



Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 4

Dear Parents,



In Celebration of the Word this week, we looked ahead to the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and heard Jesus' teaching from the Beatitudes: "Happy the peacemakers". Jesus reminds us that real happiness comes from choosing peace; not just avoiding conflict but helping to bring calm, kindness and compassion wherever we go. Linked to the Fruit of the Spirit that encourages us to be calm and content, even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.

Throughout the school this week, we have been celebrating the joy that peace brings to our lives. In their RE lessons and child-led Celebration of the Word, the children have been encouraged to practise small acts of peacemaking: listening respectfully, using polite and gentle words with each other and solving problems together.

1T helped us to see that, together, we continue to grow a school community where Christ's peace is felt and shared by all. They led a beautiful worship session this morning that you can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

God bless,
Mr Collins

Medication



We are very grateful to parents for getting their children to school, even when they're not feeling 100%. There is a national drive to improve school attendance and we must all do our best to show children that being in school is what's best for them, even if they feel under the weather.

We appreciate that some children may need medication during the school day. However, no child is permitted to administer their own medication (this includes any form of throat soother or lozenge).

- **All medication must be stored securely in the School Office.**
- All medication is administered by school staff and logged accordingly.
- Non-prescribed medication can only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and with the parent's written consent.

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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Wraparound
Care, Creativity, Community

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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!

Silver Stories



Year 5 and 6 have successfully been supporting the Silver Stories charity for a number of years. The idea behind the charity is wonderfully simple yet has the most incredibly positive impact for both Silver Listeners and Silver Readers. Children (known as Silver Readers) telephone a Silver Listener every week and then read a short story or chapter from a book to them. This not only helps the children to become more confident in their reading skills but also links our children to the older members of our communities and helps diminish their chances of feeling isolated.

We currently have capacity for another Silver Listener. If you know an elderly member of our wider community who would be happy to receive a call once a week on a Thursday morning, to listen to a child read, please get in touch and let me know. We would love to expand this amazing activity. Please email kjopson@stjosephsguildford.com with details of the Silver Listener.

With thanks,

Katie Jopson

Silver Stories Project Coordinator

St Mary's Baby and Toddler Group - Tuesdays during term-time 9:00 - 10:30am



Do come along and join us at our Baby and Toddler group in St Mary's church hall (next to the school). A fun space for young children to play together and parents and carers to socialise with each other.

Online Safety - From St Peter's School



As part of our ongoing partnership with our feeder schools, we are pleased to offer three Online Safety sessions this year. Online safety is an increasingly important issue in today's digital world. Schools and

parents must work together to ensure that our young people are protected. The online environment is fast-paced and constantly evolving, so it is vital that we keep our knowledge and understanding up to date. Please see the poster with full details attached.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 5th February

Reception Post Box Walk

Parents Evening - 5:00 - 8:00pm

Friday 6th February

5P's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming

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

PFSA Bend the Rules Day

3D's Class Assembly - 10:10am

2N Swimming

Family Worship Session - 3:20pm