

Dear parents and carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached October already! The weeks seem to be flying by, and it has been another busy and enjoyable week here at St Joseph's.

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic visit from Dorking Wanderers, who inspired them with their enthusiasm for sport, teamwork and reading. You'll be able to read more about their visit further down in this week's newsletter.

Across the school, children have also been learning about Fairtrade and thinking carefully about how the choices we make can help create a fairer world for others.

We were also delighted to celebrate Mass together in church on Tuesday. I was incredibly proud of our children, who represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour. Thank you to all the parents who helped us walk safely to and from church, and to those who joined us for Mass.

A gentle reminder that our RSHE consultation is currently open. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to look at the materials and share your views, please do take a few moments to do so. Your feedback is very much valued.

Finally, we wish our Year 6 children and staff the very best for their Calshot adventure next week. We hope they have a wonderful time, challenge themselves, make lasting memories and return with lots of exciting stories to share.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Mrs Claassen

IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

INSET Day
Friday 2nd October

RSHE information evening
for parents - 13th October

FOSJ Quiz night - 14th
October

Parents Evenings
20th and 21st October

Half term break
October 23rd - 2nd Nov

Children return
3rd November

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BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that our new Breakfast Club will be launching on 12th October.

Breakfast Club provides children with a happy, safe and welcoming start to the school day, with a nutritious breakfast and the opportunity to spend time with friends before lessons begin.

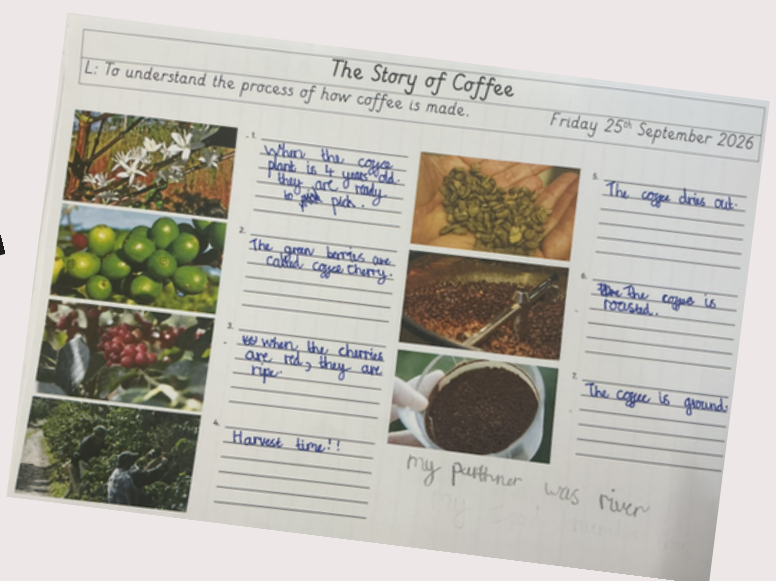
Bookings are now open and places can be reserved through Arbor and the cost is £8.50.

Parents and carers who would like to use childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare to pay for Breakfast Club are asked to contact the school office who will support with setting this up.

FAIR TRADE

Across the school the children have been learning about Fairtrade and the positive impact it has on the lives of farmers and producers.

They enjoyed finding out how small choices can make a big difference to people across the globe.



YEAR 5 CELEBRATES THEIR WORLD CUP READING SUCCESS!

This week, our Year 5 children were delighted to welcome representatives from Dorking Wanderers into school to receive the books they had earned through the World Cup Reading Competition. The competition, organised by Heath Books and supported by Downs Solicitors, encouraged children to combine their love of reading with the excitement of football, and our pupils rose brilliantly to the challenge!

There was great excitement as the children were presented with their books, celebrating all of the enthusiasm, commitment and hard work they showed during the competition. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and hope their new books inspire many more reading adventures.

A huge thank you to Downs Solicitors for generously funding the books and to Heath Books for organising the competition and helping to make this special experience possible. We would also like to thank Mrs Deegan, who took part in the project with her class and supported the children throughout the competition. Congratulations to all of our Year 5 readers on this fantastic achievement. Well done, everyone!- Mrs Currie



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S



Get your team together and join our friends for a fun-filled evening of quizzing, laughter, and community spirit!

By supporting this event, you'll be helping the Friends of St Joseph's raise funds that directly benefit all of the children in our school. We would love to see you there!

YMCA MOLE VALLEY
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PARENTING PUZZLE

This 10-week course helps parents of children aged 3-12 (but open to all ages), to understand and manage feelings and behaviour while becoming more positive and nurturing in their relationships with their children.

During the course, you will learn and practice different strategies designed to support positive parenting, such as praise and criticism, parenting styles, family rules, problem solving, negotiating and much more.

- ▶ **Venue:** Mole Valley Family Centre, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR
- ▶ 10 week course
- ▶ £30 - payable before the start of the course (includes course manual and refreshments)
- ▶ A reduced rate is available for any family on income-related benefits

To enquire about the next course start date, please get in touch
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