



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021



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End of day procedure – Middle and Upper Phase end

The volume of parents and children leaving through the recycling gate is causing a bit of a bottleneck. From Monday, the procedure will change a little. There will be a barrier splitting the entrance walkway into 'in' and 'out' lanes. If a parent/carer is picking up a child in the Middle Phase, they will walk down the left hand side of the barrier and collect their child and return in the 'out' lane. If a parent/carer is only collecting an Upper Phase child, they will walk down the left hand lane and walk round, collect, and exit through the Recycling gate as they do currently. If Middle Phase and Upper Phase children are being collected at the same time then do what you have currently been doing. Hopefully, this will improve the bottleneck.



Sunday 12th September 2021

Gospel: Mark 8 :27- 35

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Meet the Teacher

Our 'Meet the Teacher' presentations happened yesterday. I hope that you have a clearer understanding of the year group expectations for your child and that you found the sessions informative. If things did not go well technologically for you (our fault or your fault), do not despair, the meetings will have been recorded and links will be available on the class pages. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to email the teachers on the year group email address remembering to state the full name of your child and their class in the address bar.

Governor/Parent Forum

Governors would like to set up a termly forum where they can gather the general feeling of the parent body on certain topics throughout the year. If you would like to be a year group parent representative please email me on head@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk. The meetings would take place three times a year for a couple of hours each maximum.

Contacting the school office

If you have a general office related enquiry please use ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk. Please do not use the Admin domain for correspondence as they will not be picked up.



Safer Streets – Our School Street starts soon

Thank you for having your say on the School Street consultation back in the summer. I am delighted to share with you that the scheme will be going ahead from early October, probably 11th October. The School Street will help you to stay safe in our road each day. This will be a short closure of the area around our school at the start and end of the school day, making the road a less congested, safer, quieter, more pleasant place for us all. Residents will still have access, as will blue badge holders, but no other parents or carers will be allowed to drive into the street during the operational hours.

Our scheme is quite complex so please note: there will be an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera at the far end of Balfour Avenue at the intersection with Cherington Road and a barrier placed at the intersection of York Avenue south of the intersection with Station Approach. These are to stop vehicles from entering the school street. If you drive down Balfour Avenue and you have not been granted a permit exemption, you will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

I will notify you once the start date has been confirmed. Further information is available on the council website.

The volume of support for the Safer Street has been huge and volunteers are now needed to help us deliver this important scheme. I am looking for parents, carers, and community members to help manage the barrier on a rota basis, each morning and afternoon. All you need to do is to put a barrier in place on the road, stay with it during the closure period so you can move it as needed for permit holders to enter or leave and put the barrier away at the end of the timed closure. You will be provided with in person, online or pre-recorded training, guidance, a Hi-Vis jacket and support from me at the school. If you have time to support us, for one or more sessions, every week, please email me on head@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk by Friday 17th September with the following details:

- Name
- Child's name and class
- Phone number

Please include the days you are available, am or pm and how often you would like to volunteer e.g. mornings or afternoons, which day, every week.

Racing excellence

Last Saturday, Mujtaba in Year 6 took part in the Southampton Criterium Race. This was a tough city centre course with many laps. After powering ahead very quickly he remembered his race plan and allowed the group to get together. Having saved up lots of energy, Mujtaba overtook the leader with 20 meters to go to finish first. Well done to Mujtaba and also to his supportive cycling family! A fuller account can be read in the next edition of The Saint.



Secondary Transfer meeting

Our Secondary School Transfer meeting for parents of children in Year 6 will take place at 7.10pm on Wednesday 15th September in the school hall, entry through juniors' gate. No children will be allowed at the meeting as we need to maintain 1m+ separation. I also ask that only one parent per family attends please. Face coverings will need to be worn and I expect the meeting to be over by 8pm.

