

Dear parents and carers,

The school has felt different this week without our Year 6 class, who have been in Calshot for their residential trip. They have had a brilliant time, trying out a wide-range of new activities, strengthening their bond as a group, and taking a big step in their independence by spending a week away from home! We have been so delighted with how well they have risen to the challenge and looked after each other. We hope it has been a truly formative experience for the children. A huge thank you to parents for supporting this trip, and to our amazing staff: Miss Tanner, Miss Devlin, and Mrs Beedle.

Of course, a lot has gone on at St Joseph's in their absence! The children have worked really hard in their lessons and I am delighted to see how much they are learning when I visit their classrooms.

Somehow, we are 6 weeks in to the term already, and I want to thank you for your support of the school: with attendance and punctuality, with your positivity towards our staff, and the way that you keep up with our communications and ensure the children are ready for school every day, whatever is going on.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Coming Up...

15th October
Grandparents' Morning

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](#)

[Book a school tour:](#)
[01306 883934](tel:01306883934)

ATTENDANCE - NEARLY AT 96%

Our school attendance is very good, and our ambition is to increase it even higher so that the children are accessing education every day. We understand that different bugs are going around at the moment, and that children should not come in with a high temperature (over 38 degrees c), but please see the link below for advice that the NHS has published about when children should and shouldn't attend school. If they have a cold, we will look after them as best we can in school, as per [NHS advice found here](#).



SPORTS CREW

Today, Mr Crome took a group from Year 5 to Sports Crew training at Dorking Sports Centre. The 3-hour training aims to develop leadership, resilience, character and confidence and allow them to become Sports Crew ambassadors within St Joseph's!



YEAR 6 - CALSHOT

As mentioned at the start of the newsletter, we are so delighted for Year 6 regarding how much fun they have had, and so proud of them for how they conducted themselves this week. Thank you to the children and staff!



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!

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



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Today is World Mental Health Day, and while I am grateful that we are part of a loving community, I know that mental health isn't an easy journey for anyone. Please find resources here, and always feel free to get in touch if we can support further.

CAFOD CLUB FUNDRAISING



Mrs Power-Bailey and her wonderful Cafod Club members are fundraising on the **21st October**, with a Seed and Cake Sale. We are delighted that our children are so keen to lead events like this for The Common Good - a core principle of Catholic Social Teaching

Please come along to the **Junior playground at 3.15** on that date, with cash!

USING SOCIAL MEDIA AS A SCHOOL

We have started using Instagram to help provide updates to parents, stakeholders, and our wider community of Catholic organisations. We'd love to involve the children in our account, and therefore will send out a new permissions request soon to ask your support with this; thank you for considering this.

