

Congratulations!

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Child of the week!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>30th November</u></p> <p>St Andrew - John St Elizabeth - Andre St Francis - Sofia St Margaret - Harrison St Philip - Daniel St Teresa - Macey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Attendance</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Best Class</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KS1: St Elizabeth KS2: St Philip</p>
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<u>IMPORTANT DATES:</u>	
<u>December</u>	
Tues 11 th	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
Wed 12 th	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day Author Visit 9.30am
Thurs 13 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Tues 18 th	KS1 Christmas Party
Tues 18 th	Carol Concert at St Joseph's Church 6pm
Wed 19 th	KS2 Christmas Party
Wed 19 th	Last Day of Term
Mon 24 th	Children's Christmas Service at St Joseph's Church 6pm
<u>January</u>	
Thur 3 rd	First Day of Term

KS1 Nativity

We look forward to seeing you at the KS1 Nativity performances: Tuesday 11th December, 9.15am or Thursday 13th December, 2pm.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Children are encouraged to come into school in a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 12th December, the day they have their Christmas lunch.

KS2 Carol Concert at St Joseph's Church

The children are busy preparing for our annual Carol Service to be held at St Joseph's Church on Elm Grove on Tuesday 18th December at 6pm. Children need to be at the Church between 5.30pm and 5.45pm, in smart uniform, for a 6pm start. We expect the Carol Service to last approximately one hour, after which our school governors will be serving seasonal refreshments.

A Magical Surprise!

A small group of pupils and staff from St Joseph's were incredibly lucky, and extremely surprised, to meet the REAL Santa Claus at Brighton Pier on the 4th December. Santa took some time out of his busy schedule and, accompanied by the Ambassador of Finland, visited children at the Royal Alexander Children's Hospital, before heading to the pier to meet pupils from two schools.

The visit, arranged for us by Miss Simson, was a wonderful and magical experience and the children had plenty of opportunities to talk to Santa. Mrs Cox said the children's faces when Santa arrived made the afternoon so special and heart-warming. The children were treated to chips and a delicious doughnut by the Mayor of Brighton and Hove. Thank you to Miss Simson, the Lady Mayor of Brighton and of course Santa Claus!

Author Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming author Steven Butler who will be visiting our Y3 and Y4 children on Wednesday 12th December. Copies of his book 'Happy Howlidays' are available to buy for £5.00 (via ParentPay). If interested, those books can be signed by the author.

'Miss School Miss Out' Campaign

You will receive a copy of the 'Miss School Miss Out' campaign letter (also on the school website) from the Local Authority. There are some interesting points in the letter, such as, 'Missing 19 days in a school year will mean only being in school for 90% of the time. Being late by 15 minutes every day means missing two weeks of learning in a year.'

RE Interim Visit

We promised to share a few quotes from the Brighton and Arundel Catholic Education Service report:

- A bright and stimulating environment that displays the ethos of the school community from the moment you enter the school.
- Relationships in all classes between teachers, support staff and pupils are very good. Behaviour in all lessons observed was excellent.
- Pupils were proud to say 'we respect each other, there is no bullying in our school. We welcome everyone and are happy to show people round our lovely school.'
- Pupils who are proud to belong to the school community of St Joseph's. When interviewing a group of pupils, one said, 'we are a school where everyone in it are friends; even our teachers have a strong friendship.'
- A full and varied programme of charitable giving, articulated well by pupils 'we have a responsibility to help others, and stand up when things aren't right', 'it's important to help others and live out our Mission Statement'.

Brighton Fringe Family Guide Cover Competition

Brighton Fringe are running an art competition. The winner will see their work on the front of 80,000 Brighton Fringe Family Guides and receive a voucher worth £200 to spend on

tickets at Brighton Fringe 2019. Full details available on their website:

<https://www.brightonfringe.org/news-updates/2019-family-guide-cover-competition/>

Christmas Panto

We were treated to a performance of Sleeping Beauty by Troubadour Productions on the 5th December, it was great fun and the children really enjoyed it.

Friends of St Joseph's Christmas Parties

The children had a fantastic time at the FOSJS Christmas parties on the 29th and 30th November. A big thank you to the FOSJS for organising everything.

My Healthy School Awards

Many congratulations to the Breakfast Club for winning two awards ('Healthy Choice Award Gold' and 'School Games Silver'). Belinda and Maison accompanied Mrs Cox to the ceremony on Brighton Pier and had a wonderful afternoon.

Primary School Applications for 2019

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

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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

Gymnastics

On 5th December we took a squad of eight gymnasts to Dorothy Stringer School for a gymnastics competition. Our pupils finished fourth out of eight schools - well done to Esmae, Olivia, Holly, Melody, Belinda, Angelica, Keirah and Gabriella.

Old T-shirts Needed

If you have any old t-shirts, please could you bring them into school for the Art Club. Thank you.