

ST JOSEPH'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON



Dear Families,

Welcome back!

Welcome to the new term, albeit a bit of wet and cold start. I would like to welcome the new children and their families to our school.

Please remember to send your child to school with hats and gloves as well as a warm coat when the weather is particularly cold.

Please can I remind you that parking in Orchard Gardens is discouraged. We sadly had a very near miss again this week when a large car reversed into the gate area and nearly knocked a parent pushing a pram over. We liaise with the traffic wardens and ask that they visit as often as possible. Contact the school office to get a parking permit for Northgate Car Park.

We have trips coming up to the O2 in London for Young Voices, the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum and to a Holocaust Memorial Day Event. Please ensure you pay on parent pay to avoid us having to cancel the trip. If you have difficulties, please get in touch with the office.

As always, if you have any worries, concerns, or queries please contact the school and a member of the leadership team will get back to you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Koiston

Epiphany Service



We welcomed Kate Henwood, Diocesan Ambassador for the Children's Society in this week to lead an Epiphany and Christingle Worship with Father Paul and Zena. The children loved it and were able to articulate their understanding of the Epiphany message.



Forest School



We had a cold but dry day at our first "Island Invaders" session this week with year 3/4 children. They immersed themselves into the Anglo-Saxon topic. They made up their Anglo-Saxon name, got creative making elaborate jewellery from natural materials, were hands on with the clay crafts and learnt how to keep their little fires alight! Each week they'll be learning something new about Anglo-Saxon life.



Sawing!



Making friendship bracelets

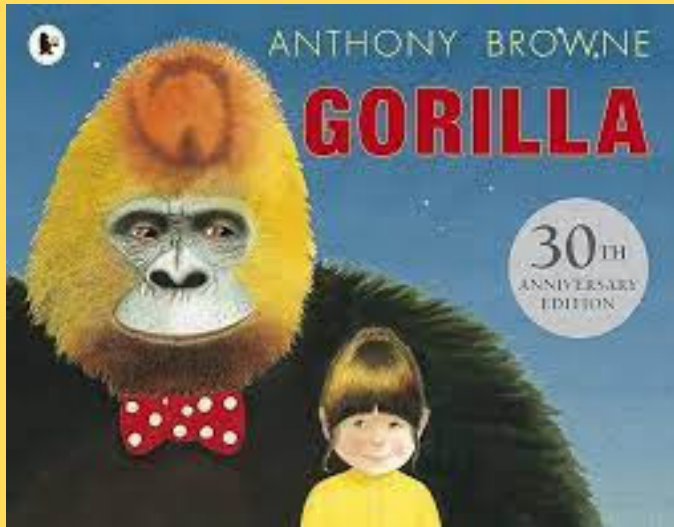


Anglo-Saxon clay jewellery

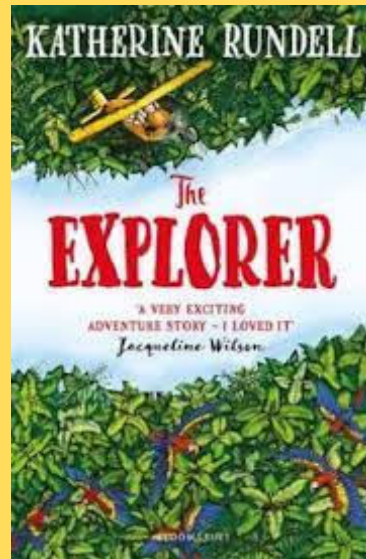
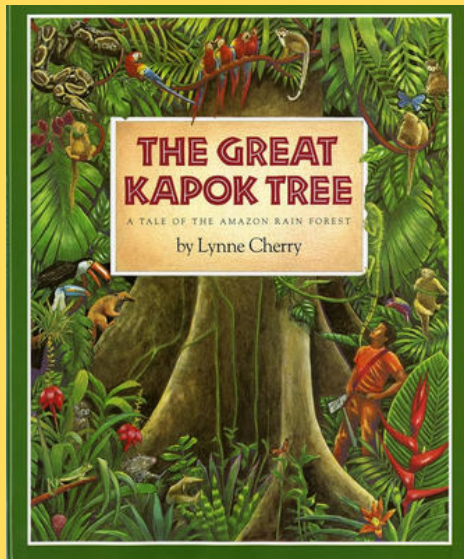


Natural jewellery making

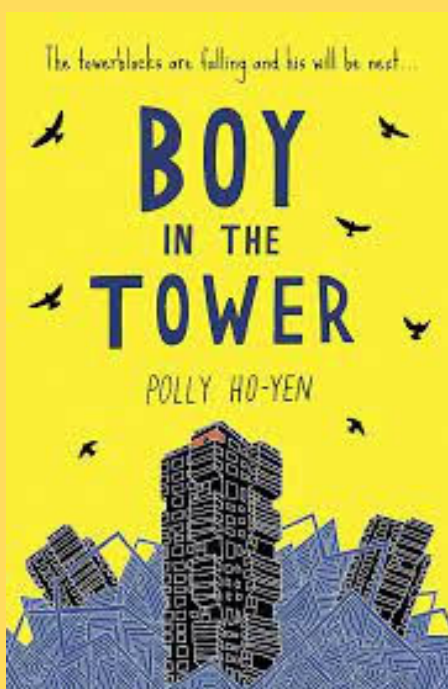
What books are studying at the moment?




