

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9th September 2022

This morning, the children and staff gathered for a liturgy to mark the very sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our prayers are for the Queen and for her whole family.



Welcome Back to the new school year. We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer of good health and enjoyment. Now we embrace a new year and pray for one which is uninterrupted.

Tues 13th Sept	Year Six Trip to High Ashurst Resilience and Team Building. See note.
Wed 21st Sept	National Fitness Day Wear PE kits today. The children will be taking part in sports activities.
Fri 23rd Sept	Walsingham Fundraising Day. Wear a onesie for Walsingham. Please make a donation on Tucasi for our charity—Missio or send £1.00 in an envelope to class teachers.
Wed 28th Sept	National Grandparents Day 8.30am Coffee in hall 9.00am tour school with children; 10am Take your child(ren) to Mass at church
Wed 28th Sept	5pm Reception Parent Workshop by Zoom: Introduction to Phonics and Reading and Maths
Thurs 29th Sept	5.30pm Volunteer Induction by Zoom with Head teacher. Email info@... to receive the link
Fri 30th Sept	9.00am All parents —please come to Friends Meeting in school to hear about the year ahead. 2.00pm Harvest Mass in the church prepared for and by Year 4. Parents may attend.
Thurs 6th Oct	Year Six Trip to Hampton Court. See note

Shoes

Should anyone need a pair of size 2 or 3 boy's school shoes or size 11½ girls school shoes, we have some recycled pairs. Please email contact@ ...

If anyone is really struggling financially let me know

Theresa Kenefick

Coats

Only plain navy blue coats are permitted,
We can see a couple of new children wearing the incorrect coat.
Please ensure that you buy a navy blue coat within the next week.

Forthcoming Events



National Grandparents Weekend Wednesday 28th September

We welcome grandparents back to mark National Grandparents Weekend. We know that many will live too far away but we do want to have any grandparents who can make it to spend some time with us.

Please email info@... if you are coming so that we can let the teachers know to expect you.

8.30am Coffee and Tea will be available in the school hall; enter via the entrance hall and sign in please

9.00am Tour the school with your grandchild(ren)

10am Go to mass with your grandchildren.



Year 6 Trip to High Ashurst Tuesday 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. The coach will leave at 8.30am and not wait for anyone who is late. Children must wear their school track suit (they must have long track suit bottoms), a navy blue raincoat and a bottle of water.

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

Please give £10.00 towards the cost of the trip (if you can afford to) which is otherwise subsidised from the Sports Premium.

Year 6 Trip-Hampton Court Wednesday 6th October

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 £17.50 for children. Pay on Tucasi and tick the consent box. We would be happy for extra parents (3 per class) to join us for the day (£10.00 to pay). Children wear full uniform with school shoes and their navy blue coat.

Volunteers Induction

Thursday 29th September at 5.30pm by Zoom

Please attend this meeting if you are interested in becoming a volunteer at school. You need to have attended this meeting, led by me and hold a DBS processed by us before you can hear readers, accompany trips etc. We hope to welcome volunteers into school this term.

Please email the school office if you would like to join and we will email you a link to the meeting.

Reception parents are encouraged to join as we will need your support later in the year with school trips and swimming. Thank you. Theresa Kenefick

Power Pages for Home Learning

In your child's bag today you will find a booklet, which the children will explain to you.

In a nutshell, a Power Page is a summary of the key foundational knowledge for each topic studied, that we expect children to embed in their long term memories and to retain as they move through the school.

We have Power Pages for each of the History, Geography and Science topics and year group pages for Music, Spanish and Art. They were developed over a period of two years by the teachers, led by the Subject Leaders.

At school, the children's Power Pages are A4 and they are kept in a personal folder. Children use them continuously as they work through a topic. They return to them throughout the year to keep embedding those key facts and figures. When they move on to their next class, they will keep returning to this core knowledge.

Teachers run regular quizzes to check progress and to identify gaps in learning.

The end of year judgement as to whether your child has met the age related expectations for the year group is based partly on these quizzes, combined with how well they attain in lessons. This is what you will see on the annual report. At the end of the year, children who score 98% in the Scholarship Quiz are awarded a Scholar pin badge to wear on their uniform for the next year.

What to do at home

You will receive a booklet once a term with updated power pages. Keep this one safe so that you can refer back to it!

Parents should help and encourage children to learn the content of the Power Pages. You might read them together, play 'can you find where it shows...' or quiz them on the contents once they have committed it to memory.

Sayer's Croft

Year 5 parents will have received information on Monday regarding the forthcoming trip.

Please ensure forms are completed and returned by Friday 16th September , or sooner if possible.

Car Park Gate Closed

For a few days from September 19th the car park gate will be closed. This is so that a replacement path can be installed.

