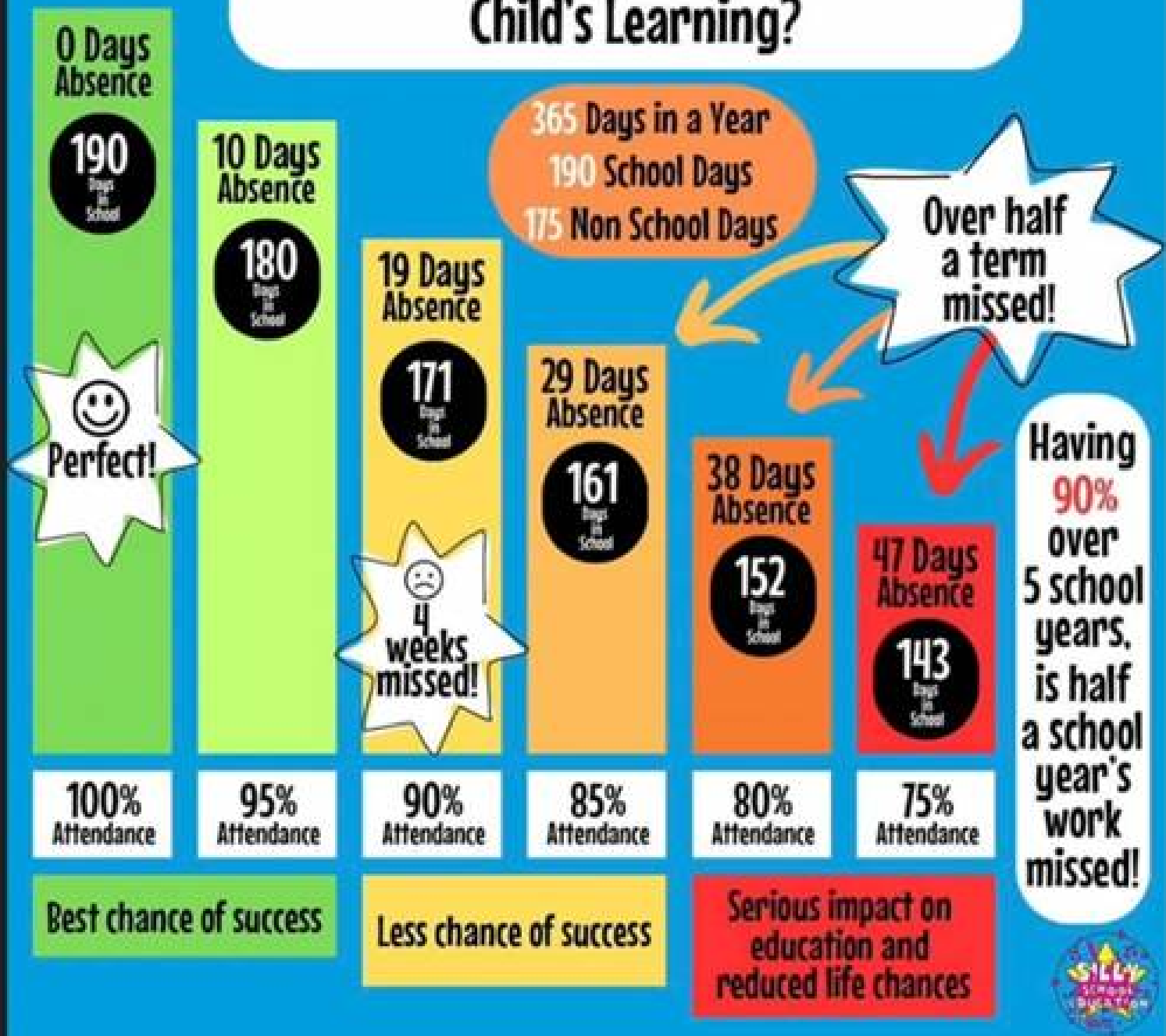
## REGULAR ATTENDANCE MEANS PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE

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 - 95.6  
 St Teresa - 94.7%  
 St Paul - 91.7%  
 St Cecilia - 90.7%

St Martin - 89%  
 St Bernadette - 96.7%  
 St Richard - 91.7%

**Well done St Bernadette!**



Well done to Anthonio in Year 4. He joined the 'Tomorrow's Orchestra' programme last year. Last weekend, he performed in the West Sussex Music Winter Concert at Worthing Assembly Hall. He has completed a year of instrumental lessons and taken part in weekly orchestra rehearsals. See the flyer below for details on how to sign up.



Starting JANUARY 2024!

Back for another year the incredible  
**TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME**

Free group lessons on orchestral instruments for  
children aged 7 - 11

✓ Free for term one

✓ Free Instrument hire

✓ Play in an orchestra



**BOGNOR REGIS**  
Thursdays

**CHICHESTER**  
Saturdays

**HORSHAM**  
Saturdays

**WORTHING**  
Fridays



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

## Be Ready to learn:



**Be on time**

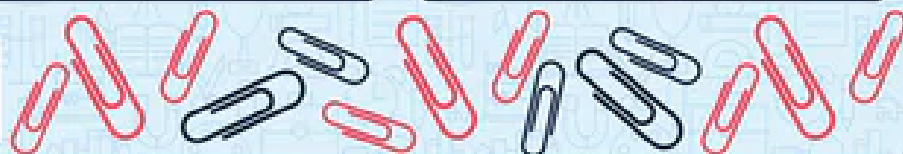


**Have all my  
equipment**



**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**



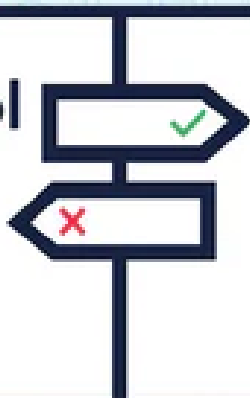
## Be Safe:



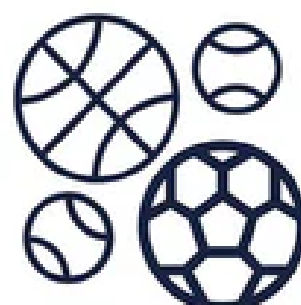
**Be polite to all others**



**Follow school  
rules for  
health  
and safety**



**Play safely  
at break  
and lunch  
times**



# Dates List

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