St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 21stJanuary 2022



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'Amber' status

We continue to be in 'Amber' status as we currently exceed the Ealing threshold. However, I am seeing the number of cases reduce day by day. I pray that we continue to see the number of infections move in the right direction so that the children's education is not disrupted.

Whilst we are in 'Amber', I request that parents continue to wear face coverings when on school property as has been recommended by the LCRC to help reduce transmission within the school community. Please continue to follow guidance and do not send your child to school if they have symptoms. A symptom that some parents have been reporting lately is vomitting. I can't say if it is a proper symptom, but if your child has vomitted it may be worth testing them also.





Sunday 23rd January 2022

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

Self-Isolation Period

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if your child has 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. If they have a negative result on day 5 and a negative result on day 6 in the morning, your child may come to school on day 6. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symp-



toms). The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart.

Upcoming INSET day

A reminder to parents that the school will be closed to children on Friday 11th February. The staff are having a training day; Religious Education being the focus.

NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Parent Evenings

Parent consultations are fast approaching. With the current 'Amber' status being as it is and probably being extended for another couple of weeks I cannot, at this moment, see parents coming in to school to meet with teachers. We would then revert to online meetings as we have done previously. In either case, please look out for parent evening slips which will come out next week.



Fratelli Tutti – Praying across borders

This week it was the turn of St. Anselm's in Southall to lead our Deanery in child-led prayer. Our whole community joined via Teams to listen to the prayers. It was lovely to see so many children involved at one time, celebrating our faith.

Synodal Pathway

Pope Francis has planned a special meeting called a Synod. At that meeting, he wants to discuss how we as a Church can be better at journeying together. The children were introduced to the Synodal Pathway in assembly and the Pupil Chaplains went around to Years 2-6 to collect genuine children's responses. The responses will then go to the Pope because he wants to hear from everyone and especially those who don't always feel that they have a voice. Wouldn't it be amazing if the Pope comes across one of our responses from St. Joseph's.



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

We are sure that many families have started the New Year committed to a healthier diet and hope that you have enjoyed our meat-free task. One fantastic way to achieve this is by eating more local, seasonal food. Seasonal food is fresher and so tends to be tastier and more nutritious. It also has wonderful benefits for the planet.



By shopping seasonally and locally we:

- Reduce the energy (and associated CO2 emissions) needed to grow and transport the food we eat.
- Avoid paying a premium for food that is scarcer or has travelled a long way.
- Support the local economy.
- Reconnect with nature's cycles.

Listed on <u>www.eattheseasons.co.uk</u>, it recommends that the following foods are all in season in January.

JANUARY - beetroot, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, chicory, horseradish, jerusalem artichoke, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, parsnips, swede, turnips, apples, blood oranges, clementines, lemons, oranges, passion fruit, pears, satsumas, tangerines, almonds, brazil nuts, walnuts, duck, turkey, venison, haddock, halibut, hake, lemon sole, mackerel, mussels, red mullet, sea bream, skate, turbot, winkles.

Challenge: When you are in the supermarket take the time to have a look at where your food has been shipped from. Can you forego the strawberries for some clementines or pears instead? Pick some ingredients from the list above and see if you can challenge yourselves to make a 'seasonal supper'.

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,

Hope you are all keeping well. Just a reminder that the PTA Annual General Meeting will be held at school on 28th January 2022 at 7pm in the junior hall, all welcome. Refreshments will be provided. We will be voting in a new PTA committee so if you're interested in taking on a role please be sure to attend the meeting.

Now to update you regarding the total amount raised by the Perivale 5 mile race. As well as the £5,360.52 the Go Fund Me page raised, we collected £328.15 in the buckets outside school bringing the total raised to £5,688.67. Once again thank you all so much for your support and donations.

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th. Best wishes,

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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	Joseph	For completing his Maths challenges.
1AS	Leon	For recalling lots of information about the United Kingdom.
1SS	Milly	For using her sounds and reading confidently.
2JB	Anyah	For her fantastic effort to join in with the song of the Fratelli Tutti prayer.
2EB	Ola	For her efforts with her writing. Keep it up.
2SL	Kei'Aire	For listening carefully during lessons and applying his knowledge to his written work.
3AR	Jason	For a great recount based on the Ice Palace in English.
3DS	Abi	For putting 100% effort into everything she does.
3SR	Leena	For her fantastic recount written from Ivan's point of view.
4AS	Julia	For giving some fantastic responses in R.E. lessons.
4MS	Ylaissa	For her entertaining instructions how to steal a dragon (as Gobber)
4W	Alex	For excellent focus and achievement in our lessons on Time and Bar models.
5B	Nikolas	For writing an informative letter about 'Strength in Unity' in R.E.
5L	Cassiella	For writing a fantastic e-mail to one of the characters in the book.
5W	Joe	For original thoughts when composing an informal e-mail.
6B	Rose	For always trying her best in both written work and class discussions.
61	Freya	For always demonstrating a good attitude in all subjects and ac- tivities.
6J	Mariam	For a well written diary from the perspective of a WW2 evacuee.

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	Marie RB	For excellent progress in Reading.
Middle	Malannie 2SL	For looking out for a classmate and comforting them when they were hurt at playtime.
Upper	Olivier 6B	For modelling good manners in all situations.



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