Change to in-service day -June 30th

With the work we do on the in-service day in June, we realised this year that it would be better suited to being later in the month. So next year the in-service day will be June 30th 2023 (instead of June 16th).



Mrs D's Class

This term, we are pleased to announce that **Monet Class Y1** will be taking part in Forest school sessions led by Mr R. Sessions will take place on **Thursdays** starting **on September 8th** for 6 weeks until half term. **There will be no Forest school on September 15th.**

Children will need to bring a top with **long sleeves** and **trousers** to change into (not from P.E kits). They will also need **wellington boots** or other suitable footwear. As we head into autumn and winter, children will need warmer clothes like a jumper/hoodie and a hats/cloves etc. We will provide waterproofs. If a child does not have the right clothing, they will not be able to take part in the forest school sessions.

What happens at Forest School?

Typically, small groups of pupils take part in a programme of sessions lasting 1 to 1.5 hours. Sessions happen entirely outdoors, whatever the weather. Forest School sessions are run in school grounds in "Randall Forest".

Types of Activities:

Green woodworking using tools, e.g. musical instruments and jewellery, shelter building, natural art, knots and lashings, fire lighting, climbing and balancing, habitat building and exploration, nature identification and conservation.
All tool work will be carried out under close supervision.

Payments due on Tucasi

Year 6—High Ashurst Trip
Year 6—Hampton Court Trip
All years —School Fund

Given financial pressures at the moment, no-one should become anxious about their inability to make their donation for events and trips. Let us know if you cannot pay.

However, parents should not sign children up for **clubs** that they cannot pay for.

*If your child has **school lunches** these **MUST** be paid for in advance with no debt accrual permitted. (Year R, 1 and 2 have meals which are funded).*

The school will also struggle to meet rising energy and services costs without support from central government.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

There is a letter attached to the Parentmail today. It is important that your respond.

People in our Community

Congratulations

100 Club Winners July 2022

1st: Mr S £157.60

2nd: Mrs B £94.56

3rd: Miss O £63.04



100 Club

If you would like to join, or increase the number of tickets you hold, please

contact the school office for information.



New Staff

Welcome to a new group of midday supervisors who start work this week.

Names of Staff

Long Service Awards

At St Joseph's we celebrate people who show commitment to the community and give so much to the school. In the summer we had one thank you to say:

10 years service

Mrs E: Teacher

Departing Governors

It was with great sadness that we bid farewell to Miss B who in one role or another has been part of St. Joseph's since 1978.

She will have taught many of you. Miss B worked with three headteachers in her time and saw many changes. Her memory is part of our archive!

It will not be quite the same but we know that Julia will stay in touch.
Thank you J for being part of the history of St Joseph's.

Welcome New Children

We welcome all of our new children to Reception. Other new children are:

Year 3: 5 children joined us

Year 6: 1 child

We are so pleased you have joined St. Joseph's.

Special Books



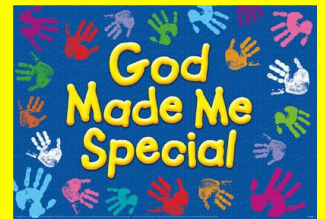
Your child's **Special Book** for this year will be sent home today in your child's bag.

Please return by Monday next week in order that they can be used in lessons.

The Special Books are often the children's favourite school books and those that they take most pride in. They are also a presentation of your child's faith journey for the year.

We would therefore, like you to cover these beautifully. A few reminders as to how we would like these covered:

- Completely covered with **no cardboard showing**.
- A suitable wrapping paper with no logos, cartoons or unsuitable pictures or designs, is always a good background.
- Decorated in a way that reflects our Catholic faith. Please only use photos of your child's family, prayers or religious images.
- Child's name, class and 'Special Book' should be clearly written on the front
- Sticky back plastic finishes the book off neatly and also protects it.



Water Bottles

All children should have a water bottle in school. Research suggests adequately hydrated children perform better in school.

Long hair—girls and boys

Children with long hair should tie it back. Any length hair which can be gathered in a hand should be tied, girls or boys. Long fringes need to be pinned away from the face. This is for safety reasons, to keep it out of their eyes and to avoid nits.

If your child needs a role model, ex-pupil Joe Wicks had the most wonderful long hair, always neatly tied in a ponytail! Thank you.

Your Parentmail today...

The following will come home by parentmail today:

1. Family Calendar
2. Home Learning Booklets—these are new! In children's bags
3. Annual Reminders of Policies and Procedures
4. Privacy Notice—annual reminder
5. **Nasal Flu Letter—please log on and respond as the letter requires**
6. Google Classroom codes. Please log in and join the class. See instructions on next page.

