



# St Joseph's Infant School News



St Joseph's Infant School Newsletter  
Issue 2 – October 2021

## MESSAGE FROM MRS HARDY

Dear parents and carers

How lovely it was to see so many of you at our curriculum afternoon last Thursday. It was such a good feeling to be able to open the doors to you all once again.

The term is certainly moving at speed, with lots still going on. Our KSI children are currently awaiting the arrival of the author Gareth P Jones who has come to share his books and speak with the children.

This Friday we will be celebrating Harvest, with a Harvest breakfast for all our pupils. Pupils will come in to school at the usual time and will then share a breakfast with other children and the teachers. All donations for our Harvest collection will be donated to the local food bank. If you would like to make a contribution please send your child in to school on Friday with a donation.

Father Paul and his wife Zena from our local Church, St Paul's, have been leading an assembly each week for the children. The children are very much enjoying the songs and the stories they tell, it's lovely to welcome them into our school community.

We had the first meeting of our 'Friends of St Josephs' last week. A big thank-you to those parents who came along. I have included a new section in the newsletter to provide regular updates, you will see this a little further on. It would be great to have more parents join our team. However, if you don't feel you can commit to regular meetings we are looking for people to support events, so if you would be able to offer your services for an event please let us know.

Please ensure your child has a water proof jacket or coat in school each day, even if the sun is out, as the weather can be very changeable..

You will see, later in the newsletter, the dates and times for parents evening next half term, and details of how to sign up.

When we get there have a good half term break.

Mrs Hardy  
Headteacher

Star of the week			
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Fox class	Ben Seb Kai Alex	Oakley Harvey Sophia C Nathan	Max Amber Eliza Sophia D
Owl class	Noah, Antonio Joshua Harvey	Lily J Arthur Scarlet Pakriti	Billy Stanley Daisy Albie
Squirrel class	All of Squirrel class		Jasmine Ridhi Elliott Miley

Well done to all these children!

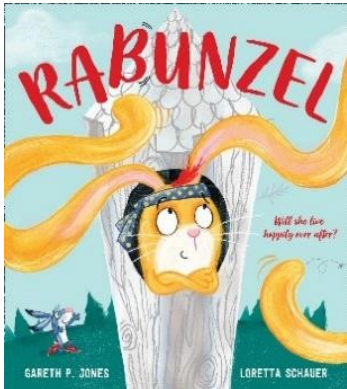


Well done to these pupils who have been recognised by their teachers in our Friday Happy Assembly



George Savage, our sports coach, will be running the Brighton half marathon in April. He will be raising money for the charity ‘Rocking Horse’, a charity which raises money to provide life-saving medical equipment and additional services with the aim of improving the lives of sick children throughout Sussex. If you would like to sponsor George, here is the link to the fund raising page. <https://rockinghorse.enthuse.com/pf/george-savage>

KSI pupils enjoyed meeting the author Gareth P Jones. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the author share some of his stories. Each pupil received a signed copy of one of Gareth’s books.



attend a club please contact the school office via email [office@stjosephsinfant.school](mailto:office@stjosephsinfant.school)

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Clubs will continue through the next half term.

Day	Club	Times	Run By	Year Groups	Max number per club
Monday	Art club	3.15pm-4.00pm	Mrs Taylor	Year 1 and Year 2	10
Monday	Happy readers	3.15pm- 4.00pm	Mrs Hardy	Year 1 and Year 2	Spaces available
Wednesday	Multiskills club (Activities and games based on running, jumping, catching, balance and coordination )	3.15pm- 4.00pm	Mr Savage	Year 1 and Year 2	10
Thursday	Football	3.15pm- 4.00pm	Mr Savage	Year 1 and Year 2	Spaces available

## **Parent Consultation**

Due to several requests from parents we have decided to hold a mix of virtual and face to face parent consultation meetings next term. Parents are asked to decide which they would prefer. You will be able to book your slot with your child's class teacher in the mornings at drop off from week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October.

**The dates and times are as follows**

Date of meeting	Virtual meeting	Face to face meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.45pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00pm-6.00pm	3.30pm-4.30pm

## **Reception Parents: '6 weeks in meeting'**

If you have a child in our current Reception class, I would like to invite you into school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm. Mrs Stack will tell you what the children have been doing in their first 6 weeks in school. You will be provided with ways to help and support your child at home. This is a great opportunity to hear about your child's time in school and ask any questions.



This year we will be taking part in the Rotary Club Christmas box appeal project. We will be collecting filled shoe boxes with new or very good second hand items for either a girl or boy.

Further details of the requested items will be provided in due course.

## **Year 2 Parent's. Transition to Junior School**

We are holding two open days for parents of Year 2 children to give you the opportunity to look around St Joseph's Junior school in preparation for your child starting Year 3 in September 2022. Come along and meet the team on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm or Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.30pm



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**

### Up and coming events

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> November**

The Friends of St Joseph's invite parents and carers to join them for a coffee morning at St Pauls Church Community Centre. This will take place on the first Wednesday of every month from 9am – 10.30am. The first coffee morning will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



#### **9<sup>th</sup> December**

St Joseph's Infant and Junior School, Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 4pm



Next Friends Meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm at St Joseph's Junior School. All Welcome

**TERM AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Term Dates – 2021/2022**

<b>Autumn Term 2021</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
<b>Spring Term 2022</b> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Summer Term 2022</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022



**Inset Days:**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Dates for your Diary**

**October**

- 8.10.21 Harvest Breakfast
- 11.10.21 Friends of St Joseph's Meeting, Junior School Site 5.30 pm
- 18.10.21 Year 2 parents and carers. Open afternoon, - Junior School 2pm
- 19.10.21 2022 School Starters Open Morning 11am
- 20.10.21 Year 2 parents and carers .Open morning - Junior School 10.30am
- 20.10.21 Reception Class – 6weeks in meeting 2.15pm
- 21.10.21 2022 School Starters Open Afternoon 2pm

**November**

- 3.11.21 St Joseph's School Coffee Morning at St Pauls. 9am – 10.30..
- 3.11.21 2022 School Starters Open Evening 5.30pm
- 9.11.21 Parent Consultations
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- 19.11.21 influenza Vaccinations

**December**

- 1.12.21 St Joseph's School Coffee Morning at St Pauls. 9am – 10.30
- 9.12.21 Christmas Fair. 2pm – 4pm
- 17.12.21 **Last day of term**

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