



# St Joseph's Nursery and Infant School School News



St Joseph's Junior School Newsletter  
Issue 7 – March 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring 2 is already a busy and exciting term. It is a joy to once again, welcome our new families to our school.

Last week was World Book Day. Pupils and staff delighted in dressing up. The pupils enjoyed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, brought to life the teachers. A fun morning enjoyed by all. The children visited the local library and every child who had a library card came away with a book.

V2 radio interviewed our Year 2 pupils this term and some of these interviews will be played on the radio. It will be featured in Playtime Puzzle on the breakfast show next week and they will be tagging us on any social media promotion they do.

Year 2 enjoyed stem fest at Chichester college. This yearly event is always enjoyed by the pupils where they get to explore and experiment with science.

We welcome Miss Oksana and Miss Hall to our staff team this term, they will be supporting our children in their classes.

I think we're all just waiting for the Spring weather to start!

Kind regards

Mrs Hardy

Executive Headteacher

## EVENTS AND REMINDERS

### Attendance!

At St Joseph's Infant School, we take attendance and punctuality very seriously. We aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%. Attendance data is tracked by the Department for Education. Our current attendance percentage is 92.7% and we MUST improve on this figure.

We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

**GREEN** - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

**AMBER** - 96.7% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

**RED** - below 96.7%. Attendance below expected level. We will monitor the child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement we will contact you by letter.

A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office and a copy will be provided with your child's annual report in the Summer term.

### Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- ◇ Gates open at 8.25am
- ◇ Classroom doors open at 8.30am
- ◇ Gates close at 8.40am

### The Legal Stuff

School attendance is important because the law requires it. As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly.

### Please be considerate when parking

We have had an increased presence from traffic wardens at school drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that you follow the guidance on parking. Parking permits for families for Northgate Car Park are available from the school office.

Please be considerate for the residents in Orchard Gardens. I am receiving complaints from local residents regarding parents parking at drop off and pick up time. Residents driveways are being blocked and cars parked on the pavement are blocking the walkway.

These parking restrictions are in place for a reason and are to keep our children safe.

## Reminders

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Inset Day
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Open afternoon

## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

Friends of St Joseph's are currently planning our school summer fayre. If you would like to get involved, please email

[friends@stjosephscejunior.school](mailto:friends@stjosephscejunior.school)

**Meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 3.30pm at the Infants School.**



Sparrow Class had a really exciting World Book Day, making a float based on the Oliver Jeffers book 'Stuck'. We also started to write our own versions of the story!



## STAR OF THE WEEK

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>
<b>Robin class</b>	Dylan Zoe	Grace Tommy
<b>Starling class</b>	Jorgia Himatullah	Reuben Jasmine
<b>Dove class</b>	Ivy Holly	Declan Sophia
<b>Sparrow class</b>	Harvey Felicity	Nathan Ella

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

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. **H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady **O**n time.

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

<b>Monday</b>	Ballet and Tap Club	Dance & Beyond	2-6		3.15pm – 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Multi skills	Mr Woods	R, Y1, Y2	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm – 4pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Science	Miss Tang	R, Y1, Y2	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm – 4pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Board games	Mrs Hardy	Y1-6	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm- 4pm
<b>Friday</b>	Art	Mrs Turner	R, Y1, Y2	FULL Waiting list	3.15pm- 4pm
<b>Friday</b>	Street Dance	Hellcats	R,-6		3.15pm – 4.15pm

Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis. Aside from the dance clubs, these are all funded by the school.

Dance club on a Monday can be booked via this link <https://danceandbeyond.com/trial-form/> and a Friday can be booked via this link <https://hellcats-cheerleaders.class4kids.co.uk/info/6805>

To be added to the waiting list for any of the other clubs, please email the school office: [office@stjosephsinfant.school](mailto:office@stjosephsinfant.school), you will receive an email confirming if your child has a place.

# TERM DATES

## School Year Dates 2022/2023

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



**INSET DAYS:** Monday 17th April 23, Monday 5th June 23, Friday 21st July 23

**BANK HOLIDAYS:** Monday 1st May 23, Monday 8th May 23

**Open afternoon Thursday 30 March, 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Everyone welcome! Please come and share learning with your child.**

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