

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a wonderful week at school, with the sun shining (at least for the first half of the week!) and many activities going on for the children. Year 4 children took part in bikeability, many of our children ran at the cross country event, and we've continued to learn about Fairtrade Fortnight.

Catholic Social Teaching guides us to make positive change in our world, with principles like The Common Good, Subsidiarity, and Solidarity all being relevant to how and why we take part in Fairtrade Fortnight. We must use our gifts and community to positively benefit others, and that's exactly the determination and love I see in your children at St Joseph's.

It is now October (I know, it's crept up on us!), which the Catholic Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. I converted to Catholicism in my early twenties, so the Rosary was one of many things that I found intimidating at first, but now it is an enriching part of my prayer life. I've found this guide useful for starting to do the rosary as a family: [click here](#). The whole school did a decade of the Rosary together on Wednesday and it was a beautiful experience.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Coming Up...

6th October
Year 6 Residential

23rd October
Harvest Service

Future dates...

INSET DAY
Friday 24th Oct

Half Term Week
Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct

Parents Evenings
4th and 5th November

[Full School Calendar](#)

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ATTENDANCE - ANOTHER BRILLIANT WEEK

We have had another week of brilliant attendance at St Joseph's, with over 97% on Wednesday and close to that on the other days of the week. This makes a huge difference to the children's sense of community, routines, and progress.

Thank you for continuing to support us with brilliant attendance! As ever, if we can help, please get in touch.



CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN - FROM FOSJ

Thank you to those who are already using our clothes recycling bin! Please find it in staff car park (Infant entrance), in the far corner. We really appreciate all donations for this worthwhile scheme.



YEAR 4 - BIKEABILITY

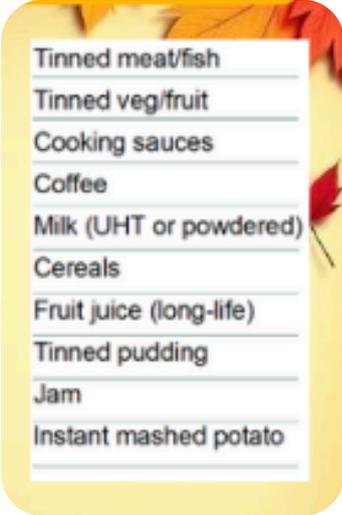
Year 4 had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability this week. The staff from the scheme were excellent with the children, providing them with safety tips, fun games, and a variety of techniques to be able cycle in lots of different scenarios.



HARVEST SERVICE - 23RD OCTOBER

We are delighted to invite you to St Joseph's Church on **Thursday 23rd October at 2pm** for our Harvest Service. Join us to reflect, pray, and prepare our Food Bank donations for this half term. We will then walk the children back to school for pick up as usual, with a Friends of St Joseph's Cake Sale!

Friday the 24th is an INSET Day, so our Harvest Service will be the perfect way to end the half term.



Tinned meat/fish
Tinned veg/fruit
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Cereals
Fruit juice (long-life)
Tinned pudding
Jam
Instant mashed potato



GOVERNOR AND FOSJ OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your interest in our governor positions - we are delighted that some people are thinking of volunteering their time and skills for the school. *The Friends of St Joseph's* are always keen for support, so please get in touch!

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS AND FUN!



A big well done to all the children who represented St Joseph's this week for Cross County!

Our top 20 placers were:

Year 3 and 4 Girls: Etta 13th & Emilia 18th

Year 3 and 4 Boys: Orlando 16th

Year 5 and 6 Girls: Lexi 15 & Freya 16th

Congratulations to Sofia, Aaron, Shea, Jack S, Gabriella, Mabel, Peter, Jack, George and Ilario who all ran brilliantly! There was some excellent team cheering and sportsmanship from all the children at St Joseph's.

Thank you to the parents who came to support at the event and for The Weald School for hosting. The next Cross-Country Race is in February, and it would be great to have even more runners!

Miss Devlin