

Dear parents and carers,

Friday's Gospel provides us two clear commandments from Jesus: to Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love your neighbour as yourself. As a Catholic community we are called to this mission - it is not always easy, but we work hard to both build our relationship with God, and to treat each other with unconditional love. Your children are full of the Holy Spirit and together we are striving to do wonderful things in the name of our faith.

This week the children have been taking part in National Science Week, which aims to encourage curiosity and creativity in our young scientists. Each class has done a lesson focused on an interesting experiment, from parachute making to water filtering! You can see some photos at the end of the newsletter.

As we approach the 4th Sunday of Lent, we are very much embracing a philosophy of Pray, Fast, Give at St Joseph's. We are grateful for your support with our Fundraising Fridays - as I've mentioned before, the children choose the charity each week and we are giving money to a range of incredible causes.

Closer to home, we are trying to work on lots of projects at school to improve the building, wider site, and learning environments. As a small school, budgets are very tight and we rely on the kindness of our community. Currently, the Friends of St Joseph's are spearheading a tour of local businesses to fundraise for our Reception class' outdoor area. If you know of someone who may be able to help, with a donation or skills, e.g. building, landscaping, etc then please let us know.

God bless

Sam Crome



## IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Arundel

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>  
Easter liturgies - see page 2

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Fundraising Friday - Norfolk

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
End of term 1.30pm

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> and Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Parents' Evenings

Further ahead:  
Sports Day  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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## SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES - CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently fundraising to rejuvenate the outdoor area for our lovely Reception class. This includes new artificial grass, new equipment and resources, rendering and painting a wall, and other things like that. As you can imagine, it's a costly exercise! FOSJ are seeking support from local businesses; if you know any who might be willing to sponsor parts of the project, please get in touch - it will make a huge difference to our next generation of children!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



We've added some new dates for your diary, including **Parents' Evenings which are on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April** - the first week back after Easter.

### **Easter Liturgies for parents to watch**

Parents are welcome to watch the short Easter liturgy run by each class during the final week of term. Timings as follows:

Mon 23rd March 2.45 Year 2  
Tuesday 24th 9.15 Year 4  
Tuesday 24th 2.45 Year 1  
Wednesday 25th 9.15 Year 3  
Thursday 26th 9.15 Year R  
Thursday 26th 2.00 Years 5 and 6

## TOP ATTENDANCE IN DORKING!

Another week of amazing attendance at school! Surrey recently commented that we are leading the way in Dorking when it comes to school attendance, and this has a huge impact on the wellbeing and progress of our children. Thank you very much for the role you play in this!

Let's keep going with amazing attendance!



## LENTEN FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS - UPDATE

Last week we walked 1000 steps around school (in the rain!) to raise awareness about the importance of staying healthy and active, while supporting Diabetes UK.

Thanks to your generosity we raised £209 for this cause, which is very close to our hearts.

We will soon share updates on this week's Fundraising Friday, and what to expect next week! Thank you.



## GIRLS' Y5&6 TAG RUGBY SUCCESS



Huge congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Girls Tag Rugby team, who won the whole tournament! The whole team showed fantastic sportsmanship, determination and manners throughout the afternoon. There was some fantastic tries scored and some very close matches, but the team worked together and achieved the gold medal. The smiles say it all. Well done champions!

## CROSS COUNTRY PARTICIPATION

A big well done for the effort and enthusiasm at this week's cross country! Thank you to the children, and the parents for making the effort.



## SCIENCE WEEK: TOWER BUILDING IN RECEPTION



## SCIENCE WEEK: BRIDGES IN YEAR 1



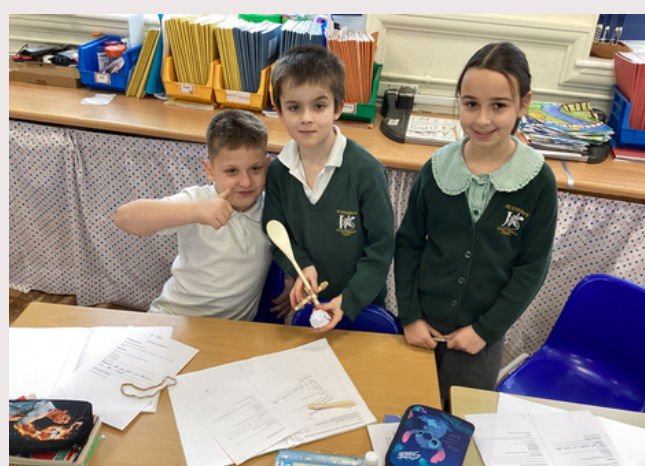
## SCIENCE WEEK: BOAT MAKING IN YEAR 2



## SCIENCE WEEK: PARACHUTES IN YEAR 3



## SCIENCE WEEK: CATAPULTS IN YEAR 4



## SCIENCE WEEK: CARS AND FRICTION IN YEAR 5



## SCIENCE WEEK: WATER FILTERS IN YEAR 6



The children and staff had a lot of fun, and learnt so much about how things work, or don't work! Thank you to Mrs Chin and Miss Cook for leading the staff, and for all the teachers, teaching assistants, and Mr Dootson, for helping to bring these experiments to life!