

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

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CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

3-9
FEB
2025

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week is Children's mental Health Week and the theme is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself".

It is so important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop. The children have been thinking about these ideas in class and taking the opportunity to reflect upon their feelings and achievements. Each child contributed to a class "Proud Cloud" which will be shared in assembly next week.



NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

This annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. We are grateful to Maggie Power for visiting school throughout the week, entertaining and engaging classes with her stories and giving so generously of her time and talents.



World Book Day

FRIDAY 7th March

WHO WILL YOU COME AS?

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on **Friday 7th March.**

The children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite **fictional** character from a children's story book. Children should be able to explain why they have chosen their character and, if possible, bring the book to school with them to share. This is **not** a competition; there is no entry charge and costumes do not have to be shop-bought!

"SPREAD THE LOVE"

This week, Year 4 and 5 were invited to The Priory School for a Gymnastics and Dance show. The theme of the show was 'Musicals'. The students from The Priory were excellent performers and the atmosphere was great. Anna said 'My favourite part was when the students handed us hearts that said *Spread the love of Gym & Dance*'. Year 4 loved the hoop jumping and tricks. A great afternoon was had by all. A huge thank you to The Priory School for inviting us.

Miss Devlin

Friends of St Joseph's



Join us for a
Cake & Costume Sale

£1 a cake £3 per costume

Junior Playground
Thursday 13th
February
3.15pm

We will be selling pre loved fancy dress costumes ready for World Book Day which will be on Friday 7th March

Please bring in any pre loved costumes into School from Monday 3rd February.




PARKING & ROAD SAFETY

Please could I ask parents to consider the safety of their conduct when dropping off and collecting children. Please adhere to the rules regarding parking restrictions and access roads and ensure that you are being considerate of our neighbours and pedestrians. I would once again urge parents not to drive into Norfolk Road as it is a dead end and parking is only permitted for residents. Driving into the road means that vehicles then have to turn round in order to exit. There have been incidents of cars mounting kerbs and pavements in order to turn around or reversing out onto the one-way system. There have been some "near misses", endangering the children.

Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

*****REMINDER*****

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY IS AN INSET DAY
THE CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

Please ensure that you have childcare

YMCA MOLE VALLEY FAMILY CENTRE
PART OF YMCA EAST SURREY



PARENTING PUZZLE

Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle course provides them. This 10 week informal course gives you tips and advice on how to get the best out of family life.

Wednesday 26 February - Wednesday 14 May 2025
(with two weeks break on 9 & 16 April for the Easter Holidays)
19:30-21:30
Mole Valley Family Centre, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR

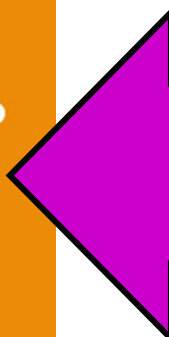
Run jointly by Mole Valley Family Centre, Dorking Schools Partnership and Home-Start East Surrey and is open to all parents and carers. Course costs £30.00 payable on booking (includes course manual and refreshments). A reduced rate is available for any family on income related benefits.

To book a place on this course please call **01306 740095** or email molevalleyfamilycentre@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

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THE PARENTING PUZZLE COURSE
This excellent course comes highly recommended by past participants. Do consider signing up.



CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN

A reminder that we now have a clothes recycling bin on-site for families and friends to use to donate unwanted clothes and shoes. The bin is located in the car park. Sofia the Sloth, who reminds us of stewardship and the importance of caring for our planet, encourages everyone to use it!

DON'T BIN IT, RECYCLE IT



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