In Year 3/4 we are reading the book Gorilla by Anthony Browne. We are planning and writing our own adventure stories.



In Year 5 we have been reading The Great kapok Tree and have just started The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. We have created some amazing writing inspired by the rainforest.

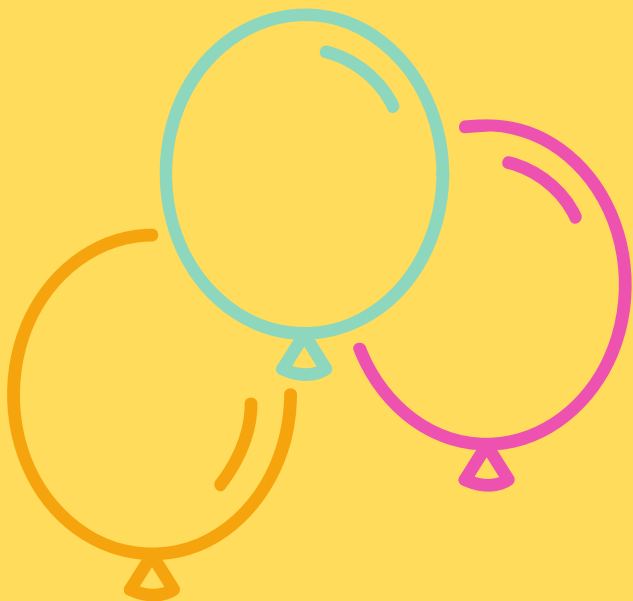


In Year 6 we are studying dystopian literature. We are reading The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen. We have created some fantastic pieces of writing by imagining that we are looking down, like a bird flying high.



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.



CSO Chichester Symphony Orchestra



Waltz

March

Sabre Dance

Mambo

Dumba

Tango

Family Concert



Rhythm



*Music from Lord of The Rings. Sleeping Beauty.
Carnival of The Animals and much more*

Sunday 28th January 3PM

Bishop Luffa School, Chichester

Adults £12, Under 16 £2

Tickets on the door, from ticketsource.co.uk
or thenovium.org/boxoffice

Conductor: Simon Eggleston

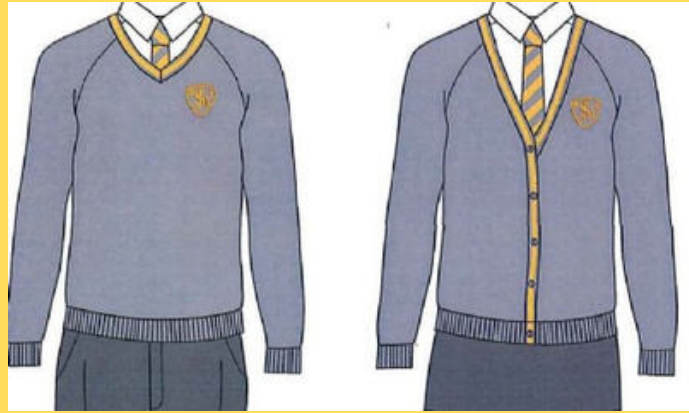
Leader: Natalia Corralosa

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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