Respecting privacy and property

May I gently remind our community to be considerate to the local residents when dropping off/collecting your children. I have had a few complaints of our children and parents congregating on residents' driveways or sitting on walls and fences. Please stay on the pavements and vacate the area as quickly as possible. I thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Reminder - Roald Dahl Day

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday on Monday 13th September. There will be a focus on the following Roald Dahl stories:

Year 1: The Enormous Crocodile
Year 2: The Giraffe and the Pelly and me
Year 3: Fantastic Mr Fox
Year 4: Danny the Champion of the World
Year 5: The Twits
Year 6: The Witches



The children (and staff) may come into school dressed as a Roald Dahl character either from the book their year group is focusing on or another Roald Dahl book. During the day, the children will be carrying out lots of fun activities linked to Roald Dahl.

Mass

Today, Father Sanjeeb celebrated Mass for Years 1 to 6 online, to give thanks for the beginning of the school year. Thank you to all the readers and to Mrs Ingham for the preparation. Hopefully, our next school Mass will be in the Church.

Secondary School visits

I attach an updated sheet to the back of the newsletter with timings for open days/evening. As well as Year 6 children needing to attend, I would also encourage Year 5 children to take up the opportunity this year as next year their high school of choice may have their open evening event during the Bo-reatton Park trip.

Dangerous Parking

Just as I think that some parents have finally stopped endangering our school community by parking on double yellow lines or on the zig-zags, another set begin. Please refrain from parking in such a way that endangers the children and parents.



Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed your phone over the summer, please don't forget to come to the office and complete a change of details form. It is imperative we have contact numbers for emergency purposes.

Cleaners

If you have spare capacity in your busy day, I am looking for two experienced cleaners to work Monday to Friday, 3.15pm to 5.15pm. Please enquire at the office.

Edible Drugs

The Ealing Safer Schools team has sent a reminder to all schools about the dangers of edible drugs and want me to share it with you.

Edibles Packaging Examples



I attach the letter from the Ealing Safer Schools team to the back for your information.

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

The beginning of September was established by Pope Francis as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to 'reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live'.



**Challenge: As a family gather together and say the 'Prayer for our Earth'
Let's make a difference – together!**

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, so that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

– Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

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Celebrations

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. Well done to the children listed below:

Class	Name	Reason
1K	Thalia	For settling into Year 1, well done!
1AS	Leon	For challenging himself to add one more and less to really big numbers.
1SS	Amelie	For working hard in Year 1.
2B	Pinelli	For starting the year in a hard-working way.
2EB	Shaina	For a super start to Year 2, always asking and answering lots of questions. Well done!
2SL	Patrick	For a fantastic start to Year 2. Keep it up, Patrick!
3AR	Elsie	For a wonderful start to Year 3! What a great role model! Well done!
3DS	Jakub	For always contributing confidently to class discussions.
3SR	Dominic	For a great start to Year 3 – Welcome back!
4AS	Kalel	For making a fantastic start in Year 4.
4MS	Oliver	For his hard work and helpfulness!
4W	Clodagh	For being helpful, hard-working and polite – a great start to Year 4.
5B	Brayan	For his positive mindset towards all areas of the Year 5 curriculum. Keep up the fantastic work!
5L	Olivia	For her excellent performance in drama during English lessons.
5W	Robin	For an enthusiastic and mature start o Year 5.
6B	Diana	For settling into Year 6 brilliantly and putting 100% effort into all subjects.
6I	Hanna	Foe a great start to Year 6 by working hard and participating in all lessons.
6J	Ken	For excellent ball control skills during our PE lessons.

Good Disciple awards are given to children who have shown exceptional love and kindness to fellow pupils and are helping to build God's kingdom here and now. Well done to the children listed below:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Krystian	For being an excellent role model!

Clearly there were too many 'Good Disciples' in the Middle and Upper Phases to pick out individuals!

Catholic High School Open Evening dates

For all venues, please check websites for most up to date information.

Ealing High Schools

Cardinal Wiseman School - Open Evening Thursday 16th September 2021, 5.30pm until 8.30pm. Head's talk at 6pm and 7pm.

Out of Borough High Schools

Cardinal Vaughan – Year 7 Open Evenings - Tuesday 14th and Thursday 23rd September 2021 (arrangements may change, please check website regularly). The Head will speak at 4.30pm and at 6.00pm. The last tour of the school will take place at 6.15pm.

