


## Congratulations!

<p><b><u>Child of the week!</u></b>  <b><u>7<sup>th</sup> January</u></b>                  St Andrew: Zayden                  St Elizabeth: Jack                  St Francis: Charlie                  St Margaret: Ella-Louise                  St Philip: Preston                  St Teresa: Neriah</p>	<p><b><u>Attendance</u></b>  <b><u>Best Class</u></b>  <b>KS1:</b> St Elizabeth 99%  <b>KS2:</b> St Philip                  St Francis                  St Teresa 98%</p>
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<p><b><u>Headteacher Award</u></b>                  Keirah                  Lily                  Lewis K                  Izzy                  Zuzanna                  Alfie</p>	<p><b><u>Headteacher Medals</u></b>                  Alfie                  Archie                  Andre'                  Joshua</p>
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**IMPORTANT DATES:**



**January**  
 Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Primary School Application Deadline  
 Tue 15<sup>th</sup> A-Life Fitness Workshops  
 Thur 31<sup>st</sup> Withdean Climbing Wall Y6

**February**  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Last day before half term  
 Mon 25<sup>th</sup> First day back after half term  
 Thur 28<sup>th</sup> KS2 African Drumming

**March**  
 Fri 1<sup>st</sup> World Book Day

**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.

**Carol Service and Christmas Eve Mass**  
 Thank you to everyone who came to the Carol Service at the end of last term and also the Christmas Eve Mass, both at St Joseph's Church. The children sang beautifully and it

was so lovely to see the service so well attended.

**Christmas Card Competition Winners**  
 Well done to Carlos (Y4) and Zuzanna (Y6) for winning the Caroline Lucas Christmas Card Competition. Caroline visited the school just before we broke up for Christmas to present them both with certificates for their amazing designs.

**Mayor Visit**  
 On 7<sup>th</sup> January the Mayor, Cllr. Dee Simson, came to St Joseph's to officially launch our new minibus. She had a lovely visit and met some of the children who use the minibus service.

**Y6 Booster Group**  
 Well done to the Y6 children who attended Phase 1 of the Booster Group, they have made a really good start to their work.

**Author Visit**  
 Steven Butler was due to visit to talk about his book 'Happy Howlidays' but was unable to make it. Unfortunately, this is the second time that he's cancelled the event and we are as disappointed as you are. We can pass on any complaints to him if you'd like to make one.

**Yellow Party**  
 Congratulations to the yellow team who earned the most house points last half term. They celebrated last Friday with a small party.

**School of Sanctuary**  
 St Joseph's has been recognised as a 'School of Sanctuary' (a school that helps its students, staff and wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary and to extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members). St Joseph's is a school that is proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all.

Congratulations to Miss Matthews and our Culture Club for receiving this amazing award!

### **Attendance Assembly**

Congratulations to all the children who received their 100% attendance awards for the autumn term. It was lovely to see so many parents supporting this assembly. We're looking forward to the next one at the end of the spring term.

### **Online Safety**

Please be aware of the risks of some online games as children may view inappropriate or upsetting content. For example, Roblox is a gaming platform that lets you create your own game and interact with other users. Please be vigilant and monitor your child's online activity.

### **Free School Meals Eligibility**

If you were previously not able to qualify for FSM due to working tax credit and are now in receipt of UC (Universal Credit) you may now be eligible. Please click on the following links to apply:

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/applying-online-free-school-meals>

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Please ask the office if you need any assistance.

### **Menu change – Census Day**

There'll be a slight change to the menu for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January (Census Day). Instead of sausage plait and mashed potato, the main will be sausages and mashed potato. There will be no change to the vegetarian option: tortilla stack

with oven baked wedges. Jacket potato with baked beans also on offer. The pudding will be peaches and ice cream.

### **Clubs**

All clubs started again this week. Please ensure that you have paid for your child's after school clubs - any problems, please come and see Miss Hill.

### **Toddler Group**

Just a reminder that we have a Toddler Group every Wednesday morning (8.45am-10am). 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.

### **Book Swap**

We encourage parents and children to use our book swap facility which is in the school foyer. You don't have to bring along a book to swap, you're welcome to borrow one of the existing ones.

### **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.

### **KS1/KS2 Projects**

If you have any plastic milk bottles (and tops), cereal boxes and cardboard boxes please could you bring them into school for a projects that the children are working on. Thank you.

### **School Coats**

Please ensure that the children all wear a winter coat to school so they can enjoy outdoor play.