



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th June 2021



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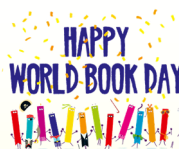
First Holy Communicants

Continuing congratulations to all our First Holy Communicants who continue to celebrate this most special sacrament. On Friday 16th July at 9.30am, we will celebrate our Presentation Mass in tandem with our end of year mass online. On this day, if your child has celebrated their First Holy Communion this academic year, they are invited to wear their First Holy Communion outfit. They must bring in their school uniform in a bag to change into after mass.



World Book Day

We will be marking our postponed World Book Day on Wednesday 23rd June. Children are invited to come dressed as a book character from one of the books we have read in class this year. If they would prefer, they may come in dressed as a character from a book of their own choice but please would the children bring in this book so that they can show this to the class. There will be other book-themed activities on the day.



Sunday 20th June 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Moving

This has been an exceptional year for families moving away from the area and relocating to different parts of the country or abroad. If you are considering this or know that you are moving and are holding on to one of our Reception places for this September, please let the office know so that we can give the place to a family on our waiting list.



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 it will not be picked up.



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School Meals payment portal

The current online meals payment portal will no longer be available to make payments for meals beyond the 31st of July 2021. If you are paying for your child's meal online please do not make any payments beyond the 23rd of July 2021. The current online payment portal is being replaced with the ISS new online payment portal, details of which will be sent to you at a later date.



If you have credit on your Harrison account beyond the 23rd of July 2021 or when our school closes for the summer holidays, the payments team will be in touch to refund your money.

EU Settlement Scheme

This item has been in the news and also in our newsletter previously. This is a timely reminder for any EU citizen who have not yet applied for settled status under the EU settlement scheme. The deadline for applying to the scheme is 30th June 2021. Please see link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means>



Thanks to PTA

I do not think the PTA could have planned the weather any better, except for today, for the children to enjoy their ice-lollies after their Sports Days. Thank you to the PTA for funding this most welcome treat.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

Continuing with last week's 'spring cleaning' theme, we look to our own homes and our possessions. Are there items sitting unused in cupboards that we could sell or donate rather than hoard or throw into landfill? When we are looking to buy furniture, toys, clothes, etc. could we buy second-hand? There are many items in great condition, for a fraction of the cost being sold online, and we would not be contributing to the problem of mass-production and the throwaway 'buy cheap, buy for a season' mentality that we had become used to.



Challenge: Ask the people in your household to help you write a list of the best value items in your house. Items that you use repeatedly are good value. Can you add anything to the list that you haven't picked up the whole time you have been in lockdown? Perhaps they could become someone else's 'best value' item.

Please do share your ideas with us by emailing your photos in to school and we will upload them to the Year Group page.

Let's make a difference – together!

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Sports Days

Year 3 - The fabulous, sunny weather set the mood for our Sports Day on Tuesday morning. The children worked so well in their teams and it was lovely to see them excel in certain events on their own as well. Their competitive streaks really came out in the heats and finals and a great time was had by all. Although parents and carers were unfortunately unable to attend this year, the children (and adults!) certainly made up for it by cheering as loudly as they could. We were all so proud of every single child in Year 3. We definitely have some budding sports stars of the future in our midst!



Reception - Yesterday's Reception Sports Day was a great success. Every child took an active role in the races and had great fun joining in. There were five teams in each class; Flamingos, Antelopes, Cheetahs, Hippos and Kangaroos and each race reflected one of the animals. Here are some of the quotes the children made following Sports Day:

"I like running and jumping. I ran really fast and jumped really far!" (Rich, Ladybirds)

"I absolutely loved Sports Day! I loved running like a cheetah." (Arthur, Honeybees)

"I enjoyed the egg and spoon race, but I kept dropping the egg." (Lilly P, Butterflies)

"I really loved the flamingo balance, I had to balance on one leg with the bean bag on my head." (Naiyana, Ladybirds)

"I liked the flamingo balance because I balanced for the longest, but Ella was really good too." (Blake, Butterflies)

"I had so much fun, it was the best day ever!" (Octavia, Honeybees)



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Upper Phase - Upper Phase enjoyed their sports days this week. They were held at school instead of Churchfields this year. Year 4 on Monday, Year 6 on Wednesday and Year 5 on Thursday. There were five events for all of the children: sprinting, long jump, javelin, egg and spoon race and the relay race all around the playground. Each child competed for its house and at the end, there were finals for each event. The children then enjoyed their ice-lollies which were kindly donated by the PTA. It was fortunate that the rain stayed away!

School Trips

On Thursday, Year 4 supplemented their knowledge of the Tudors by visiting the former home of Henry VIII, Hampton Court. The palace and the grounds are literally unchanged since Tudor times and the children explored many areas. Here are some of their highlights:

"I enjoyed seeing the portraits up close. There were really interesting!"

'I loved the huge slides in the Magic Garden.'

