

## Congratulations!

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Child of the week!</u></b> <b><u>16<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>St Andrew - Harry St Elizabeth - Nahla St Francis - Andreea St Margaret - Noah St Philip - Gabriella St Teresa - Vicky</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Child of the week!</u></b> <b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>St Andrew - Amelia St Elizabeth - Alfie St Francis - Mia St Margaret - Josh St Philip - Kiki St Teresa - Zuzanna</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Headteacher Award</u></b></p> <p>Belinda Amarchi Daisy Patrick Mark</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Cloud 9</u></b></p> <p>Char'Kye  Patrick</p>
<p><b><u>Attendance Best Class</u></b></p> <p><b>KS1:</b> St Elizabeth 98% <b>KS2:</b> St Philip-Howard 99%</p>	



<b><u>IMPORTANT DATES:</u></b>	
<b><u>November</u></b>	
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	FOSJS Christmas party KS1
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	FOSJS Christmas party KS2
<b><u>December</u></b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Panto
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre 2.45pm-3.30pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Concert at St Joseph's Church 6pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Party
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term

**School Bus**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the first letter about the minibus. We will be in touch shortly to allocate places.

**Children in Need**

Last Friday was Children in Need day. At St Joseph's, we started a day early with a Bring and Buy sale organised by our friend and volunteer, Robert Moss. It was a great success and Robert and his helpers raised a fantastic £186. The theme of Children in Need was 'Do Your Thing!', so our pupils did their thing! They came into school with crazy hair to help raise money for this worthy cause. As always, the children (and staff) at St Joseph's did it in style!

**Healthy Eating School**

Please can we remind parents/carers that all packed lunches must not contain sugary foods and that the drinks should just be water. Thank you.

**Cross Country at Waterhall**

Thirteen of our Y5 and Y6 children took part in the Brighton and Hove Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at Waterhall on Wednesday. We were very proud of how well they represented the school.

**'Miss School Miss Out' Campaign**

You may have seen the posters around the school advertising the Local Authority's 'Miss School Miss Out' campaign which highlights the benefits of school attendance. We at St Joseph's aim for all children to achieve 95% attendance or above.

**RE Interim Visit**

This week we had our interim visit from the Brighton and Arundel Catholic Education Service. Our children, as always, welcomed our

visitor with open arms. They were the best representatives that we could have had. Our visitor, the primary advisor for Catholic Education, said that she could feel the love in our school. She was very impressed with the children's work in RE and their love of learning. She was also impressed with the pastoral care and commitment of all the staff, in their care of your children. We are awaiting the report but she hinted that we will have some great quotes to share with you.

### **School Partnership Advisor**

Last week we had a visit from our School Partnership Advisor. He was also very impressed with his findings. He commended the staff on the "tremendous strides" that we have made this year. He said that, "the school is a well-cared for and vibrant learning environment. Common areas and all classrooms, including outdoor areas reflect the high aspirations of staff at the school." He also said that the children love their school and they particularly valued the family ethos and the fact that everyone knows and genuinely cares for everyone else.

### **Primary School Applications for 2019**

Closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Please complete the online form at:

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If you require any support please call the office at any time and we can help you.

### **Uniform/Lost Property**

PLEASE name your child's uniform and belongings. Every day something is lost and if it's not named, we cannot return it to you.

### **Prospective Parents**

We have had a few 'word of mouth' referrals lately, recommending the school to prospective parents. Thank you so much, we really appreciate it. Recommendations from our

parents and carers are possibly the best ways we have of advertising the school and increasing our pupil numbers. Now that we have the minibus, we are hoping to attract a few more from further afield. We seem to be a little hidden up here in the hills of Hollingdean, hence our attempts to advertise as widely as we can and make ourselves more visible. Some parents think that they cannot choose a Catholic school if they're not Catholic, but this is not the case. Our Catholic ethos is very important to us but, as you know, we welcome all to our school family. Thank you for spreading the word. If you know of anyone who would like to look around the school, please tell them to call the office to make an appointment.

### **KS1 Nativity**

If you would like to come to watch the KS1 Nativity (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am or Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm) please come to the school office to fill in the form.

### **Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings**

Thank you to everyone who came to the meetings with the teachers this week.

### **Toddler Group**

Our Learning Mentor will be on hand every Wednesday morning (8.45am-10am) to chat and offer support, or just to make you a cup of tea. There's no cost involved, it's simply a chance to meet other parents of pre-school children and an opportunity for your child to play and explore. 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 parish and community. It runs as a drop in, so no regular commitment is needed.

**Last Day of term:  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December**