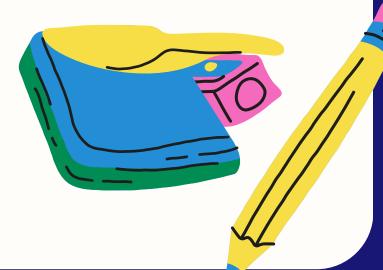


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



09.02.24

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to the children this half-term - they are incredible and I couldn't be prouder to be their Headteacher. Visitors to the school highly praise the children's manners and behaviour. It has been wonderful to see all the amazing learning and enrichment over the last six weeks: Forest School, Egyptian Day, cookery workshops, enrichment time and our amazing Space Camp for Year 2. Thank you to all the staff who stayed overnight - the children did us all proud! For our whole school spirituality theme, we are focusing on 'Ubuntu' - a South African phrase that means humanity to others. We have explored the importance of teamwork, helping others, giving compliments to others and ourselves.

Congratulations to Ms Wright and her partner, on the safe arrival of a healthy and gorgeous girl, Olivia Grace. We are thankful for all new babies and pray for any expectant mothers at this time.

This week, we have marked children's mental health week in school. We use our Stormbreak programme, to improve children's mental health through movement, equipping them with sustainable and transferrable skills and coping strategies to thrive. On Tuesday, we marked Internet Safety Day in school with the children, learning about the benefits of technology and also how to keep safe online. Please read our monthly e-safety newsletters for guidance on helping your child to use online platforms safely. During our assemblies and lessons on e-safety this term, the children have discussed the aspects of being online that they enjoy: Games with friends they know, competing on games, talking to family and friends online. The children also raised the following as issues they come across that are negative: getting angry on games such as Fortnight, not coming off games when parents ask them, shouting at friends, saying unkind things online, playing with other children online they have never met in person, seeing inappropriate adverts or scary adverts that pop up online. You can support your child by:

- Having them use their devices in shared areas of the home
- Restricting time on devices
- Putting parental locks on devices
- Talking to your child about what they like to play online.
- Checking that they are using age-appropriate platforms peer pressure is huge, but Tiktok, Whatsapp and Facebook are not for primary aged children.
- Remember anything is searchable or discoverable on Youtube.
- Being mindful of the media you are using around your child.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for keeping up with all the school events and supporting all our initiatives. We know the pressures families are under and that life is demanding. We appreciate all your support and help. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half-term. God bless,

Elizabeth Rippon

We are all God's children and will try to live, love, work and serve as Jesus taught us.

Voting has started!

The voting has started for our Phiz Lab in local Tesco stores! Please help us secure funding from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme by voting in store for our science lab. The funding will help us to buy essential equipment for our science lab to further the learning opportunities for our children. If you shopping in any of the Tesco stores listed below, please pop a blue token into the voting unit for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Phiz Lab. Thank you for your support.

- Lymington High Street SO419AP
- New Milton BH25 6BP
- Lymington South Street SO41 8GN
- Lyndhurst Express SO43 7BH
- Brockenhurst Express SO42 7RB
- Old Milton Road Express BH25 6DN
- 5381 Highcliffe Express BH23 5HD

Lunch ordering



Please note that the deadline for ordering school lunches for the week following the February half term is Monday 12th February.

Please do order in plenty of time as Forerunner are not able to add any orders after the deadline.

If you haven't yet signed up to Forerunner and would like your child to have hot lunches, please book on the Forerunner portal:

Parent Portal (myschoolmealorders.com)

Year 1 steps into nature

Year 1 enjoyed another lovely session at Forest School this week! We worked with our Forest School Leader Stephanie to use sticks to build a structure for our dens and learned how to join large sticks together! Everybody worked together nicely and we all liked hiding in our finished dens as well!

