



St Joseph's Infant School News



St Joseph's Infant School Newsletter
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MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone and best wishes for 2022. I know we have said it before but let us hope for a better year this year. I hope you all had the Christmas you planned for and you weren't blighted with isolations and illness of any sort.

It is good to see so many of the children back in school! We currently have 2 children isolating, at home, with COVID. Mrs Turner and myself have unfortunately tested positive and are currently isolating at home. I have had a negative day 6 test and providing my test this evening is negative I will be back in school tomorrow.

We are keeping a very close eye on the number of COVID cases across the school and should numbers spike will we put our action management plan in to place. It is very important that you let the school office know if your child will not be in school. A message can be left out of hours by calling the school number and selecting the absence line option. If your child is over 5 please continue to follow the current guidelines, testing your child should they develop symptoms and keeping them at home. In school we are continuing with our hand hygiene regime with children washing and sanitizing their hands and ensuring our classrooms are kept well ventilated.

Thank-you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaire that was circulated last term. I now have the responses and my leadership team and myself will be looking at those responses and following up on what we can do to improve. Further information will follow.

As always please feel that you can contact the school at any time if you have any worries or concerns, we are here to support you particularly through these unprecedented times.

Mrs Hardy
Executive Headteacher

Year 2 Great Fire of London day



Year 2 had an amazing day celebrating their great Fire of London topic.

A re-enactment of Pudding Lane on that fateful night is something the

 Star of the week		
7th January		
Fox class	Mubashir	Angel
Owl class	Billy	Noah
Squirrel class	Ernie	Himatullah



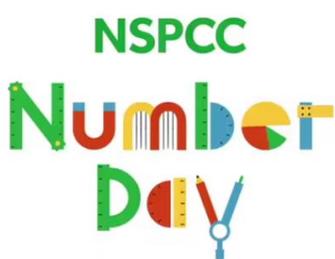
Well done to these pupils who have been recognised by their teachers in our Friday Happy Assembly

EVENTS AND REMINDERS



National Story Telling week begins 31st January

During this week we will be having virtual visits from 2 authors. Both authors have been shortlisted for the West Sussex picture book awards. The children are currently reading all the shortlisted books in school and voting for their favourite. The winning book will be announced on World book day in March. Further information will come from your child's class teacher about how they will be celebrating the week.



4th February will be the National NSPCC Number day

Pupils will be able to take part in, 'Dress up for Digits,' and have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support services such as Childline.

Details to follow.

Clubs will start next week, with the exception of dance club which will start on 24th. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis please let the office know if you child would like to join one of our after school clubs

Day	Club	Times	Run By	Year Groups	Max number per club
Monday	Dance To start 24th Jan	3.15pm- 4,00pm	Mrs Hardy	Year 2	10
Tuesday	Multi-skills sports	3.15pm- 4,00pm	Mr Savage	Reception	10
Wednesday	Tennis	3.15pm- 4,00pm	Mr Savage	Yr 1 and Yr2	12

Uniform reminder

Just a reminder that our PE kit comprises of plain black jogging bottoms, (or once the better weather is here, plain black shorts) plain black hoodie or sweat shirt, or the school hoodie obtained from our on line stockists Price and Buckland, a plain white tee-shirt and black trainers. Please can I ask that children do not wear sweat shirt tops of their own choosing. If you have a problem getting any of the PE uniform please let the office know.



Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school, the questionnaire can be completed at any time - you do not have to wait until the school is being inspected.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

If you go to the above website and click on 'give your views' you will need to register and then you will be sent a log in password. You will then be able to complete the questionnaire online.

Friends of St Joseph's



A big thank-you to our Friends of St Joseph's team! Their great effort and support for the schools meant that we raised an amazing £760 at our Christmas Fayre last term. Thank-you to you all for coming along, supporting the schools and spending your money. We will be taking ideas from the staff and pupils as to what the money should be used for.

We will have another meeting this term, provisional date, Tuesday 25th 3.30pm. It would be great to have more people involved. Come along if you can.

Recycling



Did you know that you can recycle your batteries at the infant school?

The Friends are now raising money for our school by collecting for ink cartridges for recycling. The collection point is also the infant school reception.



TERM AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term Dates – 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021 Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021
Half Term Monday 25 th October 2021	Friday 29 th October 2021
Spring Term 2022 Tuesday 4 th January 2022 (Inset Day) pupils return on Wednesday 5 th January	Friday 8 th April 2022
Half Term Monday 21 st February 2022	Friday 25 th February 2022
Summer Term 2022 Monday 25 th April 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022
Half Term Monday 30 th May 2022	Friday 3 rd June 2022



Inset Days:

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

School will finish on 21st July due to the additional bank holiday for the 'Queens Jubilee'.

