



Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 5

Dear Parents,



Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) where Jesus emboldens his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth." Whilst we stressed to children that we don't have too much salt in our diet these days, we also celebrated that salt brings out the flavour of food - it makes things taste their best. In the same way, as disciples of Christ, we are called to bring out the best in others.

We focused this week on the Tool of St Joseph - counsel. We explained that sometimes others will provide us with the guidance to be the best that we can be. At other times, we need to be that counselling voice for others. As a community of Christ, we are all called to bring out the best in each other. 5P taught us more about this Gift of the Spirit in their fantastic class worship this morning. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

God bless,
Mr Collins

House Points



Our thanks and congratulations to all the children for their excellent effort and behaviour this half term. We've also had a whole school focus on presentation and handwriting this New Year, with children across the school being awarded for their impressive progress in this area. The final totals are in:

Canterbury - 1643

Iona - 1550

Lindisfarne - 1265

Walsingham - 1348

Congratulations to Canterbury House! Children will be treated to additional playtime and are invited to wear their Red House T-Shirts on Friday 13th February.

Children's Mental Health Week



Next week we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week. There will be some wonderful activities taking place throughout the week so please check your child's Google Classroom and the Headteacher's Blog to see what we are getting up to!

Wake Up, Shake Up - Friday 13th February

On Friday 13th, we will be holding a Wake Up, Shake Up on the junior playground at 8:30am for all children. This fun dancing activity gets children moving and exercising. After all, what better way to start the day than with a dance?

To support this event, the gate between the Reception outside area and the junior playground will be open, allowing you to move around the school quickly and give you better access to the KS1 classrooms.

BEND THE RULES DAY Back by popular demand ✨



Friday 13th February - Please pay in advance for your broken rules if you can using the link below, cash also accepted at the school office: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/pfsa/index.cfm>

GREAT ATHLETE DAY! 🏆



We are thrilled to be able to share some more information about our upcoming Great Athletes event on . We are excited to announce that the athlete who will be visiting us will be Nerys Pearce!

On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by their athlete, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Their athlete will then share their incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end!

Fundraising for the event will begin next week when the children will be bringing home a sponsorship form. The money raised for the event will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school!

St Joseph's Clubhouse

ABOUT ST JOSEPH'S CLUBHOUSE

A high-quality, school-based wraparound care and holiday club provision for children aged 4-11, delivered entirely by our own trusted St Joseph's staff. Families value the affordable continuity, care and community that only a school-run programme can provide – a place where children know the adults, each other, creating a warm, confident start and end to their day.



ST JOSEPH'S CLUBHOUSE
At St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School



WHY CHOOSE US

- ✓ Easy to book home-away-from-home wraparound care options from **7:30am - 6pm**, where children thrive and belong
- ✓ Run by our local school community for our school community, all staff are employed by the school
- ✓ Something for everyone with a broad range of fun activities including calm spaces
- ✓ Includes nutritious snacks and hot options prepared by excellent school caterers

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We finally have a name for our wraparound care provision - St Joseph's Clubhouse.

Our Wraparound Care continues to evolve, with new ideas, activities and an updated name - a new flyer is attached. The staff continue to be dedicated to providing your child with the best experience in whichever of the provisions they are using. The daily hot breakfast is fast becoming a firm favourite and the Friday Film Night is a perfect wind-down from a busy week at school as your children head into their weekends.

We are fast approaching our February Half Term and we have a fabulous half term camp planned which includes cooking pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

The camp is open to siblings of primary school age that may attend other primary schools in the area.

Please book your places early and if you haven't registered your child please fill in the form attached and return it either by email to info@stjosephsguildford.com or drop it to the School Office.

Family Worship Session - Fri 13th February from 3:20pm



Our next Family Worship Session takes place on Friday 13th February, straight after school. Come and join us in celebrating the halfway point in the school year and let's give thanks to God for the gift of our education as we share faith, fellowship and food together. We will share some of the worship songs the children really enjoy, listen to God's word and spend a few moments in prayer before heading off for our half-term break!

From the Guildford Catholic Community



THANK YOU! - For your generous donations to the 10% Appeal held across the Guildford Hub during Advent & Christmas, the total for which is currently estimated at £13,000 including Gift Aid to be reclaimed. The beneficiaries include Mary's Meals (International), Housing Justice (National) & Matrix Trust (local). Thank you very much for your support!

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week Begins!

Tuesday 10th February

Parents Evening - 4:00 - 7:00pm

Thursday 12th February

Year 6 Parents RSE Meeting - 3:30pm

Friday 13th February

Red House T-Shirts

PFSA Bend the Rules Day

Wake Up Shake Up - 8:30am

3D's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2N Swimming

Family Worship Session - 3:20pm