



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Merry Christmas!

On behalf of all of the staff at St. Joseph's, I wish you and your families a very blessed and safe Christmas and all the very best for the New Year ahead. I pray that the New Year brings us all renewed hope and happiness and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

There will be no need to report any coronavirus cases to school during the holidays but I would ask that you keep testing yourselves and your children over the holiday period and importantly, just before we return to school.



Books

The children will be bringing home their exercise books just in case we have a lockdown situation in January. I pray that this does not happen but it is better to be prepared. The books must stay in the school bags or plastic bags over the holiday period because I don't want books to be lost or scribbled in, but also for quarantine purposes on your child's hopeful return to school in January. Besides, holidays are for resting and re-energising our minds and bodies.

Merry Christmas



Sunday 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Luke 1:39 - 44

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.

Message from Chair of Governors

After another challenging year for us all, I would like to thank children, parents and staff for their continued support for our school. I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break with your families. Stay safe and well and we can all look forward to a better 2022. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anita Marshall,
Chair of Governors

Class Christmas Parties

On Monday, all of the children feasted on delights that had been brought in from home. I was impressed by how much they were able to eat after having eaten lunch not 30 minutes earlier! The children also wore their Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children and we raised **£450.58**.



Prayerful Liturgies, Performances and Services

Over the last couple of weeks the children in Nursery, Reception and Year One have celebrated the most wonderful liturgies and performances for Advent and Christmas. Sadly, parents could not watch the 'live' performances but they were all recorded so you can watch them over and over again with close family and friends.



The Year 2 Carols for Christmas and the Year 5 Advent Service were also recorded for parents to view. We pray that we will be able to perform 'live' when the next opportunities present themselves.

Thank you to all the staff who prepared the children in school and thank you to all the parents who helped prepare their children at home.

School Counsellor

On Tuesday, it was Taj's last day. She has been offered the opportunity to run a team of counsellors for another charity and will take up that position in the New Year. She has worked in our school, through the Catholic Children's Society, for a few years and has helped many children and parents. We wish her well. The Catholic Children's Society is in the process of recruiting another counsellor for our school.



Santa's Visit

Sadly, Santa postponed his visit to the children but he left sacks of goodies that the children received. A little Elf told me that I should thank the PTA for helping to organise Santa's delivery to St. Joseph's. Hopefully, next year he may visit in person if he can take time out from his busy schedule.



Coronavirus LFD Tests

The school has accepted a delivery of a small amount of LFD test kits. If you are not able to access test kits from your usual channels (ordering LFD test kits online www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or picking them up from pharmacies) please ask at the office.

Talented Musicians

Again, we are awash with talent! The following children were certified in Stage 1 on Electronic Keyboard: Rose 6B, Orla 6B, Pippa 6B, Igor 6B, Thomas 6I, Lili-Ella 6J, Greta 6J, Giada 5L, Eimear 5L, Andi-Rae 5L, Mia 5L, Alphonsa 5B, Lilianna 5B, Alfreya 5B, Gabrielle 4MS and Ellie 4S.

We also have talented pianists who attained Stage 1 on Piano: Freya 6B, Lena 5W

Well done to you all! I hope you can keep your families entertained at home by playing some music for some carols.

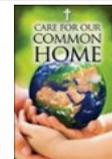


Talented Cyclist

Mehreen in 4W is a member of Hillingdon Slipsteamers which is a cycling club. She has won lots of races over the course of the season and ended up the U8 Club Champion. What a lovely shield to keep for a year. Well done Mehreen!



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



Hopefully you will be feeling organised and ready to celebrate a wonderful Christmas next week. We would like to give you a few tips about how to help reduce the enormous amount of waste, a whopping 30% more rubbish, that is an unfortunate bi-product of the season. Hopefully these tips, when put into practice, will give you peace of mind. It is estimated that three-and-a-half black bags full of packaging will be thrown out per household. Packaging which could be easily recycled. Guidelines:

- Every UK council in the UK will accept paper for recycling, whilst 98% will accept card for recycling too. Be sure to fold the cardboard boxes flat and remove any ribbons/bows.
- Not all types of wrapping paper can be recycled. Remember to do the scrunch test. Scrunch the wrapping paper in your hand, if the paper remains scrunched it's recyclable. If it springs back it's more than likely to be covered with a plastic film which can't be recycled.
- Cards and paper with glitter must not be put into the recycling.
- Batteries must be recycled appropriately. They can often be taken to your local supermarket or DIY store.
- Recycle all glass. 13,350 tonnes of glass is binned every year during December and January. If all of this was recycled it could save 4,200 tonnes of CO2 – the same as taking 1,300 cars off the road every year.

Challenge: Become your family's 'Recycling monitor'. Once all of the presents have been opened, take a few moments to organise the rubbish into the correct bins so that you can enjoy your day knowing that you have shown care for our common home.

Why not take a photo and send it in with your child to their class teacher to encourage others to play their part too?

Let's make a difference – together!

PTA NEWS



Hi Everyone,

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your contributions towards the Christmas Fayre. Between your donations and the sale of left over goods the total raised was £2,020.96. This will buy the children some new and fun equipment in the near future. Thank you for your generosity.

The total raised by the Perivale 5 mile run was £5,565. Considering our target was £3,000, we are more than delighted to have exceeded that by so much. Once again thank you so very much to all involved.

