



4th March 2024

## MESSAGE FROM MRS KOISTON

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are more than half-way through the school year already?...Time has certainly flown! The St Joseph's school community has a very busy time coming up – World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Y3/4 Through the Ages Day and school photos - all ending with an Easter Service at school. I think the next few weeks are going to fly by as well!

We welcomed our Year 6 parents in last week for our SATS meeting. It was great to see parents there finding all about the SATS process and how best they can support their children at home. This week we are welcoming you into school on Wednesday 6th March between 3.30 and 4.30 to come and look at your child's work. Please enter the school through the Orchard Gardens gates, via the hall, and through to your child's classroom. Teachers will be there to welcome you. If you need to make an appointment to speak to the teacher about any issues or to get a more in-depth update, then please contact the office to make an appointment for another day.

Lastly, Friday was secondary school offer day for our Year 6s, and they found out where they will be moving on to in their next step in education. We really hope everybody got the news they were hoping for.

Kind regards,

Mrs Koiston

We went on a Waterstones trip to spend our book tokens!



## Reminders

Please do not swear, smoke, or use aggressive language in the school grounds. This includes the car park by the nursery. Unfortunately, we have had complaints about the language that some parents are using.

Please also remember that parking on the yellow lines and zigzags outside of school is not permitted. We are now logging the details of the cars that park illegally and put children at risk. We are sending these to the Highways Agency each day.



Please report illegal parking here:  
<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/reportaparkingproblem.>

# DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY

QR code sticker  
goes here

SCAN HERE TO DONATE

## WHAT?

Wear red for Red Nose Day and bring in  
a £2 donation!

## WHEN?

Friday 15th March

## WHERE?

St Joseph's CE Junior School

Get more posters at [comicrelief.com/downloads](https://comicrelief.com/downloads)



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Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief, operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (236528) and Scotland (SC038733) and company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (01606414), registered address: 4th Floor, The White Chapel Building, 10 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 1EG.



FRIDAY 15 MARCH

# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for  
20 minutes a day...



Will have a world of  
imagination & creativity  
opened to them



Will be exposed to 1.8  
million words a year



Will have better  
general knowledge



Will improve critical  
thinking skills



Will improve their  
communication skills



Will have a broad  
vocabulary



Will have reduced  
stress levels



Will learn how to  
develop empathy



Will improve their test  
results



# Design a National Book Token Competition 2024

NATIONAL  
**BOOK**  
tokens

Welcome back to the **DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN** competition, the annual nationwide contest that encourages children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards!

The winning entrants can bag **HUNDREDS** of pounds worth of **National Book Tokens** for their schools – including, for the overall winner, a **£10/€12 National Book Token** in their winning design for every child in their class!

This year's theme is **Read Your Way**. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them, and what it can look like for others – see our tips below for starting conversations about this in class.

**TO ENTER**, children should design a National Book Tokens gift card with this theme in mind – and thinking about what might make their gift card appeal to customers if it was on display in a real shop.



## ONE OVERALL WINNER

will get a **£10/€12** gift card in their design for every child in their class,\* and the opportunity for their class to visit a real bookshop, virtually or in person, to spend their National Book Tokens

## FIRST PRIZE

in each age range wins:

- **£350/€400** National Book Tokens for the school
- **£100/€115** National Book Tokens for the pupil

## SECOND PRIZE

in each age range wins:

- **£200/€230** National Book Tokens for the school
- **£50/€60** National Book Tokens for the pupil

\*Up to 35 gift cards; see terms and conditions for home-schooled students

## HOW TO ENTER

Visit [worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-nbt](https://worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-nbt) for full details and to download the entry form



Closing date  
for entries is  
Sunday 7th  
April 2024

# Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



## Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

## What if I/my child...

### ....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

### .... doesn't like dressing up?

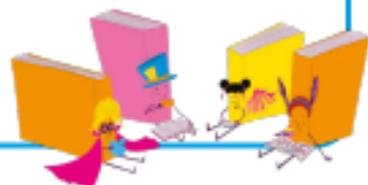
Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

### ... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

### ....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support  
your child  
to read for  
pleasure...

Listen to books  
being read aloud

Take books home  
to read



Choose the  
books YOU  
want to read

**Find your reading  
superpower**

Ask for ideas on  
what to read next



Make time to read

Have fun reading!

