



Congratulations!

Child of the week! (05/10/18)

St Andrews – Brandon
St Elizabeth – Frankie
St Francis– Megan
St Margaret– Lola
St Phillip – Timon
St Teresa – Zuzanna

Child of the week! (12/10/18)

St Andrews – Ellis
St Elizabeth – Calib
St Francis– Nolly
St Margaret - Jayden
St Phillip – Eman
St Teresa – Lily

Attendance Best class

KS1- St Elizabeth – 98%

KS2- St Francis – 95%



IMPORTANT DATES:

October

10th – Book Fair 3pm
18th – Friends of St Joseph's AGM (9am)
19th Celebration of our diverse community- coffee and cake
19th – Last day before half term (**1 week only**)
29th – BACK TO SCHOOL

We are a **NUT FREE** school. We ensure you do not supply your child with any nuts or seeds in their packed lunch. This includes peanut butter. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Ping

All communication is now being sent home via School Ping. Please do sign up for this app as soon as possible so that we can keep lines of communication open. If you need help signing up, Miss Hill will be very happy to assist.

Grandparent's Week

We were overjoyed to have some grandparents visit us at school last week! They joined us for reading and art, as well as playing basketball! Thank you so much for

joining us - we had a marvellous time and hope you did, too!

Cricket Club

Reminder: Please be aware that our cricket club is only running up until half term and will not be replaced with another club.

Challenge 21

We are supporting Down's Syndrome Association during the 1st – 21st October. The students have been set a '21 day challenge' to learn the song 'A Thousand Years' in Makaton and we will be organising fundraisers soon. Please see the link below for video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Biex1XRmpo>

The School Bus is almost here!

The school minibus is on its way, we are just finalising a few details and sorting out a driver, and then we will be on the road- so to speak. We will be sending out details soon via the school ping, where you will be able to express an interest. Our aim is to support families that may struggle getting their children to school by offering transport at an affordable price. By offering this service, we hope that we can also attract parents/carers of children who live further afield.

Secondary School

Closing date for applications is 31st October 2018. Apply online at :

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you require any support please come in and see the school office.

Keeping our school clean

Recently we have noticed a large amount of cigarette butts on the floor by our pedestrian entrance. We respectfully ask that should you smoke, please do not leave your discarded cigarette butts outside the school premises.

Parent Governor

Please consider applying for the Parent Governor role. Your school needs you!

Opening of Aldi/Anthony Ogogo

A small group of St Joseph's pupils, whose names were pulled out of a hat, were invited to attend the official store opening / ribbon cutting ceremony at Aldi on Thursday morning. Following the ceremony, we were joined by a Team GB boxer, Anthony Ogogo, who led assembly and talked about his career, what it takes to succeed as an athlete and the importance of healthy eating. He showed us his Olympic bronze medal and even asked some of our very talented pupils to teach him how to "floss!" Please see our school website for pictures of our fantastic morning!

Preston Manor

Last Wednesday, Year 5 visited Preston Manor as part of their learning about the Victorians. This historic manor house gave the children a fascinating insight into life both upstairs and downstairs during the early years of the 20th century. The adults at Preston Manor as well as our accompanying school staff commented on the children's excellent knowledge and behaviour. Well done Year 5!

Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the 'Travelling Books' fayre. It was so lovely to see so many children excited about reading and purchasing books, we were able to buy the school nearly £300 worth of fantastic new books to go in our brand new library and classrooms - Happy reading everyone!

Toddler Group

Our Learning Mentor, will be on hand every Wednesday morning to chat and offer support, or just to make you a cup of tea. There is no cost attached, it is simply a chance to meet other parents of preschool children and an opportunity for your child to play and explore. If you have friends or family with young children, please encourage them to come along and bring a friend. There is no expectation that you have a child currently at St Joseph's; for us this is a service and a way of reaching out to our local and parish

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community. Please do join us, it's completely free and runs as a drop in, so no regular commitment is needed.

The Outdoor Gym

It is lovely to see our families using our brand new outdoor gym at the end of the day. Please be aware this area is not supervised by any members of staff at St Joseph's at 3pm therefore, by using the equipment you do so at your **own** risk.

Mission Statement

A School Mission statement is a summary of the aims and objectives of the school; what the school stands for, what we believe to be important, our reason to be! Our Mission Statement, which can be found on our school website, highlights our mission to be part of the local and parish community

<http://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/about-us/our-mission-statement>

This term we have been very busy living our Mission statement. This week we had an assembly on gifts and talents, "valuing our unique talents and skills as gifts from God" and three of our year 6 pupils performed a drama for us. Every week, we celebrate our talents and achievements in our Friday assembly.

Last week, in our mission to work "alongside pupils and parents/carers" we welcomed our grandparents and the week before we welcome our school community to our family breakfast.

Currently as part of our continuing mission to "reach out to all" we are taking part in Challenge 21. The children have been challenged with the task of learning 21 words in a different language and 21 makaton signs.

My **HT challenge** to the children (and to the parents should you wish to accept it) is to take soundbites from our school Mission Statement and give examples of how we do this in school.