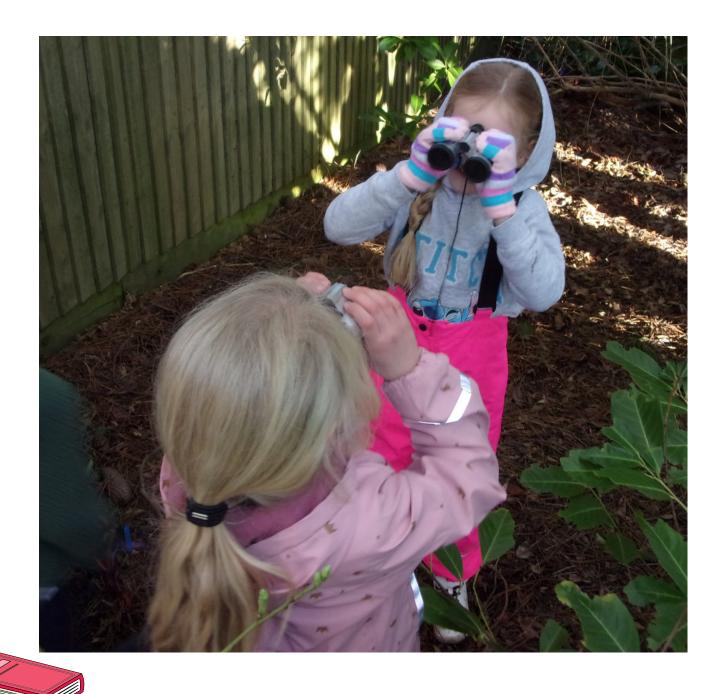




Year 2 is out of this world!

Year 2 have been learning about Neil Armstrong and his epic trip to the moon in 1969. They used research to find out about this extraordinary man and created a biography about this American astronaut. They also learnt who he travelled with in the space capsule.

They also thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions held on the school grounds and learning about minibeasts, creating waterproof shelters and exploring the colours in nature at the moment. We all thoroughly enjoyed Space Camp held last night at school. Well done Year 2!

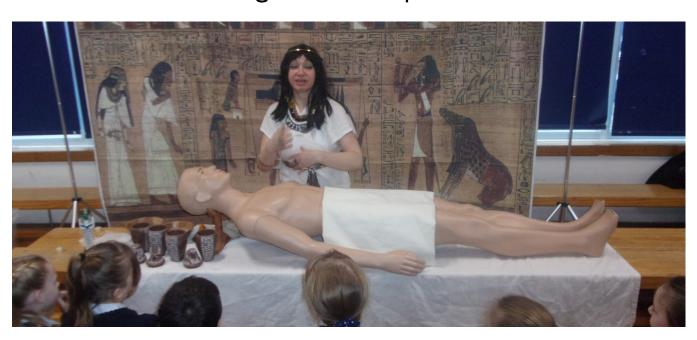


Loving our school library!

The children love using the library and taking books home. Please ensure your child is looking after the books at home and you are reading with them. It was lovely to see parents choosing books from the library with their children. After half-term, we will be opening the library to parents to choose books with their children every Monday from 3pm. This is open to all classes. Children must bring their library books back before taking new ones home.

Bringing history to life

Wow what a great Ancient Egypt day Year 3 had with Anubis (aka Jo) from the Primary History Workshop company! From the very moment our children entered the first session to the final session where they heard the story of the 'Curse of the Pharaohs' they were engaged, enthralled and excited to learn more. The day was very interactive, one that they will remember forever and has really brought their learning to life. They investigated ancient artefacts, examined photos of archaeological sites, they were archaeologists on a dig sorting artefacts based on chronology, hieroglyphs were deciphered to find out about different jobs in the ancient Egyptian society and the children produced some wonderful art work using ancient reed pens and ink.



Inter Schools Science Quiz

Last week we took three teams of children from Years 2-6 to Christchurch Junior School to take part in the Inter Schools Science Quiz. The children took part in a written round, a picture round, a kahoot computer round and then a whole school STEM activity making the tallest tower. We are thrilled to announce that we came second overall! Well done to the children for a fantastic effort.





Year 6 music

This term Year 6 have started learning to play the violin with Mrs Collins in music. They have started learning to play the notes D, A, G and E to play along with music. They are taking their violins home to practise. It'll be lovely to hear how far they've come at the end of the term.



SCHOOL & HOME

Navigator Drop-In service



We have been overwhelmed with parents and carers asking for help with their child at home e.g. children's behaviour at home, time management, sleep. Each school in BCP has an Early Help Navigator. Our school navigator is Sabina (pictured right) and she can carry out direct work with parents.

