

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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



Children in Need Appeal



Thank you for your generous support of our Mufti Day and

"Bearpee" Challenge in support of Children in Need.

Across the school, children and staff managed a fantastic total of **11,212** "bearpees".

The total raised so far is:

£464.15

It is not too late to donate at our JustGiving page. It would be great to break the £500 mark!



Our **BAGS2SCHOOL** collection is on **Wednesday 22nd November**.

The following items are suitable for our collection: unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys. Please put your donations in a bin bag or similar and leave under the car park shelter.

INFANT NATIVITY PLAYS

Year R: Wednesday 13th December 9.30am

Year 1 & 2: Tuesday 12th December - 9.30am & 2.30pm; Wednesday 13th December 2.30pm (Grandparents Performance)

The infants have begun practising and are looking forward to performing their nativity plays. Parents should book seats by completing the relevant Google Form. Details and links will be e-mailed out on Monday. A reminder that only those on the list of attendees will be admitted and tickets may not be transferred between families.

SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday 9th November, the Year 5 Boys played in a tournament against other local schools. The team played brilliantly and scored some great goals but what really shone was the sportsmanship between the team. The teacher who organised the tournament gave St Joseph's a special mention for this in her results email. A big thank you to Mr Power-Bailey who managed the team and gave up his time. Well done to all the players involved.



On Friday 10th November, the Year 6 girls' football team had the opportunity to play in a tournament at Meadowbank Stadium. Not only did the team enjoy themselves, they scored lots of goals. A big thank you to Miss Nurse and Mrs Doherty who accompanied the team. Despite the very wet conditions, the staff were hugely proud of the whole of the team.

Miss Devlin



CALSHOT SCHOOL JOURNEY

A reminder to Year 5 parents that there is a meeting on Tuesday 21st November at 6.30pm regarding the proposed Year 6 school journey for Autumn 2024.

*****REMINDER*****

THIS WEEK, Friday 24th November, is an In-Service Training (INSET) Day. **Children do NOT attend school on this day. Please ensure you have childcare arrangements in place.**



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

To mark anti-bullying week, all classes have been reflecting on what bullying is and how it can be tackled. The children have completed tasks and activities in class which they shared in a special assembly. Members of the Lily Squad also reviewed their Anti-Bullying flyer and shared it with their classes. The children have had some thoughtful discussions and reflections during the week.



A FAREWELL AND A WELCOME

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Giordani at the end of November. She will be leaving St. Joseph's to pursue a new career. We thank her for her hard work here and wish her all the very best for the future. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Morgan to the staff team and hope her time here as a teaching assistant will be happy and successful.



As we enter the season of Christmas Shopping, a reminder that St. Joseph's is registered with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsdorking/), a scheme which allows us to raise **FREE** funds for school if you shop on-line, at no extra cost to you!

A wide range of over 4,300 retailers participate including a number of familiar High Street stores and supermarkets and signing up is easy. Please see the attached flyer for more details or visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsdorking/> You can download the App or add the Donation Reminder to your browser so you never miss a donation opportunity.

Don't forget to tell your friends and family too!

FOSJ CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Friday 1st December 2023 3.15-530pm

A reminder that the deadline for booking a place for your child at this event is **3.15pm on Friday 24th November 2023.**

FOSJ are looking for parent volunteers for this event; if you are able to help please let Mrs Norton know or contact Mrs Cook in the School Office who will pass on your details.



FIRE SAFETY

On Tuesday, Year Five took part in a Fire Safety session led by the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. The children were very attentive and learnt about:

- The Fiery 5 - common fire hazards at home
- The importance of working smoke alarms
- Fire Escape Plans - how to prepare to escape a fire
- Stop, Drop and Roll for clothing fires



The children were extremely engaged in their learning and were all able to show a good understanding of how to stay safe and keep safe in the event of a fire at home.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MORNING

This popular event takes place on **Friday 15th December.**

It is an opportunity for the children to buy small gifts for the members of their immediate family.

FOSJ are asking for donations of small, good-quality items to sell, please refer to their letter for more details.

Donations can be left in the containers in the Entrance Foyer. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please let Mrs Cook know and she will pass your name to the event co-ordinators.

