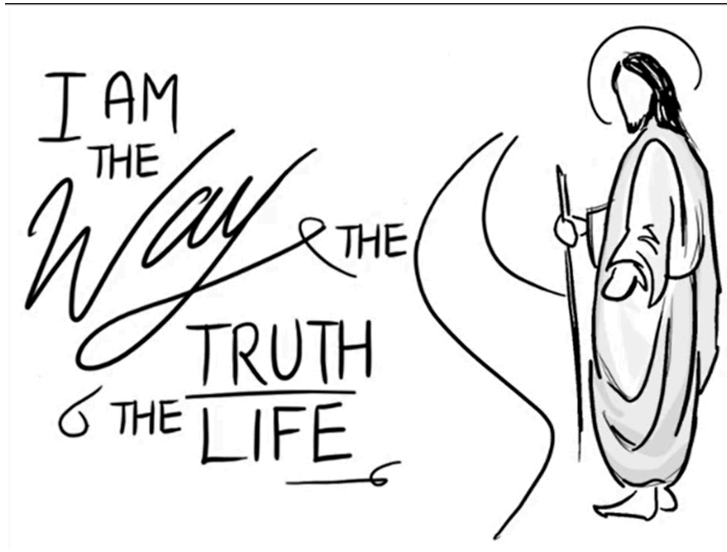




Weekly Parent Update - Summer Week 3

Dear Parents,



The Fifth Sunday of Easter is a very special one for St Joseph's - we hear the reading from John's Gospel that inspires our school motto, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Jesus explains to his followers that he is preparing a place in the heavenly kingdom for them and, to find their way to it, they simply need to follow his example.

We explored how we might interpret Jesus' example - by following his way, seeking to understand the truth he shares and being bold enough to embrace the opportunities afforded to us in this life. When we live like this, we are working towards the Common Good - our Tool of St Joseph this week. 1H taught us all about this Catholic Social Teaching principle in today's class worship. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

Wishing you a peaceful weekend - God bless,
Mr Collins

School Car Park



Please take care to keep to the designated yellow pathways when moving through the school car park, especially early in the morning and late in the day, when the vehicle gates are open.

Medication to the Office



Please be aware that children are not permitted to self-administer any medication in school without the knowledge of the School Office, who logs all use of medications. If your child requires medicine during the school day, please bring the medication (in its original container/packaging) to the School Office at the start of the day. Thank you for helping us to keep all children in school safe and well.

Attendance



Thank you to all families who continue to support strong attendance and punctuality at school. The Department for Education (DfE) reminds schools and parents that good attendance and punctuality are essential to children's learning, wellbeing and long-term success. Even arriving a few minutes late each day can disrupt learning routines and add up to a significant loss of learning time over a term.

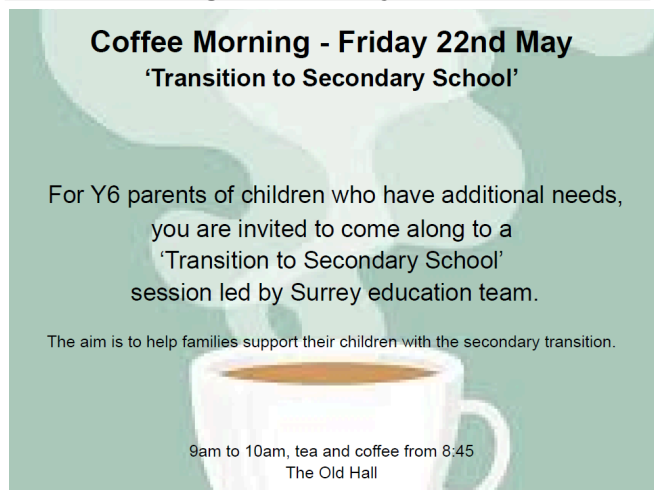
Arriving at school on time helps children to:

- Start the day calmly and confidently
- Join their class for morning routines and learning
- Develop positive habits for the future
- Feel settled, included and ready to learn from the start of the day

We kindly ask for your continued support in helping your child arrive at school promptly each morning. If you are experiencing any challenges that make punctuality difficult, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Sue Hua (Deputy Headteacher), who will always be happy to listen and to support you and your child.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that every child has the best possible start to their day.

Coffee Morning - Secondary School Transition



Our Pastoral Team have organised a visiting speaker from Surrey Education Services on **Friday 22nd May** to talk to parents about supporting children with additional needs with their transition to secondary school. Please confirm your attendance with Mrs Sewell - rsewell@stjosephsguildford.com

Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th May

New Reception Stay & Play

Friday 8th May

RB's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2S Swimming

Monday 11th May

End of KS2 National Test Week Begins

Wednesday 13th May

New Reception Stay & Play

Friday 15th May

2R's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2S Swimming