- offering one-to-one parenting support
- running targeted group sessions for families
- support to identify and access services
- supporting the relationship between school and families
- providing drop-in sessions
- delivering parenting programmes

Sabina's next drop-in will be at school on Tuesday 20th February at 9-10.30am. If you would like to book an appointment for a friendly chat please call the school office. There are also weekly Early Help Navigator dropins at Somerford Hub every Friday 9.00-11.00am for anyone to access.

We can also refer parents to this service, so if you need support, please email us with details and we can send the referral. Alternatively, please access the support for families at Somerford Hub. They are running lots of programmes and can signpost you.

What is a school navigator?

BCP Council navigators work in partnership with schools to support you and your child to achieve their best outcomes.

Your school has a dedicated navigator who you can contact direct, via your school, or be referred to from the school or other agencies. The navigator can signpost to additional services.

What services do navigators offer?

- direct working with children at school
- delivering parenting programmes
- offering one-to-one parenting support
- running targeted group sessions for families
- support to identify and access services
- supporting the relationship between school and families
- providing drop-in sessions



What support do navigators offer?

School navigators are here to provide children, young people and families with personalised support to individual situations. This can include emotional, behavioural and mentoring support and can be offered as follows:

Parenting programmes:

Navigators deliver a range of free parenting programmes, delivered in your child's school and at local family hubs. Your navigator will enrol you on the appropriate parenting programme, which will usually be in group sessions. If you are unsure who your school navigator is then please speak to your school's pastoral care team.

Programmes specifically for children and young people:

Navigators offers one-to-one support and group programmes for children and young people within their school such as 'think bricks' and 'grounded'. Please speak to your school or navigator for further information.

Signposting to additional services:

Navigators can identify your needs, support you with filling out forms and signposting you to specific services relevant to your personal situation.

Targeted sessions:

Targeted sessions can be offered to families, supporting the relationship between school and home. Drop-in sessions are available to your child, or young person, at their school and offer friendly and approachable ways for them to express themselves.



E: earlyhelpnavigator@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

St Joseph's uniform

A reminder that we are holding a uniform sale after school today, Friday 9th February, with our uniform supplier QDOS. Remember to bring along your voucher if your child receives pupil premium. For enquiries about school uniform please contact Dee or Carly on O7774 679472 or email info@qdoschoolwear.co.uk

We also have our very own second hand uniform shop on the Uniformd platform (pictured right) where we sell good quality pre-owned uniform with all funds raised going directly back to the school. We are adding items regularly so please keep checking back. Please visit the Uniformd shop here: <u>Uniformd</u> Simply browse our shop for the uniform you need, make a purchase and receive your pickup information.

PTA news - class fundraising

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20th February at 6pm. This is to vote in the new committee. If you would like to put yourself forward or vote for another person, please submit a nomination form and come along to the event.

As a new initiative this year, the PTA would like to invite all classes to run their own fundraising events. We will soon be releasing the dates that each class can run their event. The class that raises the most money will win a mufti and movie day for their children's class! The money raised for each class can go towards equipment or an enrichment activity for that class.

Fixed Penalty Notice

Under the guidance of BCP, all unauthorised holidays and absences taken during term time will now result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. This will take effect from Monday 19th February 2024. The fine is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice; rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Please see more about our attendance policy on our website, under the heading 'Attendance'. It is very important to let the school know if you are taking your child out of school to help us to safeguard your child. Please keep the school updated with any changes to your home address or phone number so that we have the most up-to-date information on our system in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please let the school office know if you have moved house or changed phone number.



Tackling plastic waste

We are delighted to announce that we are now a Plastic Clever School! By joining the Plastic Clever Schools programme we are working towards reducing single waste plastics together. Each stage in the programme will involve completing tasks and evidencing our efforts to achieve awards. We are planning a plastic bottle litter pick. We will keep you updated with our progress!



A reminder that safeguarding children and young people is everyone's responsibility. St Joseph's continues to safeguard all children in our care but if you have any concerns about a child or young person, please contact BCP social care MASH.

Please contact the First response team on: 01202 123 334 or email childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk. The Out of Hours team can be contacted on 01202 738 256.

