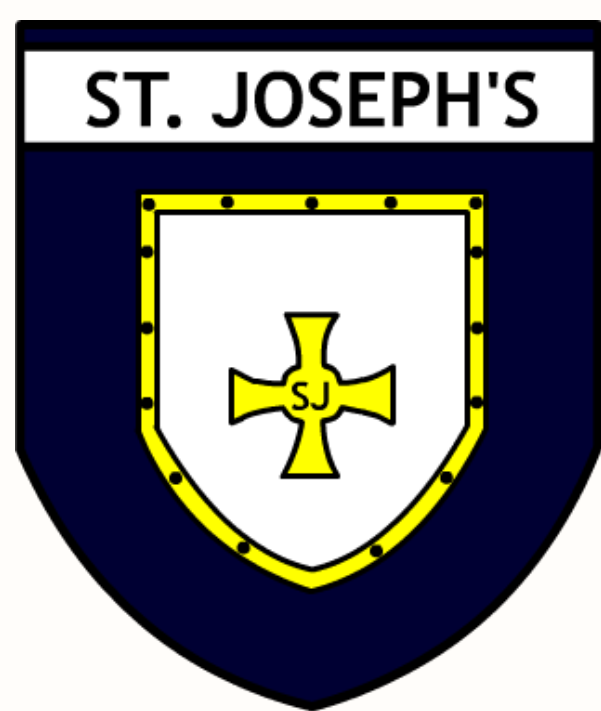
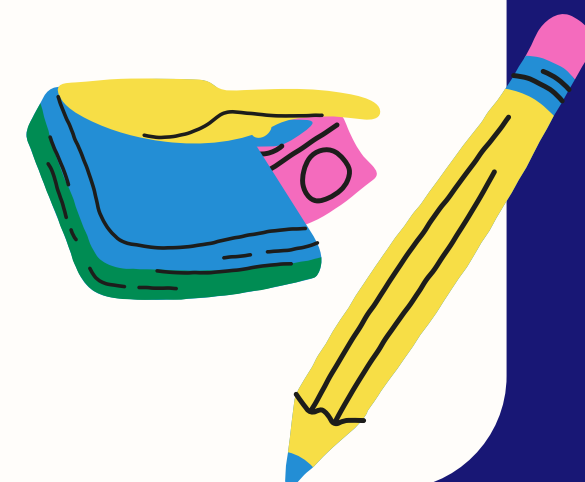




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 2

21.10.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this first half-term, a huge well done to the children for working so hard. We are constantly receiving compliments from outside visitors about the children and staff. We held an Open Evening for prospective parents, and I was extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils who helped by presenting in front of the parents and taking them on a school tour. Following the success of our Open Evening, we will be running another one at 6pm on Monday 21st November for parents of Reception children due to start school in September.

We have had a few concerns from parents recently about incidents in school, that have not been reported to staff. We are encouraging the children to speak to staff about issues that are making them unhappy and to 'Tell any adult in the school'. Please reinforce this with your child at home. Each class has a worry box and the children can put worries in there which can be discussed either anonymously with the class during Circle Time, or individually with the child. We also want to build up the children's resilience and confidence for dealing with friendship problems and worries. If you have a concern about your child, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We have recently updated our Parent Code of Conduct - a copy for you to read, is on our school website via this link: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-josephs-catholic/UploadedDocument/cf86d5e9-7d60-4abe-9a7e-a365cb9ee195/parent-code-of-conduct-2022.pdf>

A reminder that Mrs Crook and Mrs James run a fantastic course to help parents - please contact them via the school office for details of future sessions.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6-7

Wishing you all and the children a wonderful half-term.

God bless,
Elizabeth Rippon
Headteacher



Admissions 2023 Open Evening

We are holding another Open Evening at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for any parents wishing to apply for their child for a place in Reception 2023.

Monday 21st November - 6pm.

