

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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"Learning and Growing Together in the Light of God's Love"

Grandparents' Drop-in

Please pass on our thanks to all the grandparents who were able to visit the school this week. We were delighted to welcome around 40 visitors who spent time in the classrooms seeing the school in action. My thanks to Mrs Cook and the teachers for helping to manage the event and the Year 6 pupils who helped serve refreshments and acted as guides.



HARVEST MASS

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members at our Harvest Mass yesterday. Thank you to Fr. Ian for leading the service, to Mr Stevenson for playing the piano for us and to Mrs Hampshire for preparing the choir. Thank you also for the generous donations to Dorking Foodbank which were delivered to the warehouse today and to the parents who offered to help with this.




**YOUR
SCHOOL
NEEDS
YOU!**

THE GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body are seeking to recruit two Parent Governors to join their team.

Attached to the newsletter this week you can find a leaflet outlining the role of Parent Governor. Information and nomination forms will be sent out after half term. If you would like any further information about what the role entails, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie Maruziva (Chair of Governors), Pete Evans (Vice Chair) or Miss Scrutton.

CAKE SALE TODAY AFTER SCHOOL



Fundraising

CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS

A reminder that designs for the FOSJ school Christmas card project should be returned to school by **Thursday 2nd November 2023.**

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. Please make sure you have filled in the details on the reverse of the design sheet before returning it.



Donations of boxes of tissues for classroom use would be gratefully received!



BAGS2SCHOOL

We will be having a BAGS2SCHOOL collection on **Wednesday 22nd November.**

If you are having a sort out or tidy up over half term, please put aside any of the following items which are suitable for our collection: unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys. No bedding, curtains, towels or bric-a-brac please.



ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION CLASS ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

A reminder to parents of children born between 01.09.19 and 31.08.20 that applications for admission to our Reception Class for September 2024 open on 1st November 2023.

Both the County Council form (usually completed on line at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) and the **school application form** should be completed and returned by the deadline of **January 15th 2024.**

If you need further information or copies of the school application form, please contact Mrs Cook. We will be holding small, pre-booked tours of the school throughout November for prospective parents. Please do pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in joining our school.



FOSJ QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 7.30pm

Don't forget to book your tickets!

Tickets may be booked at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/FbAQSKqyu9GHsMit6>

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S QUIZ NIGHT

8 NOV | THE LOUNGE,
MEADOWBANK
DORKING STADIUM | 7:30PM

TICKETS £7.50 TO INCLUDE PIZZA. BAR AVAILABLE. ALL WELCOME. TABLES OF UP TO 8. BOOK VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



Poppies will be available in school after half term and Year 6 will be collecting for the British Legion's charity work. Children may bring in donations in return for a poppy.

*****REMINDER*****

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We return to school on Monday 30th October.

As we reach the half term break, we are proud of the children and all they have achieved so far. Most have settled into their new classes well and are adopting a positive and cheerful outlook and are working hard on their learning and targets. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work, flexibility and good humour. It has been a successful half term and the parental support and kind words and gestures have been much appreciated. We wish all families a happy and restful half term break.

Look after one another and be kind!
Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]

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