



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Half-term Holiday

The children and staff have worked very hard this half-term which has at times been very sad and emotional. Now will be the time to rest and recuperate. The bonus at the end of the half-term holiday is the fact that we move from British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time meaning that clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October; no excuses for lateness on the morning of Monday 30th October! Have a great half-term!



Sunday 22nd October 2023

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



Jesus refused to be drawn into a sterile argument, about paying taxes to Caesar

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that belong to him, and to God what belongs to God."

Consultation

In a few weeks, the local authority will begin a consultation on behalf of the Governing Body of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School on reducing the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 90 to 60 in reception from 2025. Several schools (St. Gregory's, St. Raphael's, Stanhope, Berrymede and Hobbayne) in our area have reduced their PAN in recent times due to the falling number of children in Ealing. St. Joseph's has remained at three forms of entry to ensure that there has been enough capacity in terms of school places in Ealing. However, the prediction for pupil numbers from 2024 sees a substantial decline and as the school is currently 40 children down across the school, the shortfall in pupil numbers will have an impact on the school budget. Please look out for details on the consultation on www.ealing.gov.uk/consultation from 6th November 2023 until 22nd December 2023. More details available on the big yellow poster in the school office entrance lobby.

Year 7 Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents please be mindful of the fact that applications need to be submitted by 31st October. Catholic Secondary Schools need to have received the Supplementary Information Forms by then too. The office has been in touch with parents of children who have applied to in borough schools but we do not have details of children who are applying to out of borough schools. Please do not leave it to the last minute, your child deserves more than that.

Black History Month

During the month of October we have been taking part in Black History Month. The children have focused their studies on particular people from black African/Caribbean backgrounds who have made an impact on our society. On Friday 3rd November we will celebrate our work as a whole school. On that day, I ask that every child come to school wearing any of the following coloured clothing representing:

Black = resilience

Red = love

Yellow = optimism and justice/fairness

Green = greenery/nature

Children from black African/ Caribbean heritage who have any flags and/or cultural clothes are invited to come to school with them.



Times Table Rock Stars

What an amazing response we have had from our Year 2-6 pupils to the launch of our exciting online resource Times Tables Rock Stars. Pupils in Middle and Upper Phases were introduced to the resource by Mrs. Whybrew and have been allocated usernames and logins which were sent home with an information sheet three weeks ago by class teachers. We are asking children to focus on the 'Single Player' mode games (of which there are 5) until Christmas, after which we will be organizing inter-school tournaments and an exciting 'Maths Rock Star Day'.



How often should children be playing? Every day for 10 minutes.

Guide to the games

Jamming – a relaxed game (untimed) which allows children to practice specific times tables

Gig – To be completed once a month. This game has 100 questions and will help children, parents and staff to see progress month-on-month. All children need to complete a gig if they haven't done so far.

Garage – Playing games on this will help fill in the pupils' 'heatmaps' which identify the tables that pupils don't know and the speed at which they can recall them.

Studio – Play 10 times to receive your 'Rock Star' status. We can then print out your child's certificate and get them up on the Wall of Fame.

Soundcheck – Beat the clock game helps to improve speed.

In a child's daily practice of ten minutes (or more) they should always aim to play at least 2 Garage games and 2 Studio games. This will ensure that progress is visible which will be both rewarding and motivating.

School Uniform

When we return after half term, we revert to winter uniform. This means shirts and ties, no more polo shirts or summer dresses.



Catholic Social Teaching task

During this first autumn term, the school has been focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'Creation'. We asked the children to take part in 'Walk to school day', consistently focus on saving energy and paper and have a wonderful team of Year Six children who ensure that we recycle every week. Over the half term holiday, please talk to your children about how we can maintain our commitment to this CST principle throughout the year. Perhaps you could spend an hour litter picking in the park; make crafts from 'junk'; commit to walking to activities as much as possible in half term. Ask the children how we can 'Care for Creation' – they are full of wonderful ideas.

Have a wonderful half term!

Let's make a difference – together!



Dental Care

Currently, Ealing borough is one of the London Boroughs with the highest number of children not registered with NHS dental practices and not receiving dental care. Hanwell Dental Practice is pleased to inform you that they have spare capacity to register children from our local area. Please see attached flyer at back of newsletter.

Returning borrowed school uniform

If your child borrows uniform from our school supply please wash and return the uniform to the school office. Children frequently have accidents in school and we need to ensure we have plenty of spares.

Ealing Foodbank

Hello!

We wanted to send you all a HUGE thank you for such an amazing start to the harvest season. Your donations have been so generous and we're very grateful.

Here is our updated October shopping list with our most needed items this month.

Many thanks,

Ealing Foodbank Team



OCTOBER

- Breakfast Cereal - *no thanks to porridge*
- Rice - *500g packets*
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- UHT Milk – *no thanks to skimmed*
- Sweet & Savoury Biscuits
- Mayo, Ketchup, Brown Sauce
- Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard
- Chickpeas & Kidney Beans
- Peanut Butter & Jam
- Instant Coffee & Drinking Chocolate
- Toiletries – *hair shampoo, shower gel, hand soap, shaving foam & razors, deodorant, dental*

Thank you!