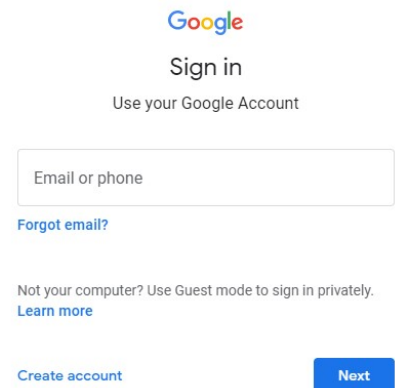
Google Classroom

Last year's classroom areas have now been archived. Please follow the instructions below to join your new class.

1) On your web browser, go to google.com. Click the blue sign in box in the top right-hand corner. Google Chrome works best.

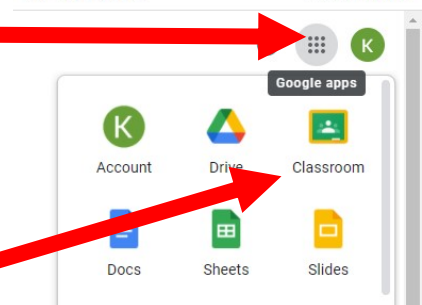


2) Enter your child's log in information. This can be found in the front of their Reading Record Book. It is case sensitive. Although it is referred to as your child's email address, children using Google's G-Suite for Education do not have email rights.



3) Click on the 'waffle' in the top right hand corner.

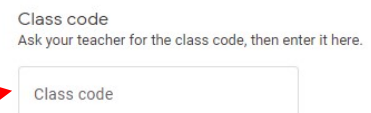
Sometimes the blue sign in button is still visible but do not worry—just click on the **waffle** and then **Account**. You will then have the option to select **Classroom**.



4) You will then get to a blank page, or one that says your previous class has been archived. Click on the **add** symbol in the top right corner to join your new class.



5) In your child's Reading Record book you will also find your **class code**. Insert it here and you will join the correct class.



6) If you have more than one child, you will need to repeat this process for each one.

Please make sure you have fully signed out from the previous account before trying to join a new class!

The best way to check is to click on the waffle and then Account.

Information

Data Collection—New Parents please note

We rely on you to tell us if any of the following change at any point to:

- **Address**
- **Telephone contact details**
- **Email contact details**

Please ensure that you inform us by email.

For our new children, you will have received in an envelope today, a copy of your data. We would like you to check that all these details are correct, sign the bottom and then send the sheet back to the office. We require everyone to send their sheet back please.

Care Plans

If your child has a Care Plan in place, we rely on you to inform us of any updates which are necessary to the Plan.

From now on, we do not intend to update every Care Plan each year, as the vast majority do not change from one year to the next.

The SENco and Office will contact some parents of High Need children, where an update is more frequently needed by us.

Regular Reminders

The compulsory home learning we expect to happen each week is designed to make a difference to your child. There is typically a correlation between practice of core skills and progress made. A little and often is a good approach.

Parents have a role to play in their child's progress.

- **Hear child read four times a week** and sign the reading record.
- **Timestables Rockstars or Numbots**—several times a week.
- **Weekly spellings**
- **Rising Star Comprehension** for years 1 to 6.

Any other home learning, CGP books or other is at the parents' discretion as per policy. It is offered to you but you choose if it is completed.



SAVE THE DATE


Table top sale, raffle and refreshments in aid of
Epsom Wells Community Association (EWCA)

10th September 2022

12 - 2pm

Wells Centre grounds

If you have had a clear-out, or are a prolific crafter why not book a table? To reserve one (we ask for a minimum donation of £5) please email Barry at notrum@icloud.com



The Epsom Wells Community Association (EWCA) is registered in England and Wales, charity registration number: 1196955. Registered address 7 Spa Drive, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7LR.

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Regular Reminders

Reminder– post box.

Please use the post box for dropping items off to the school office. It is located 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. Thank you.

Baby Photos

We have a display of new babies in the school hall. If you have had a baby please send in a photo, with the baby's name and date of birth.

Miss Shanks

School Car Park

Only staff are permitted to park in the school car park. This includes people dropping off at nursery. You need to park elsewhere and walk. Thank you

Earrings

Earrings are not permitted. 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.

Mobile Phones and Watches

Only year six who travel to school alone and their parents consider they **need** a phone are allowed to bring them to school.

Phones must be handed in to the school office and collected from there at the end of the day.

Any watch with a camera device is not permitted in school. This aligns with our policy on mobile phones.

Reminder– 48 hours clear

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

Uniform

There is far too much uniform in the lost property boxes.

If items are labelled they will be returned to a child.

Please label every item of clothing, including swim wear and after school club clothes.

A Nut Free School

This includes pesto, 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.