

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 11th July 2019

Enjoy a wonderful summer holiday!

Next newsletter is Friday 6th September 2019



Netball League Winners 2019

CONGRATULATIONS !

St Joseph's have once again won the Epsom and Ewell Schools Netball League.

The teams played well and won every match this season. This year your attitude, team work and dedication shone through. There were some nail biting matches but your stamina and strength prevailed.

A big thank you to Mrs Stevens, Mrs Howie and Mrs Gough who make our team truly brilliant. We know that we have done very well!



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Epsom and Ewell District Sports Track and Field

2nd in the District Sports!

Over 60 children competed in the District Sports track and field events last week, and we are extremely proud of each and every child. Not only did you perform well but you were gracious to your fellow competitors. Thank you parents for your support in transporting the children to and from these events as we couldn't participate if it wasn't for your continuing support.

Most children gained a medal in their event.



Toilet Tinning

Thanks to the fundraising for the Enterprise Challenge, we have just made a significant donation to our annual charity of £650. Today we have bought a toilet block in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, a toilet block in a school in Malawi and three family toilets in Mali, Tanzania and Zambia. Thank you for your generosity.

Key Information

Another Great Year

The year has presented its challenges with the changes to access but yet again the community has pulled together and acted with resilience. With more and more people walking, scooting and cycling to school, the congestion is not too difficult most days. Thank you to everyone who changed their drop-off habits and uses Whitehorse Drive. If you still choose to drive up Rosebank then please continue to show respect to the residents.

It seems like an age ago but in November last year we were graded outstanding by the Section 48 Religious Education inspectors. That, coupled with the Ofsted inspection in the previous year, confirmed St Joseph's as a very special place to be a child, learning and growing.

Thank you to all who have given support and time this year. Please join us for an early morning coffee and a pastry next Tuesday morning.

So let's all recharge our batteries over the summer and come back together in September to enjoy our time in this wonderful school. Theresa Kenefick

New Teaching Assistants

We are very pleased to have appointed three new members of staff for September, all teaching assistants.

Mrs and Mrs S will be known to many in the community.

Our third appointment is Miss S.

We are very pleased with these appointments.

School reports

These are in your envelope today. This includes information about school SATs results for KS2, assessments at KS1 and Phonics in year 1.

Parents of children in year six may collect their reports from the school office.

Teachers do not meet with parents of their new classes until the autumn. Until the end of term, their focus is on their current classes. Any special needs transition is managed by Mrs Lohn, who ensures that effective handover of care plans and SEN takes place.

End of Key Stage Two Results.

We are once again thrilled with the end of year six SATs results. The children worked very hard over the year to secure these outcomes. There were also several children who just missed passing by one or two marks.

Mrs Dand Mrs S have once again put the icing on the cake for the children as they transfer to secondary school, well placed to make excellent progress.

Overall Performance of St Joseph's Compared Nationally

Below is a grid which shows the overall performance of the school.

	% achieving the expected standard		Average Scaled Score	
	All children nationally	St Joseph's	All children nationally	St Joseph's
Reading	73%	88%	104	108
Mathematics	79%	91%	105	110
Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation	78%	89%	106	108
Writing	78%	89%		
Children achieving expected standard in all three subjects: Reading, Writing and Maths	65%	81%		

Children achieving a Greater Depth of Study

These children achieved a very high standard. The national results are not yet available for comparison but we have shown the comparative data for 2018.

	All children nationally 2018	St Joseph's 2019
Reading	28%	41%
Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation	34%	55%
Writing	20%	33%
Maths	24%	38%

End of Term Events

Monday 16th July	Shine Fair	9.15am Years 3 to 6 Shine Fair 1.45 pm Years R to 2 Shine Fair
Tuesday 16th July		8.30am Join us for coffee on the playground. 2.00pm Mrs McAdam's Shine Fair
Wednesday 17th July		Rockstar Dress Up Day
Thursday 18th July		8.45am Forest School session for parents 1.30pm Awards and Leavers Assembly
Friday 19th July		9.30am End of Year and Leavers Mass 1.00pm –1.30pm Break-Up for Summer.