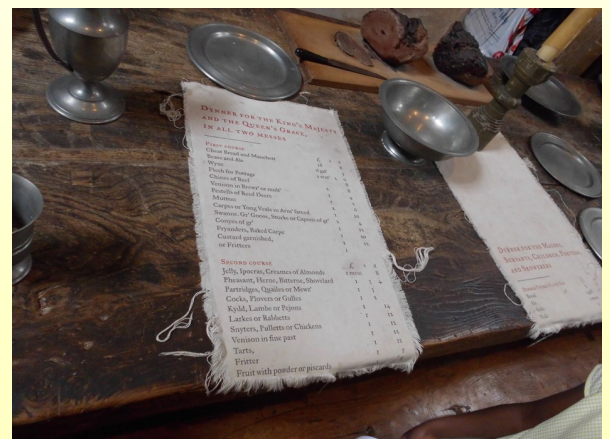
'The Magic Garden was so much fun.'

'I enjoyed eating my lunch because I was so hungry.'

'I loved the haunted corridor.'

'I enjoyed watching the film about Henry VIII's wives.'

'Henry VIII's crown was amazing.'



In the event...

In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever ($>37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$), or a new, continuous cough or a loss of the sense of smell or taste do not send your child to school. Immediately inform the school via email or phone and then book a test for the person. The whole household must then self-isolate. If the test returns negative and nobody has any ongoing symptoms, the child can return to school and the household no longer needs to self-isolate. If a positive result is returned, the household must self-isolate for 10 days and resume normal activity after 10 days as long as they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

If your child has a sniffle, runny nose or is sneezing, they are not coronavirus symptoms and your child should come to school if well enough.



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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
1B	Vanessa	For always showing kindness to her friends.
1S	Diego	For great Maths work on division and sharing!
1SW	Aleksandra	For excellent participation in our assembly practice.
2AL	Elsie	For writing a detailed story about an alien.
2B	Rayan	For his thoughtful questions and curiosity about the 'Good Samaritan'.
2SL	Charlotte	For persevering with her maths and finally conquering the column method! Well done!
3AR	Kacper	For great independent work when making a pop-up card in DT.
3DS	Dacya	For being a kind and helpful classmate and always trying her best!
3SR	Laura	For her fantastic effort in Sports Day.
4B	Stas	For working extra hard with his Times Tables.
4C	Kira	For superb participation in Sports Day.
4S	Finian	For making a fantastic effort in our assembly.
5B	Oliver	For his improved attitude towards his learning. Well done!
5S	Igor	For being a kind and helpful learning partner – a great role model!
5W	Filip	For being supportive to his team mates in PE.
6B	Shantweeny	For planning and conducting a fair investigation in science.
6I	Mateusz	For working methodically in his 'Electricity' investigation.
6J	Esrom	For a great effort at improving

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	Cara	For being kind to others and putting them before herself!
Middle	Karol	For always offering to help his classmates.
Upper	Maisie	For always being in good spirits and kind hearted.

Hello! from your new school caterers



ISS Education is delighted to have the opportunity to provide catering services at your school from September. Our mission is to feed hungry minds! We create our menus based on the principles of the Soil Association's Food for Life Silver Served Here standards, which have been developed to reflect best practice in healthy and sustainable school food.

Our food is...

- Over 85% freshly prepared
- Includes meat from farms which satisfy UK welfare standards
- Is made with free range eggs – where eggs are used
- Includes a wide range of seasonal and local/British produce
- Contains no undesirable food additives or hydrogenated fats
- Does not include any GM ingredients

Each day your child can enjoy the following:



More than lunch...

As well as great food, we also support schools with:

- Cookery Sessions
- Annual Green Fingers Event
- Gardening Workshops
- Assemblies
- Nutrition Talks
- Farm Visits
- International Food Events
- Themed Menus
- Parent Tasting Sessions
- School Event Support
- Food Education Event Days
- Educational Activities

You will receive a full version of your new menu soon!

If your child requires a personal menu due to a **special dietary requirement(s)**, please complete our **Special Diet Referral Form** and return it to your school office.

If you would like more information on any of the above, or if you have any questions regarding other school food matters, please do get in touch:

✉ Send us an email: hello@feedinghungryminds.co.uk

🔍 To find out more about us, visit www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk

Thanks for your time - we look forward to seeing you and your child soon!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

ISS will be introducing a new meal ordering and payment system from September 2021. The system, known as BlueRunner is user-friendly and offers several exciting benefits including:

- A clear and easy-to-use design
- An automatic registration and password reset process
- A shopping basket function to track meal selections
- Easy functionality around adding children to an account
- Printable meal plans for each child on your account
- The ability to order and cancel meals
- Automatic email confirmations of orders and changes
- Notifications and reminders to top up your balance
- Online user guides and videos

Parents who previously paid/ordered via the telephone will still be able to do this. There will be a new telephone number which we will share with you over the next few weeks.

You will receive further communications from us over the coming weeks in the lead up to the launch of the system. These will include a series of 'How To' and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch with us at: feedinghungryminds@uk.issworld.com

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Jenkins
Key Account Manager ISS



VCYM

The Vaughan Centre for Young Musicians



a chance for your son to benefit?

The Vaughan Centre for Young Musicians, held from 4.30-6.30 pm, on ten Mondays each term offers Primary School age boys (Years 4-6, ages 8-11) the opportunity to extend their music curriculum and receive specialist instrumental and choral tuition

**Auditions to join in September 2021
will be held in July 2021**

Further details and apply online by clicking [HERE](#)

Closing Date for Applications Friday 2 July 2021



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