To apply for a place, you will need to apply through the Local Authority where you live and importantly, please complete a SIF form, available from the school office.

For more details, please contact the school office.



Catholic Life of Our School

Thank you for all the generous Harvest Donations. The children celebrated Harvest Liturgies in school and we gave thanks for food and the food grown in our school garden.

We had a special visit from CAFOD, who led workshops and contacted us to say,

'The staff are very friendly, helpful and enthusiastic and it is a pleasure to work with them.'

'The children are amazing all the way up. They are full of confidence and share many ideas, thoughts and they are very prayerful.'

The Ducklings were sharing names, birthdays and all sorts of ways in which they felt they and others were special so human dignity was felt strongly and this followed through into years 1 and 2, where they had great ideas for helping the poor, sharing fairly and promoting peace, especially when it was practical in school and family situations.

The older years did well in matching CST principles with situations on the cards and they also had great reflections on wider situations such as the Ukraine war, the drought in East Africa and societal problems such as homelessness.

Well done to all the children and the team!

CAFOD
just one world

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 21st October & Friday 4th November- Youth Club Juniors from 5 - 6:30. For year 4-6, suggested donation £5. Booking essential as places are limited. Email familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk to book.

Sunday 6th November: Family Mass at 9am followed by doughnuts in the hall afterwards - All very welcome.



Safeguarding

A reminder that we have information leaflets on our website for parents regarding e-safety: <https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-1/>

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Curran.
Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Rippon and Mrs Crook
Attendance: Mrs Richards and Ms Lithgow

House Captains

Year 6 House Captains for the year were voted for earlier this half-term. They wrote fantastic speeches before all of Key Stage 2 voted. They have already been fantastic role models and representatives for Year 6, helping at parents' evening and the open evening. The children who were chosen are:

St. Matthew's - Gabby and James
St. Mark's - Jimmy and Annie
St. Luke's - Adam and Indi
St. John's - Mayley and Bradley



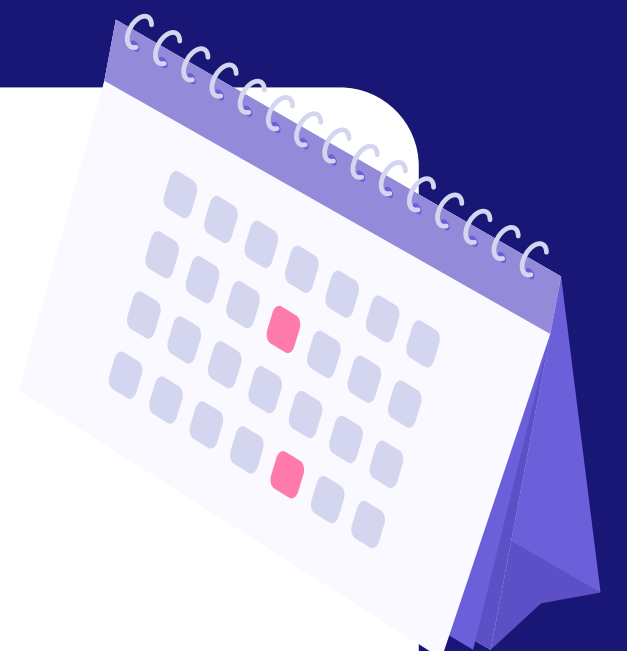
Mini Vinnie Class Reps 22-23

Well done to the children who have been chosen as Mini Vinnies Class Reps this year. We will update you on their work over the year.

Y1 - Oliver and Sumayyah
Y2 - Liam and Emillia
Y3 - Stanley and Eliza
Y4 - Marcus and Skyla
Y5 - Quinn, Amelia and Yafet
Y6 - Emer and Lillianna



Important Dates



Mon 14th – Fri 18th November Anti-bullying week

Tues 15th November - Road safety training

Thurs 24th November - Christmas Disco KS1 4-5pm KS2 5-6pm

Friday 25th November - Individual School Photos

Sun 27th November - Christmas Concert - St Joseph's School Choir (Years 3-6) St Peter's Secondary school.