On Friday, please collect your child from classroom doors from 1.00pm onwards. Children will only be able to be picked up from the drop off point at 1.30pm. There is a funeral at the church that day.

This year class names were suggested by several children last year and this year. you all for a fabulous idea. Now all we all have to do is learn to say them and spell them!

Non—Class Based Teaching Staff

Thank You

St Joseph's is blessed to have such a competent and committed team of staff. We continue to have a stable staffing which is not always the case in schools today. The staff are always very touched by your emails of support and thanks, which have already started to arrive in advance of the summer holidays. Thank you so much.

On behalf of **Epsom and Ewell Foodbank** and their clients we would like to thank parents for their continued support and donations throughout this academic year. The total amount of donations weighed a fantastic 670.3 kilos, over 100 kilos more than last year!

As many school children receive free school meals, the summer holidays often mean that children struggle to eat the food they need. Last summer, our stocks ran very low due to increased demand during the 6 week holiday. Please could we ask that you continue to support the Foodbank, where you can, by putting **an extra item or two in any of the local supermarket collection points or alternatively in red boxes at St Joseph's Church.**

Key Information

Children of the Week

	28th June	5th July
Holly		
Rowan		
Cherry		
Elder		
Beech		
Willow		
Elm		
Lime		
Poplar		
Sycamore		
Birch		
Juniper		
Maple		
Oak		

School Picnic

Thursday 18th July 2019

The whole school will picnic on the field for lunchtime. The catering staff will provide the packed lunch for the school dinner children.

Awards and Leavers Assembly

This assembly will take place on Thursday 18th July starting at 1.30pm. If your child is receiving a specific award you will be contacted.

Leavers' Cream Tea

Parents of children in year six and other leavers are invited to join us for a cream tea.



Tea will be served soon after the end of the leavers assembly and the event will close at 4.00pm.

Thank You to all Volunteers

We owe a lot to the hard work of the Friends' Team Leaders, so ably coordinated by **Toni Herschel**. Thank you Toni.

This has been a very successful year for the Friends with new social events and again lots of money raised for the school. Thank you everyone who supported events, helped with setting up and clearing away. Without you, events would not be possible.

A special thank you to the following for taking a strong lead:

September is coming....

Meet the Teacher Evenings on Wednesday 4th September

Meet the Teacher - All Years

4.30pm Year 1 4.50pm year 2

5.10pm Year 3 5.30pm year 4

5.50pm Year 5 6.10pm year 6

Throughout event from 4.30pm there will be refreshments in the hall.

Year 6 Trip to High Ashurst

Resilience and Team Building

Friday 13th September

The day is spent at High Ashurst, which is located on Boxhill. It is a day when year six come together for team building and collaborative skills work. We have noticed in the past that this experience sets them up very well for the year ahead.

Parents will still need to go on to Tucasi in order to tick the consent boxes; please do this now.

You have no payment to make as this trip is funded from the Sports Funding.

Year Six Trip to

Hampton Court

Wednesday 25th September

This trip fits very well with the year six topic of 'From Hampton Court to Greenwich'.

They will leave at 9.00am and return before the end of the school day.

The cost of the trip is £14.50 for children.

We would be happy for extra parents (2 per class) to join us for the day and the cost of this will be £6.00.

Children wear full uniform with school shoes and their school coat.

School Uniform

The published uniform is compulsory. Please remember that children should be wearing their ties from September 3rd 2019. School coats are plain navy blue.

Girls may continue to wear dresses until October 1st. The school skirt is the only skirt permitted. Pinafore dresses are not permitted.

For boys who continue to wear shorts, they must be simple school shorts. This means a pocket at the hip but not combat style, with pockets on the legs.

St Joseph's children are regular complimented by members of the public for the way we look and present ourselves at events.

Other information

Women's World Cup

Lots of St Joseph's girls and some boys who play for Epsom Colts Football Club, including Cara and Millie in year 4, who were featured in a BBC film shown ahead of the Women's World Cup semi final.