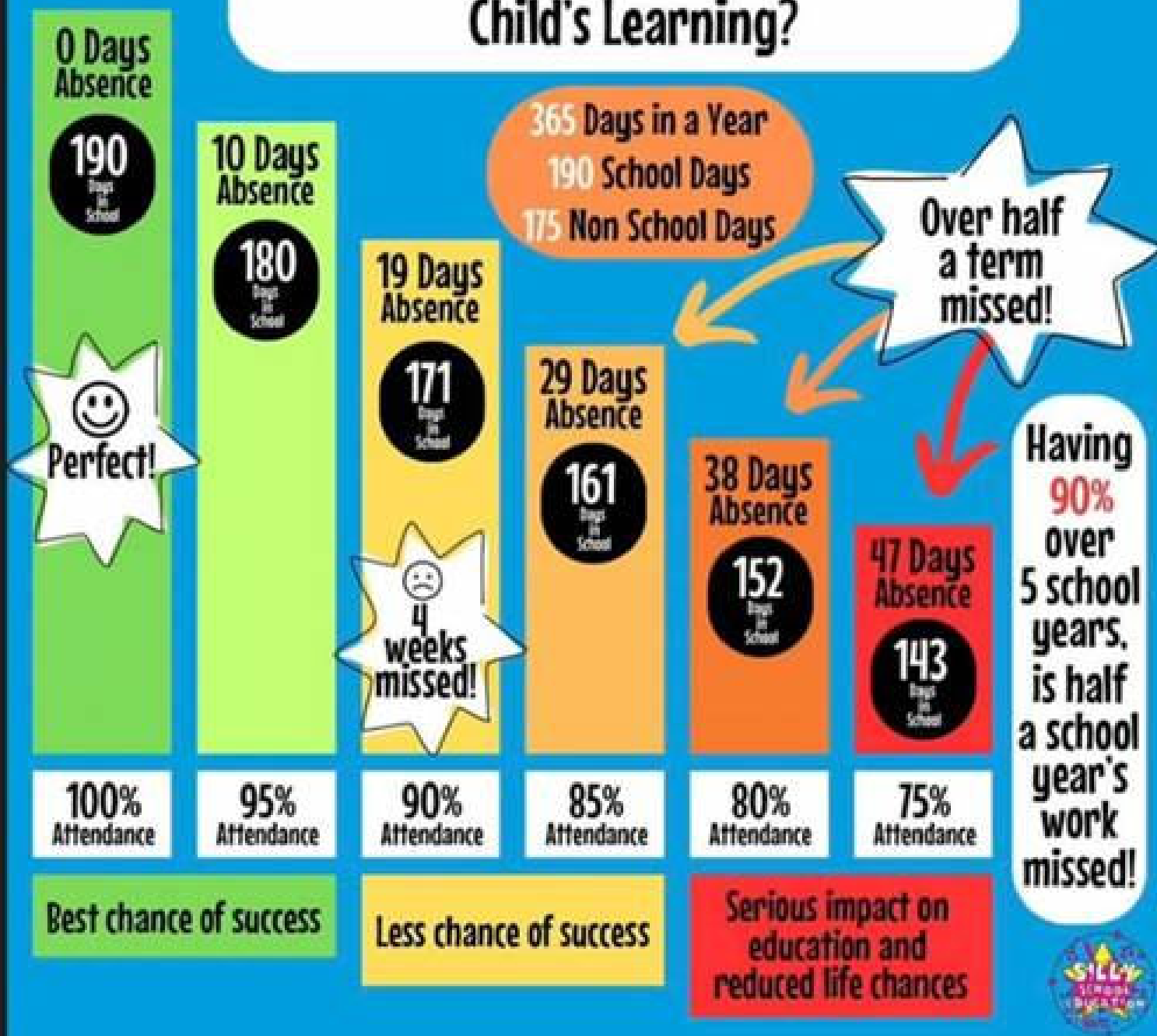
REGULAR ATTENDANCE MEANS PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE

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?



Wisdom - 94.6%
 Joy - 94.0%
 Peace - 94.4%
 St Cecilia - 93.6%

St Martin - 90.0%
 St Bernadette - 95.7%
 St Richard - 96.8%

Well done,
 St Richard!



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

Be Ready to learn:



Be on time

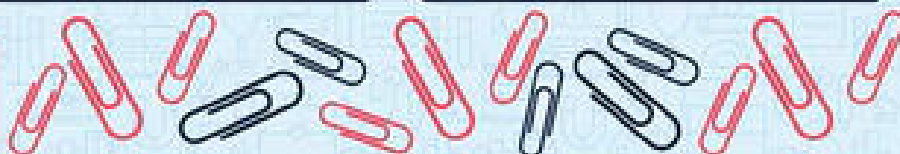


**Have all my
equipment**



**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**



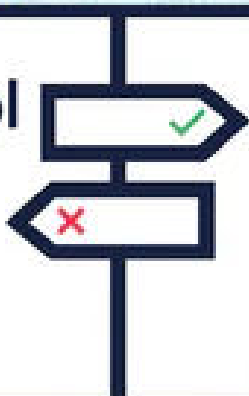
Be Safe:



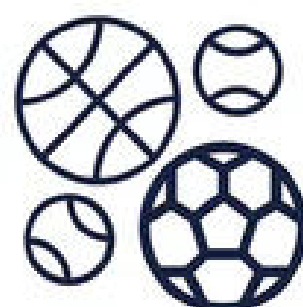
Be polite to all others



**Follow school
rules for
health
and safety**



**Play safely
at break
and lunch
times**



26th January	Fantastic Fred Day and Yr 6 Anne Frank New Park Cinema film for Holocaust Memorial Day
8th February	Valentine's Disco
8th February	Y3/4 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
7th March	World Book Day
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
26th June	1.15 - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral – Parents welcome
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