

## Congratulations!

<p><b><u>Child of the week!</u></b> <b><u>29<sup>th</sup> October</u></b></p> <p>St Andrew - Tate St Elizabeth - Frankie St Francis - Louie St Margaret - Oliver St Phillip - George St Teresa - Belinda</p>	<p><b><u>Child of the week!</u></b> <b><u>5<sup>th</sup> November</u></b></p> <p>St Andrew - Chidera St Elizabeth - Joshua St Francis - Andrew St Margaret - Hirwa St Phillip - Eloany St Teresa - Angel</p>
<p><b><u>Attendance Best Class</u></b></p> <p><b>KS1:</b> St Andrew <b>KS2:</b> St Philip</p>	<p><b><u>Cloud 9</u></b></p> <p>Morgan Archie Louie</p>



### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### November

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photographs from 8.30am
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Engine Visit for Y2 and Y5
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Assembly
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bring & Buy Sale/Children in Need
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bollywood Dance Workshop
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bad Hair Day/Children in Need
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Evening

#### December

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

The school minibus has arrived! We will be sending letters home next week with pick-up points and booking information. Please note that it will cost £2 each way, payable on ParentPay.

#### House Captains

Well done to the Green Team who won the first half termly house-point collection challenge this year. Last Friday they celebrated with a party!

#### Attendance

Well done to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance so far this term. The Local Authority keep a close eye on schools' overall attendance and last school year we stayed just above the expected level of 96%, so well done.

#### *Remember every day counts*

***"We want all students to achieve high levels of attendance and give themselves the very best life chances and choices."***

#### 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.

#### School Photographs 12<sup>th</sup> November

Pre-school children can have their photo taken together with their sibling before school from 8.15am on Monday. The photographer will then take individual photos during school time.

#### Bollywood Dance Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> November

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November we'll be visited by an instructor from K'z Dance Entertainment who will spend the day teaching children and staff about the traditional Indian

dance style. The visit ties in with Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. Parents are invited to join us at 2.30pm to see what the children have been learning.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (3.20pm-6pm) and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (3.20pm-6pm). Forms are currently in the school foyer.

### **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.

### **Poppy Appeal**

During last week's art lessons, each child and staff member made at least one poppy as part of a commemoration to mark one hundred years since the end of World War 1. A big thank you to Mrs Hill for organising such a wonderful way for our children to learn more about World War 1 and also for giving us an opportunity to come together as a school family to remember and honour those who lost their lives during conflict in our own special way.

### **School Open Days**

We're happy to report that we received many visitors during our Open Days who have come to see the school via 'word of mouth'. Thank you for recommending St Joseph's, we do appreciate it. Please continue to be great ambassadors for our school!

### **Our School Hedge**

You may have noticed that we've had the front hedge removed. It will give us the opportunity to repair and paint the fence and replant in the spring. We will have a community day in the future when parents and carers will be invited to join in and every child will be able to plant and sow seeds.

9<sup>th</sup> November

### **Importance of Washing Hands!**

At this time of year there are lots of bugs flying around so please encourage your child to wash their hands, particularly before eating and after visiting the toilet.

### **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.

### **Bikeability**

Last week, our KS1 pupils received balance bike training. The sessions, based around games, were great fun and the children grew in confidence and felt a fantastic sense of achievement by the end of the week.

### **Parking on Zigzag Lines/Staff Car Park**

Please can we remind parents/carers that you are not permitted to use the staff car park at the beginning/end of the day (this is a safeguarding issue). We would also like to remind parents/carers not to park on the zigzag lines by the school entrance.

### **Arithmetic Workshop**

This will take place in the spring term (dates to be confirmed).

### **New Staff Member**

I would like to welcome Mrs Carlin who has joined the office team on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.