## PTA or Class Rep Member?

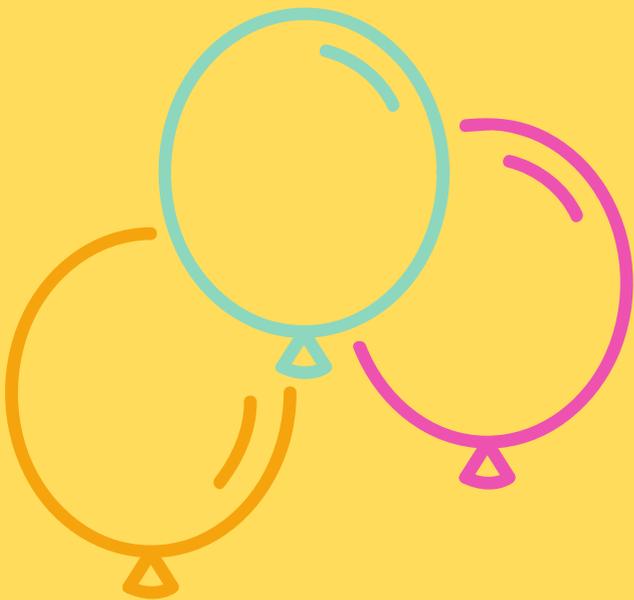
Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.



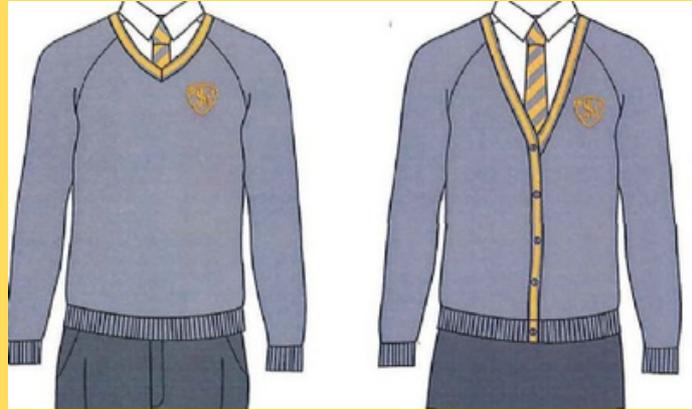
## Celebrations

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.



## 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.

# Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

## Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

### Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

**94.7%**



## Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are  
**365 DAYS**  
in a calendar year

**175 DAYS**  
are **NOT**  
spent at school





# 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



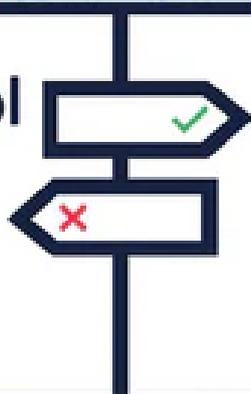
## Be Safe:



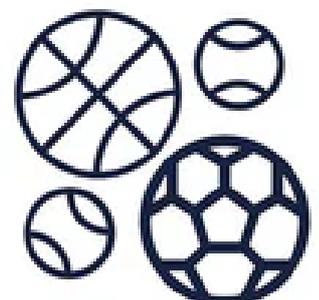
Be polite to all others



Follow school  
rules for  
health  
and safety



Play safely  
at break  
and lunch  
times



7th March	World Book Day
15th March	Red Nose Day
26th March	Y3/4 Through the Ages 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
4th July	DCAT Enrich at Hurstpierpoint College
9th July	Summer Disco
12th July	End of Year Reports out to parents
16th July	Y6 Leavers Service at St Paul's Church – Y6 families welcome
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