We wish you and yours a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New year.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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Celebrations

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that

Class	Name	Reason
1K	Martin	For being a role model and mature Year 1 learner.
1AS	Blake	For supporting his group sp well when filming his recipe video in Computing.
1SS	Thomas	For fantastic progress with his reading.
2JB	Julia	For showing fantastic skill in grating cheese for her healthy pizza in D&T!
2EB	Adam	For making great improvements in his efforts and progress.
2SL	Jack	For working hard to improve in all areas of his work. Well done!
3AR	Aiyah	For her willingness to help others during our D and T lessons.
3DS	Nikodem	For a well set out newspaper report on the effect George's medicine had on Grandma.
3SR	Xavier	For his fantastic effort and enthusiasm in Spanish.
4AS	Lucas	For writing a great newspaper article.
4MS	Aidan	For a sterling effort with his home learning whilst isolating. Well done!
4W	Milly	For a brilliantly written newspaper report about the Iron Man.
5B	Elisabetta	For stepping in last minute to perform a solo at the Advent Service, you were fantastic!
5L	Darragh	For designing and creating a wonderful stocking in D&T.
5W	Jimeelah	For designing and producing a lovely Christmas stocking paying attention to detail and the design specification.
6B	Kinga	For a well presented fact file on the life of Thomas Barnado.
6I	Florence	For displaying an excellent attitude in all lessons – very mature! Well done!
6J	Victoria	For an excellent science report on why the size of shadows changes.

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	Aiden RL	For always being kind and helpful.
Middle	Edore 3AR	For always always showing patience and kindness to all of her peers.
Upper	Cole 6I	For welcoming a new member to the class so thoughtfully.

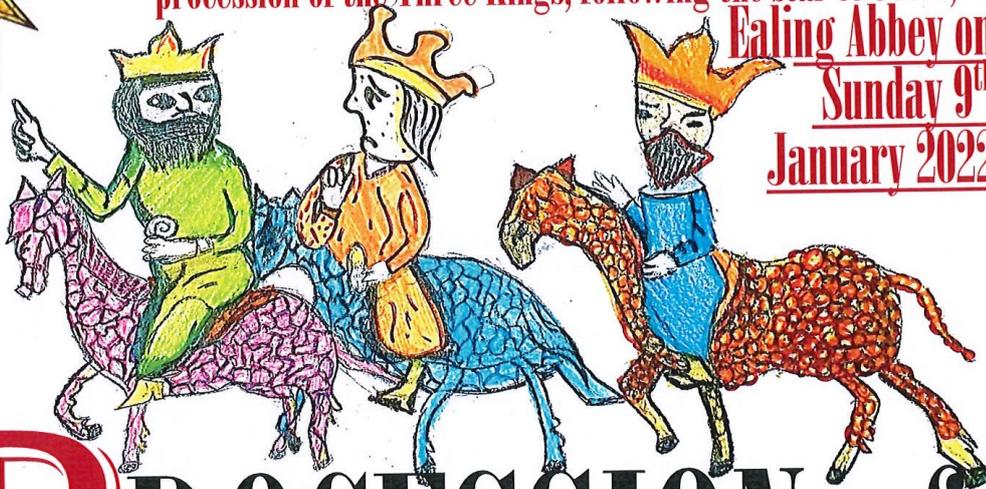


Come and join the children of Ealing Schools with their families in the procession of the Three Kings, following the star to Jesus, at

Ealing Abbey on

Sunday 9th

January 2022



PROCESSION of

THE THREE KINGS

The procession will form on the piazza outside Christ the Saviour Church in central Ealing at 1.30pm and walk to Ealing Abbey (Marchwood Crescent W5 2DY) for a short service on the steps there at 3.00pm

Enquiries to orszakealing@gmail.com

For further information please visit [Orszak Trzech Króli](http://www.orszak.org)
www.orszak.org
to see how it is done in Poland

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A WILD NEW MUSICAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY

14 - 20 FEBRUARY 2022 THE FORTUNE THEATRE
Russell Street, London WC2B 5HH

JUNGLE RUMBLE

WILD, UNTAMED AND LIVE IN THE WEST END

In February half-term, a sensational West End cast will bring the jungle to life in Jungle Rumble, an unforgettable family musical and a perfect half-term treat.

Jungle Rumble tells the story of ancient elephant Eeli, shy zebra Zella and cheeky monkey Boo, as they journey deep into the heart of the jungle on a fearless expedition to rescue Snow, the last white lion, from the evil Lord Braggard.

With thrilling choreography, uplifting songs and an inspirational message about working together to protect the Earth, Jungle Rumble is the perfect half-term treat for the whole family as well as being an ideal way to introduce your child to the magic of live theatre.

SHOW DATES AND TIMES

Mon 14th Feb	at 14:00 and 15:45
Tue 15th Feb	at 10:00 and 11:45
Wed 16th Feb	at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
Thu 17th Feb	at 10:00 and 11:45
Fri 18th Feb	at 11:00, 12:45 and 15:00
Sat 19th Feb	at 10:00 and 11:30
Sun 20th Feb	at 10:00, 11:45, 14:00 and 15:45



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Russell Street, London WC2B 5HH

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Find out more at junglerumble.show
For Access bookings, please call 0800 912 6971

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