

Dear parents and carers,

As you can probably imagine, there are many highlights of the week when you work in a primary school. 99% of the time it's the way the children contribute to the life and culture of the school: when they come to show you their work, seeing them share and play together so nicely, or when they are leading worship in classrooms or the main hall.

But this week the children were upstaged by grandparents! It was wonderful to welcome them to the school and for them to interact with their grandchildren, but also so many others.

We have continued to pray the rosary together in our collective worship this week, and I invite you to ask your child about this and perhaps say a decade of the rosary with them this weekend.

Elsewhere, I am continually inspired by how hard the staff work to educate our children to a high level at St Joseph's. Not only do we have a huge amount of expertise within the school, but the staff are constantly looking for opportunities to learn and grow themselves. Staff professional development often goes on out of view, but I can assure you that the culture at St Joseph's is one where 'better never stops' and we are doing a huge amount to add marginal gains to the brilliant provision that the children already receive.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Coming Up...

23rd October
Harvest Service

INSET DAY
Friday 24th Oct

Future dates...

Half Term Week
Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct

Parents Evenings
4th and 5th November

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A WALK IN THE NOWER - YEAR 1



Year 1 had a brilliant autumnal walk this week at the Nower. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for facilitating this experience!

SPORTS CREW

Following on from last week's Sports Crew update, we wanted to share a photograph of our new team who will contribute what they have learnt to activities across the school this year.

Thank you to our keen Year 5 students for choosing to lead others in keeping fit and healthy.



GRANDPARENTS' MORNING

Thank you so much for coming to our Grandparents' morning!



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

SNACKS IN SCHOOL



Please bear in mind that the children should only bring in fruit, fruit-based or vegetable snacks to have at playtime - not chocolate bars, biscuits, cereal bars, etc. Thank you for supporting this, and a reminder that we are a nut-free school.

FUNDRAISING FOR MARY'S MEALS!



A group of our children fundraised for Mary's Meals last weekend in Westcott, making £193.93 from their cake, bracelet and badge sale!

Elsie, Órla, Úna, Alyssia, Maeva, and Francesca made and delivered fliers, baked and decorated cakes, made bracelets and badges and managed the sale from start to finish. We are really proud of them for their initiative, hard work, and solidarity to a brilliant cause.

STEWARDSHIP IN WORTHING - YEAR 5

Year 5 spent a lovely day at Worthing, collecting litter and debris from the beach as part of their Geography learning, and firmly with Catholic Social Teaching in mind. Sofia the sloth, who represents Stewardship, was present!

