



St Joseph's Infant and Nursery School News



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MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear Parents and Carers

Already we are in week 6, which is another busy week here in school (this term is always the busiest). Rehearsals are under way for our Christmas plays, the decorations are up and we are looking out our Christmas jumpers for next Thursday, the excitement of the season is mounting. The children had a great day yesterday busy making Christmas decorations and other items for our Christmas market next Friday.

We will be saying good-bye to 2 members of our staff today. George Savage, our sports coach will be leaving today, moving on to pastures new. We wish him the very best of luck. Our Nursery practitioner Lisa is also leaving us today, moving on to a new role. I know she will be missed by the Nursery team, and we all wish her good-luck for the future.

Clubs will start again on Monday 9th January. As this is the start of term 2 all pupils will need to sign up again even if they are presently participating in the afterschool club and would like to carry on. The list of clubs will go out next week, please keep a look out for that.

As always just a reminder to look at the calendar of events for the next 2 weeks.

Thank-you for your donations for our children in need day we raised £126.61. We raised £80.51 in the sale of the Poppy merchandise for the Royal British Legion, again thank-you for your donations

I wish you all the best for the Season, and happy holidays to you all.

Mrs Hardy

Executive Headteacher

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

8th December	Christmas jumper day
8th December	Chartwells Christmas lunch
9th December	Christmas craft fayre
12th December	9.30am Y1 & 2 Christmas performance 2pm EYFS Christmas performance
14th December	Jam Club singing at St Pauls
14th December	9.30am EYFS Christmas performance 2pm Y1 & 2 Christmas performance
16th December	Nursery – Y2 Theatre trip

NEWS AND UPDATES

In Year 2 in the past few weeks we have been doing some really exciting activities. We have been painting pictures of Chichester Cathedral inspired by local artist Steve Wiltshire. We have also been writing pen pal letters to another school, telling them all about us and Chichester, and we are hoping to receive a reply from them soon!



KSI enjoyed a day of festive crafts after being sent a mission from Father Christmas to help make lots of exciting crafts for the Christmas Craft fair next Friday at the Infant School. We made Gingerbread decorations, Reindeer food baubles, Christmas gift bags and beautiful snow globes before finishing the day with a well-deserved hot chocolate



Someone came to Robin Class this week and made a mess of our book area. The benches were turned over. Small footprints were left fleeing the crime scene. Lots of porridge was found on the floor and a strand of golden locks were discovered by Detectives in Robin Class. Who could it be?



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



St Joseph's Junior School Christmas craft market on Friday 16th December from 2.30pm.
St Joseph's Nursery and Infant School Christmas craft market on Friday 9th December from 2.30pm.
Come along and purchase our wonderful Christmas crafts made by the children.

Please can we just say a massive thank you for all the help and support, we have received this year. If anyone would like to help anytime in the future, please get in touch. Will be putting together a raffle for the Infant and Junior Craft Market so if anyone works for a company and would like to donate a raffle prize that would be very much appreciated.

INTERNET SAFETY

Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.



Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'.

- Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
- They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
- Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

- Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
- Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
- Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.

Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

- Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
- App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platform's website.
- Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.

Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.

Remember it's ok to ask for help!

Remember you don't have to be an online safety expert – that's our job! We're here to help, with resources and advice to help support you and your child.

If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

- Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: nspcc.org.uk/online-safety
- Call the NSPCC helpline **0808 800 5000** to speak to an advisor
- Ask another parent
- Speak to your child's teacher
- If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: childline.org.uk



NSPCC

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Week Ending	18 th Nov	25 th Nov
Starling Class	Charlie A Daniel C	Honey G Todd
Dove Class	Eddie-Lee Jacob S	Declan C Ava-Mai
Sparrow Class	Stanley Shayla	Xander Ella C
Robin Class	All of Robins Class	Honey W Romeo-Rae

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

I am pleased to say that Attendance is improving!!!

Please remember lateness will be counted as unauthorised absence which can lead to a fixed penalty notice.

HERO

Here Everyday Ready On time.



In our weekly assemblies we encourage all the pupils to be an attendance HERO.

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Attendance is mandatory and Government guidance states that “it is a parent’s 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.

CLUBS

Clubs have now finished.

Details of new clubs will be sent out next week.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child was previously in a club, you will need to re-apply for a place. Places will be offered to children on the waiting list as priority to make it fair.

TERM DATES

School Year Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022 Thursday 1 st September 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022
Half Term Monday 24 th October 2022	Friday 28 th October 2022
Christmas Holidays Monday 19 th December	Monday 2 nd January 2023
Spring Term Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Half Term Monday 13 th February 2023	Friday 17 th February 2023
Easter Holidays Monday 3 rd April 2023	Friday 14 th April 2023
Summer Term Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023
Half Term Monday 29 th May 2023	Friday 2 nd June 2023



Inset Days: Tuesday 3rd January 2023, Monday 17th April 2023,
Monday 5th June 2023, Friday 21st July 2023

Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May 2023, Monday 8th May 2023

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