E-Safety - parent guides

As always, we have a wonderful resource of e-safety parent newsletters on our website to help provide parents with the most current issues surrounding online safety which will ultimately keep our children safe. They are updated monthly so please continue to check the website. Please visit our <u>E-Safety</u> page on our website.

Starlight Club - prices

Please note, from Monday 19th February, we will be increasing our prices slightly by 50p for a half session and £1 for a full session. This is to cover our staffing costs, food, resources and energy prices for the club. We do our best to keep the cost low for families but we also have to make sure the club is sustainable. Any bookings made before this date will be charged at the current price.

To book a place at our Starlight Club please book via Magic Booking: https://stjosephs.magicbooking.co.uk/

Cost of living support

If your child is pupil premium eligible, you will have received the Wonde food vouchers for the February half term. If you think you may be eligible and would like to apply for free school meals, please contact the school office. Just as importantly, there is as always other support available for Cost of Living issues including the attached and below;

- https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/costofliving
- Household Support Grants administered through Citizen's Advice BCP - Next round of applications open Monday 15 January until Friday 9 February 2024

Household Support Fund - Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole (citizensadvicebcp.org.uk)

• Ridgewater Energy provides advice and assistance to any of our residents in fuel poverty. They can assess your eligibility for various schemes and grants, and can help you with expert energy saving advice to help lower your energy bills, insulation grants and free energy saving products. Home Ridgewater Energy

Warm welcome spaces - Find friendly, welcome spaces in your local community where you can meet others, take part in activities, get a warm drink or meal, find out about cost of living support services or spend some quiet time away from your home. We have produced a map of local welcome spaces, including places of worship, community centres, libraries and cafes. https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/costofliving

Reminders 200



A reminder to all parents that if you need to talk to your child's teacher, please email the school office with this request and the reason for meeting. For morning messages please email the school office rather than given verbally. We are trying to reduce the amount of message taking on the gate so that we can focus on the children coming into school.

SCHOOL - IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Back to school	Monday 19th February
Navigator Drop-In Service (by appointment)	Tuesday 20th February
PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Tuesday 20th February, 6pm
Year 3 Class Assembly	Friday 23rd February, 2.30pm
Year 6 Upton Country Park trip	Monday 26th February - all day
Year 5 Upton Country Park trip	Tuesday 27th February - all day
Year 1 Class Assembly - parents invited	Friday 1st March, 2.30pm
Year 6 Bikeability Level 3	Tues 5th March, Wed 6th March, Thurs 7th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
STEM Online Event for Year 5	Thursday 7th March
Fair Play Tag Rugby Festival at Chapel Gate – Years 3&4	Thursday 7th March, 10am
Outdoor Activities Day at Moors Valley – Years 5&6	Monday 11th March
British Science Week	Monday 11th - Friday 15th March
Science Fair	Wednesday 13th March
Science Dome in school to celebrate Science Week	Thursday 14th March
Fraser Portraits - class photos	Friday 15th March
Parents' Evening	Monday 18th March, 3.30pm-6pm
Navigator Drop-In Service (by appointment)	Monday 18th March, 3.30pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 20th March, 3.30pm-6pm
Fair Play Tag Rugby Festival at Chapel Gate – Years 3&4	Thursday 21st March, 10am
Rocksteady Concert - parents invited	Thursday 21st March, 9.45am
Inset Day	Friday 22nd March
Easter Holiday	Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

INSET Days 2023-24

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

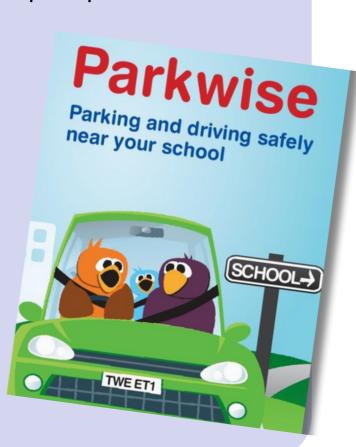
Our Parkwise Promise

At St Joseph's we are passionate about creating a safer environment outside our school, so we are delighted to announce that we have signed up to the Parkwise Promise, an initiative by BCP to reduce congestion around our school and help to make the roads safer for our children.