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Celebrations

Religious Education Work of the Week awards are given to children who have shown that bit of extra effort in their RE lessons that week.

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Evelyn	For remembering words to our school prayers.
RB	Mabel	For showing kindness to her friends.
RH	Jamie	For being responsible and a good role model to all the children in Honeybees.
RL	Rylee	For her excellent effort in her RE work and for understanding that God is everywhere.
1AP	Roel	For always making great contributions to class discussions during RE lessons.
1SR	Jordan	For beautiful singing in Collective Worship Hymn Practice.
1EB	Anna	For her drawing of Moses leading the people through the Red Sea.
2JB	Elly	For excellent work on celebrations of the Jewish faith.
2AB	Abel	For excellent work on celebrations of the Jewish Faith.
2AF	Jordaine	For her excellent work on Judaism.
3AR	Jamie	For a beautiful stained glass window design which contained important Jewish sign and symbols.
3DB	Veronika	For designing a beautiful stained glass window.
3MS	Tymon	For working diligently when learning about Judaism.
4AS	Enzo	For recognising different ways he has been 'called' to do something.
4GS	Zofia	For knowing and explaining most of the religious words in our first 'CALLED' lesson.
4S	Xuanshi	For an excellent understanding of new vocabulary for our new topic 'Called',
5AL	Gracie	For writing a fantastic recipe for long lasting friendships.
5CR	Daniel	For creating a brilliant recipe for friendship as part of his RE homework this week!
5AS	Jacob	For making a wonderful friendship recipe for homework.
6LI	Clodagh	For super work on the Jewish celebration of 'Yom Kippur'.
6MS	Karol	For designing an excellent greeting card to celebrate Rosh Hashanah.
6WL	Evelina	For creating a thoughtful card to celebrate the Jewish feast of 'Rosh Hashanah'.

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
Nurse-ry	Rosie	For an imaginative puppet show.
RB	Luke	For writing CVC words independently.
RH	Sara	For trying very hard with her writing.
RL	Edina	For excellent effort in her Maths work.
1AP	Lily	For her wonderful sequencing in Maths.
1SR	Karolina	For making a great effort in reading and phonics.
1EB	Asena	For writing some super sentences in English.
2JB	Antoni	For always looking for ways to improve his work.
2AB	Marcelina	For writing a fantastic diary entry based on the Great Fire of London.
2AF	Ella	For always being a kind and helpful friend to everybody.
3AR	Lilly	For her excellent effort and determination when using the column method for addition.
3DB	Albie	For working very hard to write a great setting description.
3MS	Arthur	For making great effort to improve your listening in class.
4AS	Jane	For showing great enthusiasm whilst practising for the class collective worship.
4GS	Rory	For not giving up when you found Roman numerals challenging. Well done!
4S	Joey	For an excellent understanding of Roman numerals.
5AL	Alex	For being a role model and taking active part in lessons.
5CR	Gabi	For always showing her best self, especially in our class assembly this week!
5AS	Lorenzo	For being sensible and hardworking at all times.
6LI	Allistar	For good skills changing from non-standard to standard English.
6MS	Taran	For giving a very interesting and well-prepared talk about his grandfather in response to his oracy home learning task.
6WL	Zara	For pushing herself to achieve her targets in handwriting, times tables and overall work.

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	Louie 1EB	For always looking out for his friends.
Middle	Oleg 3MS	For always being kind, patient and tolerant with all of his classmates all of the time.
Upper	Zara 6WL	For showing patience and kindness when working with a friend who needed support on a task.

HALF TERM WEEK AT HANWELL DENTAL PRACTICE



DURING HALF TERM PERIOD, WE ARE RUNNING A HEALTH PROGRAMME AIMED AT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

THIS WILL INCLUDE A DENTAL CHECK-UP, DIET ADVICE, BRUSHING ADVICE AND FLUORIDE APPLICATION FOR PREVENTION AS REQUIRED.

YOUR CHILD WILL ALSO RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY GOODY BAG CONTAINING TOOTHBRUSH, PASTE AND GIFTS.

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2 GAME SPECIAL

KIDS £10 (per person) **ADULTS £12** (per person)

EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS
VALID FROM MONDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023. AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY 12PM - 10PM ONLY. EXCLUDING ROOM HIRE. BOOKING UP TO 60 PEOPLE PER VENUE. ONLY BOOKABLE WITH THE LOAN OF BOWLING PER PERSON AND PURCHASED. T&Cs APPLY.

FAMILY SPECIAL

ONE HOUR FOR £32

EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS
VALID FROM MONDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023. MONDAY - FRIDAY 12PM TO 10PM ONLY. UP TO 100 PEOPLE PER VENUE. MAXIMUM OF 100 CHILDREN GROUP OF 10. T&Cs APPLY.

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