Douay Martyr's – Open Evening - Thursday 23rd September 2021 from 5:00 – 8:00pm. Open Mornings- Tuesday 28th September 2021 from 8:45 – 10:30am and Tuesday 5th October 2021 – from 8:45 – 10:30am. THE ABOVE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO COVID GUIDANCE AND RESTRICTIONS.

Gumley House - OPEN MORNING: Thursday 30th September 2021 (9am - 11am); OPEN EVENING: Thursday 30th September 2021 (5pm - 8pm); OPEN MORNING: Tuesday 5th October 2021 (9am - 11am)

A booking system is in operation to ensure we keep numbers manageable, check website for details.

Gunnersbury School – We are looking forward to welcoming you to our 'in-person' open days at Gunnersbury this autumn. These will take place on: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 at 2.00-3.30pm and 6-8pm and Wednesday, 13 October 2021 at 2.00-3.30pm. If you would like some additional information regarding Year 7 admissions September 2021 please fill out the form on web page.

Sacred Heart – This year due to COVID restrictions our Open Evenings will be a ticketed event: Thursday 9th September Headteacher's address at 3:30 followed by tour at 4:30pm, Thursday 9th September tour at 3:30 followed by Headteacher's address at 4:30pm, Wednesday 15th September Headteacher's address at 3:30 followed by tour at 4:30pm, Wednesday 15th September tour at 3:30 followed by Headteacher's address at 4:30pm, Thursday 23rd September Headteacher's address at 3:30 followed by tour at 4:30pm, Thursday 23rd September tour at 3:30 followed by Headteacher's address at 4:30pm

St. Catherine's School, Twickenham (Independent) – Whole School Open Morning Saturday 25th September 10am, Senior School Open Evening Wednesday 13th October 6pm,

St Mark's – Wednesday 29th September 9.00 - 10.15am (arrive no later than 9.30am for a tour), 5.00 - 8.30pm (arrive no later than 7.45pm for a tour); Thursday 7th October 9.00 - 10.15am (arrive no later than 9.30am for a tour), 5.00 - 8.30pm (arrive no later than 7.45pm for a tour).

The Oratory – Thursday, 9 September 5:30pm or 6:30pm; Tuesday, 14 September 5:30pm or 6:30pm; Tuesday, 21 September 5:30pm or 6:30pm; Monday, 27 September 2pm

High School open day programme

September/October 2021

Open Evenings

Date	High school	Time	Head's talk
Thursday 16 Sep	Northolt High School	5:30pm to 7:30pm	6:30pm
Thursday 16 Sep	The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	5:30pm to 8:30pm	6pm & 7pm
Thursday 16 Sep	The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls	6pm to 8pm	6:15pm & 7:30pm
Thursday 16 Sep	Elthorne Park High School	5:15pm to 8:30pm	5:30pm, 6:15pm, 7pm, & 7:45pm
Tuesday 21 Sep	Alec Reed Academy	5:30pm to 7:30pm	5:45pm
Wednesday 22 Sep	Ark Acton Academy	5pm to 7pm	5:30pm & 6:30pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Ark Soane Academy	5pm to 7pm	6pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Dormers Wells High School	5pm to 8pm	5:30pm & 6:30pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Twyford CofE High School	5:30pm to 8:30pm	5:30pm, 6:30pm & 7:30pm
Thursday 23 Sep	Villiers High School	4:30pm to 7pm	5pm & 6pm
Tuesday 28 Sep	Brentside High School	5:30pm to 8:30pm	6pm & 7pm
Wednesday 29 Sep	Ada Lovelace CofE High School	5pm to 8pm	5:15pm, 6:15pm & 7:15pm
Thursday 30 Sep	Ark Soane Academy	5pm to 7pm	6pm
Thursday 30 Sep	Drayton Manor High School	5pm to 8pm	5:15pm, 6:15pm & 7:15pm
Thursday 30 Sep	Featherstone High School	5pm to 7:30pm	5:15pm & 6:15pm
Thursday 30 Sep	William Perkin CofE High School	5pm to 8pm	5:15pm, 6:15pm & 7:15pm
Thursday 7 Oct	Ealing Fields High School	5pm to 8:30pm	5:15pm, 6:15pm & 7:15pm
Thursday 7 Oct	Greenford High School	5pm to 7pm	5pm, 6pm & 7pm

