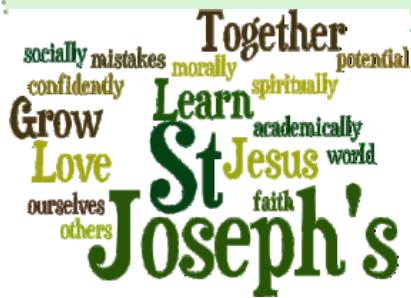


17th May 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 19th May

Pentecost

John 20: 19-23



Headteacher Message

I am always in awe at the resilience and determination I see in our children when they face their fears and challenge themselves to be the best they can. I have seen this in abundance this week with our Year 6 pupils. They have worked hard throughout the year to ensure that they retrieve and recall information which will develop their understanding and enable them to problem solve and enhance their life skills.

I can recall sitting exams as a student and the sick feeling that consumed me before a test. In the eight years that they have spent in St Joseph's, our children have grown to understand that these tests, although a measurement of a day in their lives, do not define them or dictate the amazing things that they can do with their lives. I would like to thank the Year 6 pupils for continuing to impress me with their positive attitude and strong work ethic—you have done brilliantly and we are so proud of the young people you have become.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have worked with the children—those who have shared their wisdom and prepared the children for the tests and those who have supported their mental health by providing emotional support.

Thank you too to all parents who have walked alongside your child's school journey, ensuring that they master the skills required to 'love, learn and grow' in the way that they do. The world will be a much better place because of them.

Finally, thank you to the children—you are fabulous! Keep doing what you are doing and always trying your best. Have a great weekend!



Attendance

Attendance—Week Ending 17th May 2024

| CLASS | % | CLASS | % |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| RA | 95.0 | RB | 94.3 |
| 1JB | 97.5 | 1EB | 95.8 |
| 2E | 98.6 | 2F | 97.8 |
| 3GS | 97.7 | 3D | 98.3 |
| 4D | 94.4 | 4H | 98.9 |
| 5G | 95.6 | 5C | 96.0 |
| 6W | 97.2 | 6MT | 95.2 |

House Points

Totals for this week

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| St David 55 | St George 54 |
| St Patrick 85 | St Andrew 48 |

Running totals for this term

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| St David 309 | St George 263 |
| St Patrick 331 | St Andrew 369 |

School Information

Drop off in the morning

Just a reminder to please ensure that the children are ready to exit the cars on the turning circle. Adults should not be getting out of the car. It is vital that we keep the traffic moving on Priory Road and the surrounding area.

Please note that the main gate shuts at 8.50am—**no cars should enter the grounds after this time**. Please do not try to slip in as a car exits. If you arrive after this time you should park on the road and accompany your child to the school office to sign in.

If the school adults have left the turning circle—children must not enter the KS1 playground (as adults leave), as the main doors leading to the playground from the building are locked when we come in.

Collection in the evening

The school car park is not available for parking and collecting children at the end of the school day or from clubs. Please do not buzz the intercom and request entrance to the car park unless you are collecting from Busy Living.

Playground equipment

Reminder to all parents—the children and any siblings are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment on KS1 or KS2 play areas out of school time.

The children are not allowed on this equipment at the end of the day. Please also be aware that the Forest School area should not be entered by the children out of school hours.

Please make sure that you keep your children with you at the end of the day. Thank you for working with us to ensure that the children are safe.

Water bottles

Please can you make sure that during the hot weather the children come to school with a named water bottle.

We have water dispensers in various areas of the school and the children will be able to refill their bottle at an appropriate time during the day.

Please be reminded that the bottles should only contain water—juice is not permitted.



School Information

Marian Procession

During May we have been offering our prayers and thanks to Mary. This week we processed around the school grounds and gathered in the prayer garden to sing, pray and present our flowers.



Congratulations to Lucy & Scarlett who both received district football awards last weekend. Coaches player and supporters player respectively.

Uniform Reminders

Uniform Shop

Please note that FOSJS Uniform shop will open each Wednesday from 3pm.

Summer Hats are currently in stock in the Uniform Shop—please purchase directly—open every Wednesday from 3pm.

