

WELL DONE YEAR 6



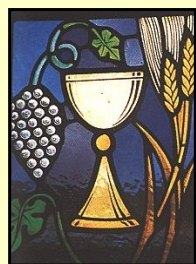
Our congratulations to our Year 6 children who completed their National SATs last week. The children remained focused and good-humoured, and responded to the challenge.

Many thanks to Miss Tanner, Mrs Beedle and Miss O'Donnell for all their hard work ensuring the children were well-prepared for the tests and to the Year 6 parents for their support and encouragement at home.



Congratulations to Faith who was presented with a beautiful glass trophy at the DorKing Coronation event in recognition of her lovely watercolour painting which was the winning entry in the local art competition.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the following children who have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and will be celebrating this special sacrament at parish Masses over the coming weeks on Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi.

Gabriella	Larkin	Peter
Philippa	Betsy	George
Annabelle	Ula	Imogen
Micki	Tatianna	James
Kaja		William



Congratulations also to Francesca, Jimmy and Mabel who recently made their First Holy Communions at family parishes.



We send our best wishes to all the

children at this special time and ask you to remember them and their families in your prayers.



NEXT WEEK

BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our next BAGS2SCHOOL collection will take place on

Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 9.00am.

This company collect unwanted clothes, soft toys, belts, handbags and shoes.

Please bring your bags along to the shelter in the car park from **Monday 22nd May** (no earlier please as we do not have space on site for storage!)

Many thanks for your support!

PLAYTIME SNACKS



Through the Government Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, snacks are provided for the children at morning playtimes. If your child brings in their own snack, these items should also be a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables.

Sweets, chocolates, pastries, biscuits and cakes are not allowed please.

Also, water bottles should only contain water, not flavoured drinks, juice or squash.

A reminder that we encourage healthy and balanced packed lunches. Sweets and chocolate are not permitted.

Finally, we are a **NUT FREE** school so nuts (and items containing nuts e.g. chocolate hazelnut spreads) should not be sent into school at all.

SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH

Thank you to Fr. Simon,
who on his weekly visit to school yesterday,
gifted us a statue of "Sleeping St. Joseph".
Pope Francis has spoken of his devotion to St.
Joseph who he describes as a man of silence and
strength. The Pope keeps a statue of St. Joseph
sleeping on his desk saying, *"Even when St. Joseph is
asleep, he is taking care of the church. So when I
have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I
put it underneath St. Joseph so that he can dream
about it. In other words, I tell him: pray for this
problem"*.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING MOBILE PHONES



If you allow your child to have a mobile
phone, please do ensure that you have
applied all the necessary security settings and put
parental controls in place. I would also urge you to
check your child's phone regularly to ensure that they
are using phones responsibly and courteously and
only accessing suitable content. Another reminder
that primary aged children should not be accessing
most of the popular social media sites and platforms
as they require users to be at least 13 years old - this
includes Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat,
Whatsapp, Youtube and TikTok. The school website
contains more information about online safety and
links to resources and materials to support parents.

CAN YOU HELP?

**Calling all parents, grandparents, great grandparents
or family members who are past pupils or
staff members of the school.**

We would be very pleased to hear
from any family members who
attended or were associated with the
school in the past and would be
prepared to be interviewed by the
children about their memories and experiences.
We are also compiling a "Book of Memories" for an
exhibition and any contributions would be gratefully
received. Please contact the School Office (01306
883934 or office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk) if
you are able to help or would like to contribute.
Many thanks.



Miss Devlin's Friday rosary sessions have been well
attended. The last session for the children to come
along to if they wish at playtime is next week. We
have a selection of rosaries for the children to use
in school but if your child has a rosary at home they
are very welcome to bring them in to use.



REMINDER

**We break up next Friday 26th May at 3.15pm
for the half term holiday.
MONDAY 5th JUNE is an INSET DAY
so the children return on Tuesday 6th June.**



*Our Ofsted report has now been published following the in-
spection at St. Joseph's on 28th & 29th March 2023.
A copy of the report was e-mailed to parents earlier in the
week and hard copies are available from the school office.*
*As always, we are very proud of the children and all they contribute to our community and
achieve here. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the staff team for the
care and commitment they bring to their roles each day and whom I feel blessed to work
alongside. Thanks are also due to the Governing Body for all their work on behalf of the school.
Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to thank you as parents for your
continued and valued support of St. Joseph's.*

*With best wishes for a happy and relaxing weekend.
Look after one another and be kind!
Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]*