



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - NEWSLETTER NO 4 Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parents

Thank you for your continued support this half term. It has been a difficult half term for many reasons. Thank you to all staff for their help and hard work. I hope that you are all able to have a rest over the half term.

As we continue the month of The Rosary the children have been focusing on learning this important prayer. If you have some time over the holiday and would like to pray with your children please see the link below.

[The Holy Rosary](#)

Mental Health Awareness

Thank you for all your support, the children looked fabulous in **yellow!**

We raised **£470.25** for our two charities Young Minds and Headroom.



EY Phonics to Parents

Parents of ALL Early Years children are invited to join us for an introduction to phonics teaching at St Joseph's. This will take place on Tuesday 9th November from 3.20pm to 3.45pm.

We hope to see you there.
Thank you, Mrs Nash

St. Joseph's BOOK WEEK 2021 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

What a fantastic response we've had to our Book Week! Thank you so much to all the parents and pupils for making it such a success. We have all learnt so much about ourselves and each other. We know that many conversations have been had across families – recognising and celebrating our cultural, traditional, ethnic and religious backgrounds. We have found out that about 40% of our families come from cultural backgrounds outside of the UK and there are **42 DIFFERENT** languages spoken across our school family! Thank you to Madame Spiers for gathering this data.

Thank you also for the outstanding support of the BOOK FAIR. We will update you on the amount of money that was spent and based on this figure, the school will receive Scholastic book vouchers to spend on library books and reading books for the children. We hope that your children have enjoyed the week and grown in their knowledge and understanding of our community.

Science Discovery Days

Friday 12th November will see the next in our series of Science Discovery Days. This time the theme is 'Building our future'. The children will move around the school for the day engaging with hands-on activities designed to explore physics and engineering, whilst experiencing awe and wonder.

The children may wear mufti (no uniform) for this day.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Keogh

Parentmail Online Payments

Please note **ALL PAYMENTS** are to be made through Parentmail.

This includes school dinners, uniform, trips, gift aid, tea time club, Hampshire music lessons and holiday play schemes.

- Log on to your account using your email address and password
- Click on the 3 lines on the top left hand corner, this will bring up a menu
- For School Dinners, select the "Accounts" option
- For every other type of purchase, select "Payments" and then "Shop"

Breakfast Club

- Pupils and other family members are now allowed to attend
- Payments are to be made in cash
- Change can be given

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings went well this year. Thank you to all for attending.

Possible Infant Christmas Production

We are hoping to be able to have Infant Christmas Productions this year. The following dates will be confirmed nearer the time. Fingers crossed we can meet and celebrate the childrens' efforts!

Year R	Mon 6 th Dec	2pm matinee	6pm evening performance
Year 1	Tues 7 th Dec	2pm matinee	6pm evening performance
Year 2	Wed 8 th Dec	2pm matinee	6pm evening performance

Reading Champions

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to this half term's Reading Champions

EY: Alana West and Isaac Campbell

Yr2: Antonina Wojtcyzok, Max Cowell and Thomas Francis

Yr4: Lillian Lathwell and Amelie Britton

Yr6: Mia Munford and Charlotte Cottrell

Yr1: Jayden Fiakegbe and Isla Kelly

Yr3: Elvis Williams and Hugo Ansselin-Doe

Yr5: Daniel Forrester and Adela Zastreskova

It was a very tough choice for all teachers this half term. Keep reading! Mr Kelly

School Admissions Sept 2022

The Year R Admissions round for the Sept 2022 intake will soon open.

Applications are to be completed online on the Hampshire County Council website and this service becomes available from Monday 1st Nov, 2021. The application deadline is Saturday 15th Jan, 2022 at midnight.

In addition, St Joseph's requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed. This form will be available to download from the St Joseph's school website from Monday 1st Nov, 2021. Paper copies will be available from the School Office when we return for the new term on Monday 1st Nov. These Supplementary Information Forms are to be completed and returned to the School Office by Saturday 22nd Jan, 2022.

Dates For Your Diary

Fri 22 nd Oct	Inservice Day (children not in school)
Mon 1 st Nov	First day back to school, School Admissions open
Tues 9 th Nov	Early Years Phonics for Parents
Fri 12 th Nov	Science Discovery Days
Sun 14 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
Sun 28 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent
Thurs 2 nd Dec	Flu jabs administered in school
Wed 15 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 17 th Dec	Last day of term, early pick up from 1.45pm and mufti