Hats should be the school logo caps available via [Earth Uniform](#)

With the warmer weather this week there has been some huge variations in uniform. Please find below some important reminders and on the next page is the full uniform requirements for school—please can you remind yourselves of these, so that the children are wearing the correct St. Joseph's uniform. Teachers duties include monitoring uniform and they will speak to children and parents where uniform is not adhered to.

A few points to highlight:

- Children **MUST** have school shoes, trainers are not part of the uniform and should only be worn for PE lessons or Forest School.
- The school fleece is an outdoor jacket—it does not replace the school jumper.
- If children are wearing a shirt they should also wear a school tie—this is not required if they are wearing the school polo shirt.
- The option of a summer dress does not include culottes or gingham shorts and top set.
- Summer hats should be the logoed caps available at Earth Uniform.

Please be reminded about acceptable hair cuts below:

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer hair should be tied back neatly using bands in the school colours (white, dark green or black only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn.

Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair (**even under top layer of longer hair - undercut**) and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair.

Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number two.

The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed.

If we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.

**PLEASE NOTE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RETURN LOST PROPERTY
IF IT IS UN-NAMED**

**UN-NAMED UNIFORM IS RECYCLED OR GIVEN TO THE SECOND
HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform

| | Reception – Year 6 | Available from |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Winter | Dark green V-necked jumper with school crest | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe | Earth Uniform Website |
| | White cotton shirt | Any stockist |
| | Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore | Any stockist |
| | Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights (no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| Summer | Black shoes (no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| | Dark grey knee length school shorts / Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore | Any stockist |
| | White cotton shirt (worn with school tie) | Any stockist |
| | School tie (if wearing a cotton shirt) | Earth Uniform Website |
| | White polo shirt with school crest (worn without school tie) | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Dark green and white full gingham dress | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| | Baseball cap / Kepi cap with school crest | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Black shoes (no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| Outdoor Wear | Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| | Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest | Earth Uniform Website |
| PE & Games | Dark green gym bag with school crest | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts | Any stockist |
| | Green T-shirt with gold school crest | Earth Website |
| | Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms | Any stockist |
| | Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt | Any stockist |
| | Trainers (suitable for sporting activity) | Any stockist |
| School Bag | Dark green book bag with school crest (Infants) | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Dark green rucksack (small or large) with school crest (Juniors) | Earth Uniform Website |

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May—Local History Month

The aim of the month is to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate.

Miss Minoli, our History leader, has put together our curriculum map for the month and has started to allocate different topics to different year groups.

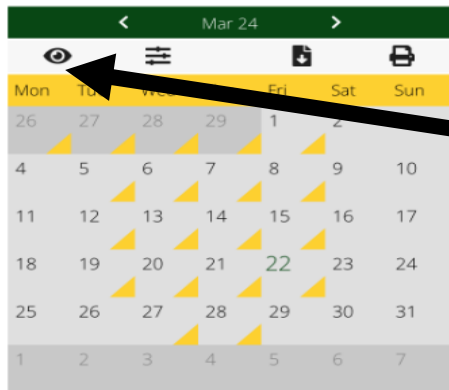
We are hosting an exhibition here at school on the 5th June, where parents and local residents can come and find out all about the history of Chalfont St Peter and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake.

If you have any old photographs or information relating to the area or have an older family member who has any memorabilia we would warmly welcome this being shared with us during the month.

If you know anyone who is knowledgeable about local history and would be willing to come in and give a talk to the children please let Miss Minoli know so that she can make contact and arrange a visit. Miss Minoli can be contacted via the school office either by phone or the office email.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Calendar



Following feedback regarding the calendar view on the School App, we have adjusted the capability to view events.

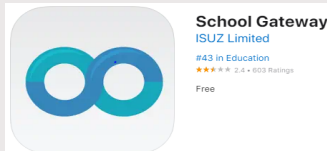
Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

Please be aware that the calendar is being constantly updated—so keep an eye on it for events.

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.



Collecting children at the end of the school day.

Please be reminded to make contact with the class teacher at the end of the school day when collecting your child. As you can appreciate, the children are excited and keen to rush off to their parents. However, the class teacher must be confident that the child has been released to the correct parent. If another adult is picking up your child they must have the password that you have provided. Our safeguarding assumes that if this adult has the password, you have given them permission to collect your child.

We remind you again that we will not release children to anyone under the age of 16.