Fri 2nd December - Christmas Fayre 5-7pm

*Wednesday 7th December - Year 5 & 6 Advent Service at St Joseph's Church 6.30pm

Monday 12th December - 2.00pm - Ducklings Nativity for parents

Tuesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Years 1-4 Nativity

Wednesday 14th December - 2.00pm and 6.00pm - Years 1-4 Nativity

Thursday 15th December - PTA Party Day at School

*Amended Date

After School Clubs

Mondays - Rugby Club - 3.15-4.15. Years 3-6. This club is free!

Tuesdays - Art Club - Years 4-6

Wednesdays - Ballet Years D-2

- Karate Junior Classes 6.15-7.45pm

Thursdays - New Forest Football - 3.15-4.15. Years 2-4



Lunchtime Clubs

Wednesday Lunchtime - Girls' football

Thursday Lunchtime - School Choir - Years 2-6



LEARNING

School Vision

Following the last two years of disruption to education, we have revisited our School Vision and the aims of our curriculum, for the children:



Year 3

Children in Year 3 have been working hard learning column addition using the Base 10 concrete resources we have in class to secure their understanding of exchanging 10 ones for a 10. Great progress is being made and there are lots of happy faces, including Mrs Whyte's. She is very proud of the progress of all Year 3s in maths this half term.

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have had an excellent start to the year and have been working very hard in all of our subjects with Mr Curran, Mrs Wasmuth, Mrs Hougham, Mrs Cain and Miss Smith.

We have started off the school year revising place value, addition and subtraction in Maths. As we discussed at parents evening, times tables are a huge focus for Year 4 and we continue to practice daily in class. We encourage the children to practice at home using whatever method they find suits their style of learning, including Times Table Rockstars. Their individual log ins are at the back of their Maths Homework books.

In Literacy our learning has been linked to the book 'The Last Bear' the story of a lonely girl and a bear who make friends. The children painted a picture of the setting in the book, where the Last Bear and April played. This helped them to write a detailed description and predict what the characters in the book would see and do. During this half term the children researched online and used other materials to find out lots of interesting facts and information about polar bears. This aided the production of their fantastic non-chronological reports about Polar Bears.

In History we have been learning about the Mayans. The Mayans were an ancient race of people that lived in Mesoamerica, now known as Central America. As well as writing about the Mayans, in Art the children drew and painted Mayan Warrior masks. Some children have also taken up the challenge of answering a few questions in their Maths homework in Mayan numbers!

In Science we have been learning about living things and their habitats. The children enjoyed our learning about invertebrates and produced some excellent and colourful information posters. We have looked at our environment and the changes we have made in recent history.

We have just ended our Creation unit in RE, asking the question 'What does it mean that I am made in the image and likeness of God?'. The children have displayed their in-depth spiritual knowledge and produced fantastic work.

It has been a busy seven weeks! Thank you to all of Year 4 for all their hard work and an excellent start to the school year! Happy and safe half term to all children and their families.... have a well earned rest (and perhaps practice times tables!!).

Mr Curran and Mrs Wasmuth



Year 6

As part of their Geography learning on coasts, Year 6 had a brilliant day out at Hengistbury Head.

They walked from school to Mudeford Quay, where they caught the ferry. They looked at different types of erosion and weathering. Year 6 were able to see the different features of coastlines including: stacks, stumps, spits and groynes. They carried out an experiment to see longshore drift in action. After a long walk around Hengistbury Head, Year 6 were very pleased to get the ferry back and be collected from Mudeford Quay.



Maths

All children in Year 2 upwards have a login for TTRS and it is fantastic for practising times tables! The children play games which earns them coins that they can spend in the shop to buy new guitars, new outfits and so on. If your child is unsure of their login, please speak to their class teacher who will be able to assist you.



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



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