



St Joseph's Infant and Nursery



School Newsletter

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Issue 1 – September 2022

MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone to the first newsletter of the new school year. The children have settled back in smoothly and happily and it is lovely to welcome many new families to our school community. We welcome all our Reception children this week, and I am pleased to say they have all settled very well.

We all look forward to a great autumn term which will see our harvest Festival, meet the teacher afternoons and new clubs. Dates and times of these events are in this newsletter, please have a look and make a note of the dates, it is very disappointing for parents and children when they miss a school event.

The School term started with the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We paid tribute to the Queen in our school Assembly, and reflected on her work, for so many years serving the people and the loss to her family.

Mrs Healy, The Infants school Receptionist, has moved on to pastures new and has not returned to the Infant School this term. We all wish her well. We are currently advertising for a replacement.

Miss Lamb and Miss Arnold, our new teachers, have settled well and it is a delight to have them join us.

We look forward to a hugely productive start of the Autumn Term with so many more achievements and opportunities for the children.

As always please feel that you can contact the school office should you wish to discuss any concerns you have .

Mrs Hardy
Executive Headteacher

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

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| 20th September 2.30 | Meet the teacher Year 1 |
| 26th September– 2.30 | Meet the teacher Year 2 |
| 6th October See separate letter | Book fest (KSI) |
| 17th October | Mayor for the day |
| 18th October | Y2 outdoor learning day Great Fire of London |
| 21st October | School photos |
| 6th October – 8.00 | JAM Club starts again (year 1 & 2) in the Junior School |
| 10th October | Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church – details to follow |
| 10th October | World Mental Health Day |
| 21st October | Last day of term |
| 31st October | Back to School |

School Uniform Expectations

A reminder for September, all children are expected to come to school in full school uniform **including a tie**.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

A reminder of our school PE kit:
Black hoodie plain or with the St Joseph's Logo, no branded hoodies.

Black shorts or jogging bottoms plain not branded.

Plain white t-shirt

Please note this is the PE kit that can be worn in to school on the day of the pupils PE lesson. If the correct PE dress code is not followed, a phone call home will be made.

Teachers will notify pupils of their PE days during the first week back in September.

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SCHOOLWEAR SINCE 1959

ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

Our uniform is supplied by Price and Buckland, who have been manufacturing exceptional schoolwear since 1959. Visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.

ORDER BY 1ST AUGUST
for delivery before the start of term

WE NOW OFFER FREE RETURNS
<https://www.royalmail.com/track-my-return/create/2866/>

HOW TO ORDER

We have a brand-new online school uniform shop. Please visit the website below to shop for your school uniform.

- 1 Visit the school finder located on the Price and Buckland website.
- 2 Browse the range and buy your uniform.
- 3 Enter your delivery details and await your order.
- 4 Register your details or log in to your account to view your order status and history.

price-buckland.co.uk

If you have any spare jumpers/cardigans, the school would be grateful for the spare uniform. Please bring it to the school office.

NEWS AND UPDATES



Those children and families that are not eligible for FSM will be able to access urgent support for food via the WSCC Community Hub.

The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 09:00 – 17:00 seven days a week.

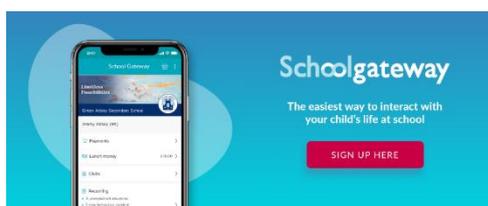
Further information can be found via [West Sussex County Council website](#).

Should you require any further information or advice about the scheme, please contact welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.uk.

Reminder of our new school times from September 2022

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| Min door opens | 8.35am |
| All pupils to be in class for registration | 8.45am |
| End of the school day | 3.15pm |

Please sign up to the Schoolcomms app, this allows us to send you free text messages and is our communication tool to all parents.



Internet safety

Keep your child safe on Roblox

What is it?

An online game-creating system where you can create and publish games, and play other users' games.

What potential risks are there?

Roblox can be a fun way for children to be creative and work together, but there are some potential risks you should be aware of.