Open Mornings

High School	Date(s)	Time	Event
Alec Reed Academy	Tuesday 28 Sep, Thursday 30 Sep, Tuesday 5 Oct & Thursday 7 Oct	9am to 10:30am	Coffee Morning and Tour
Ark Acton Academy	Thursday 30 Sep & Friday 1 Oct Thursday 7 Oct & Friday 8 Oct Thursday 14 Oct & Friday 15 Oct Thursday 21 Oct & Friday 22 Oct	9:30am to 11am	Tour and Talk
Ark Soane Academy	Monday 27 Sep, Tuesday 28 Sep, Wednesday 29 Sep, Thursday 30 Sep & Friday 1 Oct	9:30am to 11am	Open Morning
	Saturday 9 Oct	10am to 1pm	Open Morning
The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls	Tuesday 28 Sep, Tuesday 5 Oct & Tuesday 12 Oct	9:30am to 11am	Coffee Morning with the Head Teacher

Kindly note that there is no on-site parking at the schools.

IMPORTANT *Please ensure that you contact the school prior to attendance for information on any special arrangements due to social distancing*

Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

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Ealing Safer Schools Team

www.met.police.uk

Phone 101 in non emergency
999 for emergencies.

6 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a Schools Team we are aware of the concerns raised recently about Edible Drugs and this being promoted on some social media platforms such as Snapchat and Instagram.

As you may be aware, cannabis can be mixed into cakes (hash brownies), tea, yoghurt or sweets, gummies and lollipops. The amount of cannabis in these products can vary greatly and sometimes other harmful drugs are added too. The effects of consuming edibles are unpredictable and it can be very easy to accidentally take a larger dose.

Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the user may end up consuming larger amounts of the drug while thinking the drug isn't working. Overdosing with Edibles can be a greater risk because of this!

We ask that you monitor food packaging/ wrappers at home looking for wording such as CBD or THC suggesting the items are cannabis oil infused. Please be mindful of the medical needs should your child present with such symptoms, or if it becomes apparent they have consumed a drug laced substance. Please phone 101 for non emergency and 999 for emergencies.

If you are made aware of any social media accounts advertising these items, we ask you report this information to the police, school or Crime Stoppers so work can be done around these accounts due to the dangers Edibles present.

We have attached some examples of what some of the sweet packages look like and also have attached the link to Frank which gives more information and laws surrounding Edibles.

www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis

Kind Regards

Ealing Safer Schools Team

Book now for our Half-term and Summer Holiday Activity Clubs.



GYMNASTICS CLASSES

Providing recreational gymnastic classes for boys and girls.
We offer classes for children ages 4 – 12 yrs.

Offering an energetic, stimulating & supportive team learning environment for all participants.

Classes are run by British Gymnastics Qualified Coaches, with experience coaching both recreational and competitive gymnasts.

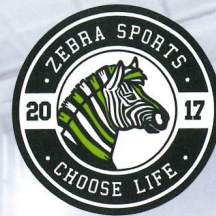
Coaches are DBS – Child Protection checked, Qualified in Sports Specific First Aid & Child Safeguarding.

Classes are limited!

So please book early, membership conditions apply, places are confirmed by email.

Contact VICTORIA – 07718485277

Email: admin@zebrasports.co.uk



Book now for our Half-term and Summer Holiday Activity Clubs.

WE OPERATE FROM TWO VENUES

1 hr classes held (term time only) on:

Tuesdays 6.15 - 7.15pm & 7.15 - 8.15pm
Saturdays 9.30 - 10.30am, 10.30-11.30am & 11.30 am- 12.30pm

VENUE:
NISHKAM SCHOOL WEST LONDON,
152 SYON LANE,
ISLEWORTH, TW7 5PN

Wednesdays 5.45 - 6.45pm & 6.45 - 7.45pm

VENUE:
DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL,
DRAYTON BRIDGE ROAD,
HANWELL, W7 1EU

Contact VICTORIA – 07718485277
Email: admin@zebrasports.co.uk

Disclaimer St Joseph's School is happy to use the newsletter to support activities and events. However, we have not vetted these services and are not specifically recommending them.