Together with our parents we want to work towards reducing congestion around the school and encouraging considerate parking at drop off and pick up times.

Attached to this newsletter are leaflets explaining the Parkwise Promise. Please read them carefully and if you would like to support the scheme please complete the paper form which will be coming home with your child soon.

We hope that you will join us in supporting this wonderful scheme, ultimately making the roads safer for our children.



Parish Centre for hire

Are you looking for a great venue to hold an event? The Parish Centre is available mostly at weekends at a great price of £17 per hour. The Parish Centre offers three great halls, a well equipped kitchen and a large enclosed garden.

To book either contact the Parish Centre by phone on O12O2 48334O or by email at bookings@icsj.org.uk

Please see the link below for leaflets with more information.

Parish Centre – Avon Stour Pastoral Area



financial Wellbeing

Are you worried about money? Or support someone who is worried about money? There is a free session with Stacey Miller at Highcliffe St Mark Primary open to everyone, covering managing worries, how to have difficult conversations about money and where to go for help.

When: Wed 20th March 2024

Time: 5.30pm-6.30pm

Where: KS2 Hall (via playground gate), Highcliffe St Mark Primary School, Greenways, Christchurch, BH23 5AZ. No booking required. For more information please email:

stacey.miller@citizensadvicebcp.org.uk

Parentline service

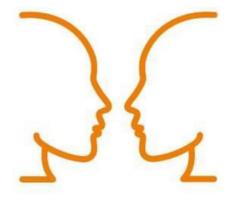
ParentLine is a confidential text messaging service run by NHS Dorset Healthcare, providing parents and carers of 5-19 year olds in Dorset a way to seek advice from our school nursing team about their child's health and development via text message.

Parents and carers can seek advice via the 5-19 ParentLine service from 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday (excluding weekends, bank holidays and school holidays), with a member of the School Nursing team responding to messages within one working day.

The service is currently running term time only. For confidential advice message: 07312 263131.

You and your teen





FREE

Would you like to improve communication and understanding between you and your teen?

This course has four sessions that you and your teen attend together. The sessions are delivered online via zoom by Jane Keyworth from FACE.

Part 1 - Sat 2 March 10:00 -12:00 OR Sun 3 March 14:30 - 16:30

Part 2 - Sat 9 March 10:00 -12:00 OR Sun 10 March 14:30 - 16:30

Part 3 - Sat 16 March 10:00 -12:00 OR Sun 17 March 14:30 - 16:30

Part 4 - Sat 23 March10:00 -12:00 OR Sun 24 March 14:30 - 16:30

for application form or more info email Jane at info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

COMMUNITY



Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity sessions

An introduction to autism and neurodiversity for parents course will provide parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people. The session will be be delivered by Linwood Training Support and Advice for parents and carers in BCP. There is no diagnosis necessary nor a charge to attend. One or two spaces per family available. To book email <u>jackiehorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk</u>. Session dates are as follows:

Date	Start time	Finish time (approx)	Venue name and address
Tuesday 5th March 2024	9.30am	12pm	Winton Methodist Church Hall, Alma Road, Bournemouth, Dorset
Thursday 21st March 2024	9.30am	12pm	Christchurch Golf Club, Riverside Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset
Friday 3rd May 2024	9.30am	12pm	Somerford Arc, Southey Road, Christchurch
Thursday 23rd May 2024	9.30am	12pm	The Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, BH21 3AP
Thursday 6th June 2024	9.30am	12pm	Oakdale Junior School, 3 School Lane, Poole, BH15 3JR
Monday 8th July 2024	9.30am	12pm	Virtual delivery via Zoom

Watermans Park February Programme



GreenFingers Fri 9 & 23 Feb | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join our friendly volunteer group to enjoy the outdoors and get involved in practical conservation in your local park. No prior experience needed.

Meet at the park entrance.

Volunteering activity



Nest Helpers Fri 16 Feb | 2pm - 3.30pm

Come and help the birds out this year by building a nest helper to take home which will help provide valuable nesting materials for your local birds over spring.

Meet at the park entrance.

Free event



Scan for park information, including accessibility





To book: parksfoundation.org.uk/events