Here's the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/football/48846692>

They filmed on Monday ahead of England's semi on Tuesday. Not the ideal result in the end, but the Lionesses are truly an inspiration to young sportswomen.

Food Bank Vouchers

If any family would benefit from support from the Epsom Foodbank over the holidays, we are able to issue vouchers from school. Your request will be strictly confidential. If you need support, contact Andrea Cooke on sbm@stjosephs-epsom.surrey.sch.uk or call into school and ask to speak to Mrs Cooke.

IEPs

Current IEPs for children with SEN will continue to be implemented in September. The new teacher will review progress after a few weeks and meet with you to set the new IEP in October.

Forest Open

On Thursday 18th July, Mr R will open Randall's Forest for parents to come and see what is happening there.

You may access the Forest via a gate on the school field towards the running track. The gate will be open from 8.45am until 9.15am.

Please do come along and take a look.

Rock Star Dress Up Day

Wednesday 17th July

To celebrate the first year of our Times Tables Rock Star membership, we are having a Rock Star dress up day on Wednesday 17th July.

Children from Year 2 and above can dress up as their rock star avatar! So as not to disappoint years R and 1, you are very welcome to dress up as a rockstar too if you like!



On this day we will also be able to announce the winners of the House Times Tables Trophy.

Keeping Healthy and Fit with Sports News

Events Coming Up

Friday 12th July KS1 District Sports @ Harrier Centre 12.30-3pm

Judo Success for Sammy

Sammy won a bronze medal at a Judo competition in Redhill on the 7th July. To gain the bronze medal Sammy had to fight 3 times, he won his first and last matches. This was organised by the British Judo Association, and was a county level event.

Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf

Year 3 and 4 Golfers had a fantastic experience at Epsom Golf Club this week.

They played in a Tri Golf festival with 8 schools from Epsom and Ewell.

You all did really well and we are very proud of your committed effort on a sunny afternoon.

G and his Basketball

G was one of 15 children from London and Surrey selected for the second consecutive year, to play basketball with Team GB players, during the Hoopfix Competition.

Regular Reminders

Reminder - post box.

Please use the post box for dropping letters and other items off to the school office.

It is on the wall outside the main entrance. This should mean that less people need actual contact with the office at busy times of the day.

Rainbows

is run by staff and is a series of sessions which focus on helping children who have suffered loss or bereavement, including family break up. If you are interested at any point, please contact us.

Earrings

Parents are reminded of school policy that earrings are not permitted in school.

Plasters over the ears are not a solution.

The only time it is suitable to have ears pierced is of the first week of the summer holiday.

Prayers on the Stage

Please join us for prayers on Wednesday mornings at 8.40am from May 1st. This is lovely way to begin our day together.

Boys' Trousers and Shorts

Boys should not be wearing trousers with pockets half way down the leg—combat style.

Trousers should be standard, plain school trousers with no extras.

Mobile Phones in School

Only year six who travel to school alone and their parents consider they **need** a phone are allowed to bring them to school. All phones must be left at the school office each day without exception.

Climbing Wall

Access for children is only allowed when staff members are supervising at breaktime, lunchtime and during lessons.

There is no access (as with the trim trail) before or after school.

Baby Photos

We have a display of new babies in the school hall.

If you have had a baby recently please send in a photo for our family display, with the babies name and date of birth.

Reminder– 48 hours clear

Please remember that if a child is sick that they should be kept away from school for 48 hours.

Arrival at School

Children should not arrive unsupervised at school before duty staff are on the playground. The drop off and Whitehorse Drive gates are unlocked at 8.30am.

Please contact Louise Kirby at D2D if you require childcare support before school.

100 Club Draws

You can join the 100 club at any time. Please contact the school office.

A Nut Free School

This includes nutella and peanut butter in sandwiches and other nut based biscuits.

'Nut-free' is a complete ban on all nut products. If any child has anything nut based in their packed lunch the child is removed from the hall to the office and you will be telephoned.

By packing nut based food, you are placing at risk a group of children who have severe nut allergies. School lunches are entirely nut-free and are a good safe option.