- **Inappropriate content:** Roblox's user-generated content isn't rigorously age-rated like other platforms. Roblox does have an curated list of games that are suitable for children under 13 (see step 2 below)
- **Contact:** strangers might try to talk to your child. This could be harmless, but some adults could use platforms like Roblox to contact children to build relationships with them and later cause them harm

- **Bullying and griefing:** 'griefing' is where someone intentionally ruins the game for others
- **In-game purchases:** the game is free to play, but users can buy upgrades using the game's currency known as 'Robux'

7 steps to keep your child safe

1. Set a parent PIN so you have control of the safety settings

- Go to 'Settings':
 - In **browser**, this is a gear icon in the upper-right corner
 - On **mobile**, tap the 3 dots icon for 'More'
- Select the 'Parental Controls' tab
- Toggle to turn PIN 'On'
- Create and confirm your new PIN

2. Filter content by setting date of birth and account restrictions

Your child's date of birth will enable 'privacy mode' if they're under 13. This will prevent them sharing personal information like their address or phone number, and filter out inappropriate language or other unsafe content.

To do this, go to 'Settings' (as explained above), then:

- Select the 'Account Info' tab
- Enter your child's date of birth
- Select 'Save'

Limit the games that your child can play to those that Roblox has verified as age-appropriate, using account restrictions. This will also stop other users sending messages to your child. Under 'Parental Controls' in 'Settings':

- Go to 'Account Restrictions'
- Toggle button to turn restrictions 'On'

3. Set controls on interactions

Change settings to control who can chat to your child or send them messages.

To do this, go to 'Settings' (as above), then:

- Select the 'Privacy' tab
- Adjust the 'Contact Settings' and 'Other Settings'
 - For children under 13, you can choose either 'Friends' or 'No one'
 - There are additional options for children aged 13 and older

4. Tell your child to be careful about talking to people they don't know

Anyone can pretend to be a child online, so they should be careful about what they share and who they accept 'Friend Requests' from.

Roblox will automatically stop children under 13 sharing personal information, but it would be possible to make contact on Roblox and then move the conversation to another platform.

5. Set monthly spend restrictions to limit spending

Go to 'Settings' (as above), then:

- Select 'Parental Controls'
- Toggle the 'Monthly Spend Restriction' option to 'On'
- Enter the monthly limit you want to set. The default is 0

6. Make sure your child knows how to report and block users

Roblox explains how to do this:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations>

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203314270-How-to-Block-Another-User>

7. Talk regularly with your child about what they're doing online

Make it more of an ongoing conversation – that way, they're more likely to tell you if something goes wrong or upsets them.

See tips from the NSPCC on talking to your child about online safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

8. Tell our school about any bullying your child experiences

If it involves other children in our school, we can follow our anti-bullying procedures. And even if it doesn't, knowing about it will help us to look out for your child.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

STAR OF THE WEEK

Majesty Award



| Week ending | 9 th September | |
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| Starling Class | Ernie | Makanaka |
| Sparrow Class | Eddie | Angel |

Well done to those pupils who have been recognised by their teachers in our Friday Celebration Assembly.



Attendance for all our pupils is vitally important. St Joseph's take pupils attendance seriously and attendance is monitored weekly. Understandably pupils can be ill and be unable to come to school. I urge you to consider carefully if your child is too unwell to attend school.

In our weekly assembly's we encourage all the pupils to be an attendance HERO. **H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady **O**n time

Attendance is mandatory and Government guidance states that "it is a parents duty to ensure their child regularly attends school"

The school and local authorities have the ability to issue sanctions including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

Our school day starts at 8.45am, it is important that your child be here for the start of the school day. Unauthorised absences due to lateness can also be referred to the Pupil Entitlement Investigation team for a Fixed Penalty Notice

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Family support Worker

CLUBS

Please note all clubs will start week commencing Monday 19th September 2022.

| | Club | Lead | Year groups | Number of spaces |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| Monday | Badminton | Mr Savage | Year 2 | 6 |
| Tuesday | Football | Mr Savage | Year 2 | 12 |
| Thursday | Multi-skills club | Mr Savage | Year 1 | 10 |

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| | Choir <i>(children will be taken across to the Junior School)</i> | Chris Larley | Year 1 and Year 2 | 20 |
| Friday | Art Club | Mrs Turner | Year 1 and Year 2 | 8 |
| | Dance | Hellscats Dance teacher <i>(Pupils attending this club will be working towards performing in Dance house at the Bognor Theatre on 1st Nov)</i> | Year 1 and Year 2 | 10 |
| 'Dance and Beyond ' are offering dance lessons to our pupils details are attached | | | | |

All spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis.

To register your child for a club please email the school office : office@stjosephsinfants.school

We would like to remind you that St Joseph's Infant School is a nut free school