

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

CAFOD CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Vivienne O' Byrne from Cafod is visiting school today and Monday to talk to each class about Catholic Social Teaching which guides us on how to live out our faith in the world with kindness and justice. CST includes principles such as Human Dignity, Solidarity, the Common Good, Peace & Care of the World.



READING VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to helping our children develop their reading skills?

We are looking for parents (or grandparents) who would like to be reading volunteers and would be willing to come into school regularly each week to listen to some of the children read. In these sessions, volunteers would typically listen to the children read, share stories and talk about the texts. This will help the children with their reading fluency and comprehension. Volunteers will be given induction training to support them in this role. If you are interested in offering your time to support reading at St. Joseph's, please contact Mrs Cook via the school office. Thank you.

Please Note: Volunteer reading roles within school are subject to DBS clearance.



ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK!

Cases of headlice have been reported in the school. It is really important that **all** parents are vigilant and remember to check their child(ren)'s hair very regularly to stop the spread. More guidance can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> and the information sheet attached to the newsletter.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

*With best wishes for the weekend!
Look after one another and be kind!
Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]*



MEETING FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS PHONICS SCREENING

Tuesday 23rd January at 9.00am

Mrs Chin will be talking about the teaching of phonics and explaining the expectations of the government's Year 1 phonics screening test which the class will take in June. Please do make every effort to come along to find out more and how you can support your child.



*****FINAL REMINDER*****

ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION CLASS ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

Applications for admission to our Reception Class in September 2024 - children born between 01.09.19 and 31.08.20 - must be received by next **Monday January 15th 2024**. **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 this date. Please contact Mrs Cook if you need any help with this process.

DORKING NURSERY SCHOOL

Applications for places at Dorking Nursery School for September 2024 close on Monday 15th January 2024. If you have a child who will have turned 2 or 3 years old by 31st August this year, it is not too late to apply. Fully funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds are offered and the new funded entitlement for two year olds without charging any top ups. For any enquiries, call 01306 882397

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO TEACH WITH XAVIER TEACH SOUTHEAST?

Attached to the newsletter you will find XTSE's prospectus which provides information about their offer. If you want to find out more, a number of events are in place:

Wednesday 17th January 2024 9.30-11am :

SCITT Open morning event @ Salesian School, Guildford Road, KT16 9LU.

Tuesday 30th January 11.00-11.30am: Online information event.

Wednesday 7th Feb: -School Experience Day at St John the Baptist school in Woking. Follow XTSE on social media to find out more about events, or just pick up the phone today to the Xavier Teach SouthEast team on 01932 578 682 or email j.crome@xaviercet.org.uk