



# St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 39 15th September 2023

**Our values:** In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith , **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

**Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 17th September 2023** - The Unforgiving Debtor (Matthew 18:21-35) Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

## Stars of the week



Reception - Bella, for embracing our Reception learning challenges



Year 1 - Holly, for always joining in during carpet sessions and trying hard in her work



Year 2 - Teo, for hard work in maths & making positive contributions



Year 3 - Thomas, for being an excellent role model to his peers



Year 4 - Thapasya for settling well into class - a pleasure to have you



Year 5 - Aidan B, for a good start to the year



Year 6 - Eric, for his excellent work ethic, consistently giving 100%



## Reading certificates

No Reading Certificates this week but please remember to read at least 4 times a week. Reading out loud and talking about the text will make a huge difference.

## Proud Work

What amazing proud work this week, lots of key writing skills on show. Fantastic number blocks drawings and character descriptions. Well done!



## Attendance

This week's attendance award went to  
Year 1 with 97.6%

## Macmillan Coffee Morning - Wednesday 27th September



There will be a **School Council** led Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am. Parents and carers, Grandparents, etc, are all welcome.

Please bring donations to the school office on the day before Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> or the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Parent Workshops

We are delighted to be able to invite you into school for some parent workshops across this academic year.

These workshops will cover a range of subjects including self esteem, the importance of sleep, resilience, mental health, anxiety and stress and trauma. They are designed to support you as parents with some of the issues that children face. The first workshop will be on Tuesday 17th October at 9am in the school hall.

The theme of this work shop will be mental health. Looking at what we mean by mental health, what difficulties this can bring, signs to look for and how to support young people and children.

Mrs Clough and Mrs Burke will be leading these sessions.

### Horsham Refugee Support Group

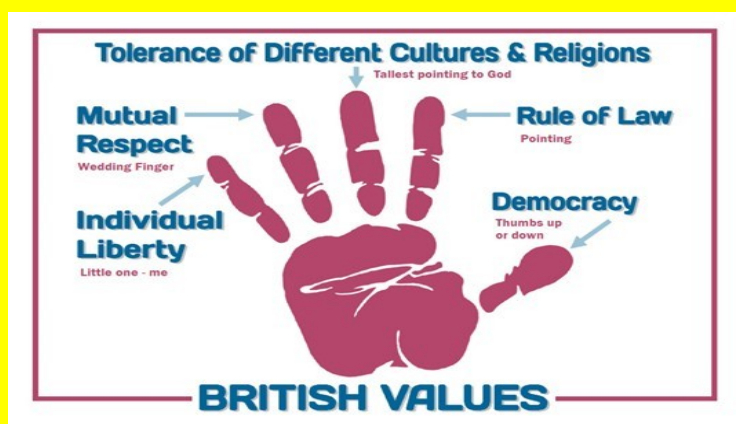
I was very fortunate to listen to a presentation this week by Joanna Eames who set up Horsham Refugee Support. She is an inspirational mother of two who wanted to help in her local community when she saw the shocking media images of people being forced out of their homes and countries. The group do a huge amount within our community supporting a range of nationalities and people that literally sometimes have nothing but the clothes on their back and a teddy bear. As a school community we have so much to offer, so I would like to support where we can and when we can. Currently there are men in need of clothes and shoes. If you are able to donate I would be happy to collect and drop them off. If anyone is able to donate any pencils, paper, art supplies for the children to use I know it would be very appreciated. Every little helps!

## Meet the teacher

A big thank you to all the parents that attended the meet the teacher sessions. We think it is really important to work with our parents so that together we can achieve the best for the children. If you have any concerns or positive comments please feel free to speak to the teacher or send an email into the office for the attention of the teacher.

## Assembly theme

Our assembly this week focused around British Values and what the purpose and intent of them are. One of the best things about St John's is how diverse and inclusive we are. My heart melted as the children spoke about how British Values shapes our Country and links up with our school values. They were passionate about the values and how everyone has the right to be heard, be respected and free. I spoke about how not all countries are the same and why it was important that we cherish our freedoms. Please have a chat with your little people and see what they have to say about British Values.



## Singing assembly

During our weekly singing assemblies the children learn various songs. As an inclusive school we feel it is so important for the children to learn and experience all forms of singing. Therefore, we choose to sing and sign.

Our sing and sign song that we started to learn this week is called, 'True Colours'

The children are fantastic at signing and it is wonderful to see.

If the children would like to show you their signing at home please click on this link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r25auE4eC2o>

# Young People Matter Marketplace

A showcase of services



Horsham Youth Centre,  
Hurst Road,  
RH12 2DN

Wednesday  
4 October

**4pm to 8pm**

for parents, carers,  
grandparents, aunts, uncles  
and teachers to attend

Thursday  
5 October

**8am to 10.30am**

for teachers and other  
professionals – breakfast  
provided

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ASSISTANCE

SUPPORT

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will”

Based on feedback from those who attended the Young People Matter Event on 1 March, we had three clear outcomes:

- Better inter-agency communication when supporting young people.
- Ensure relevant information and advice is available for young people in schools.
- Support and information for parents.

As a result of this we are putting on a Marketplace that will showcase a whole host of services.

This will include:

- Early help
- Local youth workers
- Wardens
- Mental health services
- NHS
- and more...

Both events are drop in, and you're welcome to stay for as long or as little as you would like



Horsham  
District  
Council





If your child is starting school in **September 2024**, please join us for one of our open days at...

**St John's Catholic Primary School**

**Blackbridge Lane**

on

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**At 9.15am**

We welcome Catholic and non-Catholic families.

If these dates are not convenient please do contact the school office to arrange another time to visit.

### **Our School Values**

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Please contact us to book a place on the tour:

[office@stjohnshorsham.school](mailto:office@stjohnshorsham.school)

**01403 265447**



## Key Dates

Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Villas: 21/09/23

School Council MacMillan coffee and cake morning 27/09/23

School Photos: 28/09/23

Vaccinations: Monday 09/10/23

Half Term: 24th to 27/10/23

### 2023 / 2024 ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING	MENU WEEK
17th August 2023	28th August 2023	Week 2
24th August 2023	4th September 2023	Week 3
31st August 2023	11th September 2023	Week 1
7th Septmeber 2023	18th September 2023	Week 2
14th Septmeber 2023	25th September 2023	Week 3
21st September 2023	2nd October 2023	Week 1
28th September 2023	9th October 2023	Week 2
5th October 2023	16th October 2023	Week 3
October Half Term		

## We are recruiting

Our local kitchen teams are recruiting in various schools across the County.

Term time contracts and school friendly hours available.

ID for an enhanced DBS will be required.

Please contact us at  
[westsussex@chartwells.co.uk](mailto:westsussex@chartwells.co.uk)  
to find out more.

September starts available.



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