



St Joseph's Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The joy of feeling a sense of achievement is one that we have all experienced. The moment when we realise that we 'can do it' or have tried hard and have 'got it'. This week, as usual, I was lucky enough to be visited by a number of children, bringing and sharing with me their work and efforts; sometimes a message from their teacher because of a positive change in their behaviour.

In each case the children's confidence, pride and sense of personal achievement were so evident. They were happy to share and tell me all about what they had done, sometimes at great length!

This sense of self-esteem once again emphasised to me the joy of being in this school. Here we have willing learners, your sons and daughters; a wealth of talented, committed staff and a fantastic setting in which children can grow and flourish. All this is underpinned by yourselves, who take an interest in and support the school's mission and make this the wonderful community that it is. I thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

Enjoy a lovely weekend, stay warm.

God Bless,
Michael Calnan

Statement to Live By for the forthcoming week :

I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you.

COMING UP SOON:

Monday 28th January

Parents reading workshop
7.30pm in the school hall.

Wednesday 30th January

Pied Piper Theatre for
Infants 10am

18th - 22nd February

School Closed for half term

ST BERNADETTE CLASS ASSEMBLY

The real meaning of Peace was the message that St Bernadette's class had to share with the whole school in this morning's collective worship. The pupils, amusingly made clear the difference between obtaining five minutes peace in a busy household and inner peace in our lives. We were introduced to Peace Babies (your children will explain) and the pupil's acting, knowledge and delivery were most impressive and poignant. They reminded us of Jesus' message 'Peace be with you' and challenged us to be peacemakers in the world, in school and in our homes. Thank you 6B for a strong and well-delivered message for us all.



TEACHING AND LEARNING AWARDS

At the start of this academic year the teachers introduced the children to a slimmed down version of the school's Teaching & Learning Policy, (available to view on the school's website).

This is something that we as a staff had been working on and evolving for a while and we wanted to share with the children more than just their 'next steps', to improve their learning.

We have set it out for the children in the form of three Ps: Prepared, Present and Passionate and we are pleased with the impact that we are seeing in their learning behaviours. Pupils are concentrating for longer (being Present), as well as showing more confidence in expressing their thoughts and knowledge (being Passionate) and generally more ready to learn (being Prepared).

Below are some extracts from this week's Award Certificates for both Infants and Juniors, showing the reason for the child receiving the award:

- being a Go for it Gorilla and his super attitude towards his learning
- fantastic independent writing in English
- being present: an increase in confidence with contributing in class
- having a positive attitude towards her RE learning
- a huge improvement in playground behaviour and showing kindness to others
- continuing his SPaG work at home and noticing words containing apostrophes in his reading books
- being passionate in English; making improvements to his writing
- her resilience and amazing attitude in gymnastics



Healthy Week - 18th - 22nd March

New year, new start. With that in mind, we have begun our new school initiative 'Healthy Schools'. As classes, the children have already begun to make some 'Healthy New Year Resolutions'. We are recruiting for volunteers to help during our 'Healthy Week'.

We have 5 themes running throughout this week: healthy diet, mind, body, hygiene and planet. If you have the expertise we would love to have your help to inspire the children. Doctors, nurses, meditation, dentists, yoga/fitness instructors, environmentalist etc... we want you. If you are available and willing to donate your time during this week please contact the school office.



Thank you for your support,

Miss Birtles and Miss Longman



Help needed - could you help by being a lollipop person for the school community?



We need help with the morning crossing patrol, assisting children and parents to cross the Aldershot road outside the school.

If you can help fill this important role for the school and its community, or you know of someone who can help please contact the School Office. You would need to be there each morning from 8.20 am till 9.00 am, term time (38 weeks) only, the pay is between £102 and £106 per calendar month. You will be working predominantly on your own on the highway and in all weathers, and full training and uniform will be provided. This position will require an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Please apply by email to info@stjosephsguildford.com