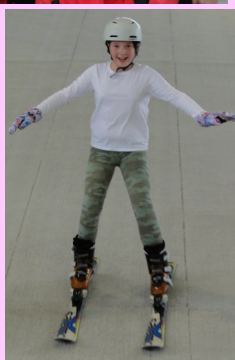
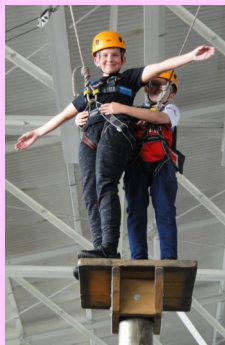


YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

We were blessed with a lovely week at Calshot Activities Centre in Hampshire last week. The Year 6 children were great company and really threw themselves into all aspects of the trip, rising to the challenges set and making the most of the new opportunities offered. We were very proud of their behaviour and attitudes and received compliments from the centre staff too. A huge thank you to Miss Tanner and Miss Nurse for accompanying the children with me; without them giving so generously of their time and care the trip would not have been possible.



THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Every Thursday, during this month, children are invited to say a decade of the Rosary in the Quiet Garden over lunchtime.

It has been lovely to see so many children attend each week from all year groups. Next week will be the last Rosary Club during October, before it returns during the month of May. Many thanks to Miss Devlin for leading this initiative.



ENRICHING OUR LEARNING

Year 4 visited Haslemere Museum this week. As well as viewing the Museum's Egyptian artefacts, they also learnt more about the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians and the process of mummification. The museum curator who led the workshops was very impressed with the children's knowledge of Ancient Egypt and their behaviour. Thank you to Mr Murray, Mrs Krol and Mrs Withers for helping.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the 28 children in Yrs 3 - 6 who took part in the first Dorking Schools' cross country run of the season at the Weald School on 25.09.23. It was fantastic to see so many eager runners and not only did they show excellent sportsmanship, but some brilliant team and individual results were achieved. Some particular mentions to children who finished in the top 20 in their races:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anabelle 5 th | Rafael 8 th | Lexi 13 th | Miles 13 th |
| Eloise 13 th | Jasmine 14 th | Gabriella 15 th | Stirling 17 th |

The Year 3 & 4 girls team achieved and a superb 3rd place overall.



Sadly, the race scheduled for this week had to be postponed by the host school, letters will be sent out when we have a new date.

We extend a warm welcome to our

Grandparents' Drop-in

on Tuesday 17th October from 1.45 - 2.45pm

Pupils' grandparents are invited to come along to visit the school in action.

*If you have grandparents who would like to join us, it is **essential** that you sign them up beforehand by completing the google form online at this link <https://forms.gle/nhNEi1A9Lrdu2AHY9> or by contacting Mrs Cook .*

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A BIG THANK YOU!

A thank you on behalf of the Year R class and teachers for their new fruit-themed classroom mat which was purchased with funds raised by parents through recent Friends of St. Joseph's (FOSJ) events.



Thank you also to those parents who make regular and one-off payments to the Governors' Fund. Your contributions have helped us to install a new phone system and to carry out necessary maintenance and improvements to the building.



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

We were very happy to have our first visit from our new Parish Priest, Father Ian Vane, yesterday.

Fr Ian will be celebrating a Harvest Mass with us on

**Thursday 19th October at 10.00am
at St. Joseph's Church.**

Parents are most welcome to join us.

Prior to this we will be collecting items for the Dorking Food Bank. If you would like to donate items there will be collection boxes in the Entrance Foyer.

Please refer to the attached list for suitable items to donate. Any items should have a **best before date of 2024 or beyond**.

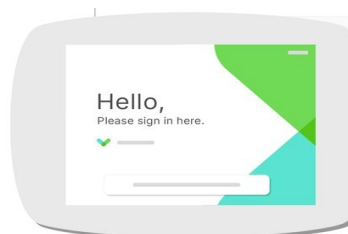
They are also unable to accept items that are:

- out of date
- already opened
- home-made
- fresh produce or
- from the chiller cabinet



SAFEGUARDING NEW SIGN-IN SYSTEM

We have moved to a paperless sign-in system in the school. If your child arrives late to school (after the gates close at 8.55am), please ensure that you accompany him/her to the Entrance Foyer so that you can sign him/her in.



Go to "Sign-in" and then the "Pupils" area. Many thanks in advance of your co-operation.

Fundraising

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Friends of St. Joseph's (FOSJ) are organising a school Christmas card project with "Xmas4schools". The children are invited to produce a piece of artwork which can then be turned into a professionally printed Christmas card (or other product) which parents can purchase. £1 from the sale of each product will go back to the school. The children brought home a letter with further details and a design sheet for their drawings earlier this week. Once they have completed their design and you have filled in the details on the reverse of it, please return the sheet to school via your child's bookbag. The deadline is **Thursday 2nd November**.



CAKE SALE



There will be a Cake Sale after school on **Friday 20th October** in the Infant Playground. It is the turn of children in Years 1 & 2 to provide the cakes please.



Congratulations to the members of our new "Lily Squad" who will be working with Miss Devlin as class ambassadors for our school.



NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

St Andrew's School:

There is a selection of second hand school uniform mainly PE kit from XS to M. All very good condition, speak to Penny or pop into the parish office during working hours.

School Admission Forms:

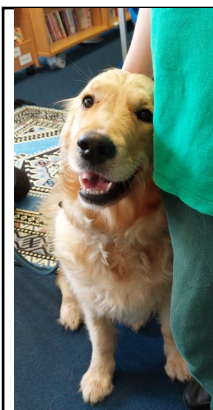
Fr Ian has now had a chance to meet some of the parishioners, please could school forms be brought to Mass or to the parish office during Penny's work hours (ie not on a Wednesday!)

First Holy Communion:

If your child is in year 3 or above they are eligible to make their First Holy Communion. Application forms to join the First Holy Communion programme are available at the entrances to the church and should be returned to Fr. Ian by Tuesday 31/10/23—no further applications will be accepted for the 2023/24 programme after this date.

There will be an initial parents meeting to outline the programme and expectations on Tuesday 7th November 2023. at 7 pm.

Should the number of applicants be significant, there will be two First Holy Communion sessions each week, one will be on Tuesday, somewhere between 4 and 7 pm (to be negotiated) and the other on Friday, immediately after the school day finishes; each session for both parent and child/ren will be approximately



We are very grateful to "Pets as Therapy" for bringing the beautiful Fern into school each week to interact with some of our children. It is a lovely, calm end to the week!

REMINDER

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We break up for the half term holiday on **Friday 20th October at 3.15pm** and return to school on **Monday 30th October**.

With all best wishes, for the week ahead.
Carolyn Scrutton
[Headteacher]

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