



Weekly Parent Update - Summer Week 5

Dear Parents,



We marked the feast of Ascension during Celebration of the Word this week. We heard how Jesus commanded his followers, "Go, make disciples of the nations" and we reflected on the Catholic Social Teaching principle - The Dignity of Work. Just as Jesus gives his team a mission to complete, so too are we called to complete some special work in this world.

Discerning our personal vocation can take a lifetime but putting our abilities to good use in the meantime is extremely important. Work gives us a sense of self-worth and affirms our contribution and value to the community we live in. Children can begin to experience this dignity from early on in their family - tidying their rooms, helping to serve meals or clear up, wheeling the bins out etc. Being involved in the "work" of the family or school community are important steps in learning that we belong.

2R taught us all about the value of work in their inspiring class workshop this morning. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

Wishing you a glorious weekend - God bless,
Mr Collins

Summer 1 House Points



Our deepest thanks and congratulations to the vast majority of children who demonstrate exceptional standards of behaviour and an inspiring attitude to their learning every single day - well done and God bless you! Keep up the excellent work.

Canterbury - 1717

Iona - 1522

Lindisfarne - 1435

Walsingham -1933

A special congratulations to Walsingham House this half term - a confident win! Children will be invited to wear their BLUE House T-shirts and enjoy extra break time on **Friday 22nd May**.

Family Worship



Come and join us to celebrate the end of the first half of the summer term with food, fellowship and fun together on **Thursday 21st May** straight after school. We will share some of our favourite hymns, catch up over a coffee and biscuit, and reflect on some scripture together. It would be a joy to see you there.

New Year R - 5 Coffee Morning - Transition

Coffee Morning - 5th June

Reception to Year 5 managing class transition

Parents of children with additional needs are invited to join us to find out how you can support your child's transition to their next class.

9am to 10am, tea and coffee from 8:45
The Old Hall

Please confirm if you are attending so we know numbers:
rsewell@stjosephsguildford.com or jtrimmer@stjosephsguildford.com

Toilets



We've received some enquiries about school toilets over the last week. For the benefit of all, here are a few points that parents have asked about:

- Toilets are deep cleaned every evening and are refreshed regularly throughout the day.
- The best way to maintain high standards of toilet hygiene and cleanliness is for all children to use the facilities respectfully and appropriately.
- There are ample toilet facilities for all the children in the school, although ongoing maintenance of doors and locks is always required (because of improper use).
- Children are encouraged to use the facilities during the freer times of day: before and after lessons, and during break times. However, teachers do permit children to use the toilet during class time, when needed.
- We are always ready and able to support any child at school with a temporary or long-term special toileting need. Please begin the conversation with your child's class teacher so we can understand how to help.

Hill View Crescent



Residents from Hillview Crescent have been in touch this week, concerned about the safety and welfare of our children because of dangerous and inconsiderate parking on their road. Please take very special care if parking on residential roads to park legally and safely, with the best interests of the whole community in mind.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 21st May

Family Worship Session - 3:20pm

Friday 22nd May

Parent Prayer Group - 9:00am - All are welcome!

1K's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2S Swimming

End of Half Term! - Normal end of day routines.