



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Half-term

Everyone has worked so hard this half-term and we all deserve a lovely break. Please take this time to rest and re-invigorate yourselves for the next half-term and run up to Christmas. Remember to stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 1st November, All Saints Day, how fitting!

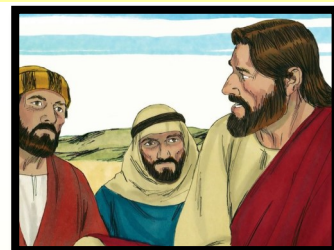
Uniform - Please remember that after half-term we revert to our winter uniform, no more polo shirts or summer dresses.

Half -Term Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, then Ealing Council will be providing your household with additional financial support during the October half term holiday. Please read attached letter.

Black History Month

We have celebrated Black History Month across the school. The children have done some fantastic new learning and all the displays have to be up by this afternoon. I look forward to taking pictures of them all and sharing them with you in the next newsletter.



Sunday 24th October 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel:

Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'Rabbuni, let me see again.'

Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And at once his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Safer Street

York Avenue is much safer now but we must remember that it is not a 'no traffic zone' it is a 'low traffic zone' and residents are allowed to drive up and down the road during the allowed times. Please encourage your children to walk on the pavements and cross the road safely. An unmarked Police car drove down the road yesterday and had to stop several times as parents and children were just standing in the road.

I continue to ask that parents do not wait on the corner of Balfour Road and then jump the line when the gates open.

I also continue to ask for volunteers to attend to the barriers. Mr Brophy and I must be the most expensive attendants in the world. Please sign up on the rota in the lobby by the office to allow us to do the work we are paid to do.

Love Learn Believe

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



September and October are the times of Harvest. Yet as the evenings draw in, and the weather becomes cooler, many of us still haven't altered our food shop accordingly. Yes, strawberries and blueberries are always tasty but as we move into the autumn and winter months these foods have to be sourced from other countries meaning that they come with a carbon footprint. There is so much delicious, home-grown, seasonal produce to choose from instead. Shop for grapes, pears, plums, figs, peaches, leeks, butternut squash and pumpkin knowing that you are supporting UK farming and being kind to the planet.

Challenge: As you shop check the packets to see where the food has been produced. Can you go for a UK grown alternative? For a list of what is in season visit www.bbcgoodfood.com/seasonal-calendar. Can you make a delicious meal together using sustainably sourced food?

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!

Cauliflower Cards

Your child will have brought home their order for cauliflower cards. The closing date for all orders is Monday 1st November, no orders will be accepted after this date as the cards will not be returned to school in time for Christmas.

Payments can be made directly online to Cauliflower cards or should be included in the order.



Maths Week

Maths week will begin Monday 8th November 2021. During the week, the children will be enjoying a range of Maths activities to develop their problem solving and number skills! On Friday 12th November we ask that the children wear a 'Maths Hat' to school to celebrate their learning and hard work. Hats can be made using materials from around the home and we suggest the children begin to think about their designs over half-term to give them time to plan their designs. Please see below for a couple of examples of Maths Hats. There are instructions for a variety of hat designs as well as a few more photo examples to give inspiration on the School Website!



Love Learn Believe

Pupil Chaplain Training

On Tuesday, Sister Judith came to our school to lead chaplaincy training with the chaplains from year 5 and 6 and the chaplains from other Catholic schools in our Deanery. We welcomed all the different schools and showed them to their tables. Sister Judith ran some really fun activities and taught us all about where the word 'chaplains' came from. As a group, we created a development plan for the school to show how we can improve it. Now, we are officially pupil chaplains and we are so excited to organise events and be helpful around the school. Thank you to Jaida and Freya for writing this article and to Miss Bertorelli for hosting the event.



PE Leader

Ms Baran has decided to step back from leading PE after many years of working hard to promote the subject and inspiring the children to be more physically active. She has also led training to upskill our staff and organised hundreds of competitions with other schools to give our children a chance to be active in sport. I thank Ms Baran for her dedication. Following an interview process, Miss Bertorelli will now take on the role. I am sure that you will join me in supporting our new PE leader with the work that she will be doing for our children and staff.



Celebrations

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	Troy NRd	For including others in his games.
Middle	Joey 2SL	For always considering the needs of other children and being a good friend.
Upper	Toby 5W	For showing kindness and compassion towards others by helping new children to settle in.

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	Sandor	For his enthusiasm for writing.
1AS	Lily	For showing determination and independence with her writing.
1SS	David	For being eager to learn and showing early sign of a mature Year 1 learner.
2JB	Zofia	For using the word 'persistent' from assembly to describe Mary Seacole
2EB	Cara	For writing an excellent letter to Duncan from gold crayon.
2SL	Malannie	For settling into Year 2 so well and showing a remarkable improvement with her communication skills – Well done!
3AR	Kaine	For being persistent when using the column method for subtraction.
3DS	Leo	For working hard at understanding column subtraction.
3SR	Mateusz	For his fantastic understanding of column method for addition and subtraction.
4AS	Dacya	For creating an excellent information poster on crocodiles.
4MS	Kacper	For creating a fantastic storyboard of Krindlekrax.
4W	Hailey	For excellent work on column multiplication and a can-do approach to maths.
5B	Sara	For having an amazing first half-term at St. Joseph's and for putting 100% into everything that she does!
5L	Andi-Rae	For her mature attitude to learning about inspirational people during Black History Month.
5W	Liliana	For fantastic choreography in our assembly.
6B	Igor	For creating an informative 3D model about a blood disorder.
6I	Kim	For creating an informative leaflet following research into disorders of the blood.
6J	Johnathan	For fantastic responses and discussion about trade and economy in our Geography lesson.

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.

PTA News

Hello all,

We would like to say thank you for supporting our movie night. We hope your children enjoy their evening.

You may have seen the posters on the school gates regarding the Osterley 10k run. Due to a change in management at Osterley park, it is looking unlikely that the run will go ahead this year. However we have a plan b and that is the Perivale Park five mile run. Please see the attached poster for more details.

We invite anyone who is interested in taking part to register your interest with the pta. Email address is included on the poster. This is a fundraising event to raise money for our school. Once we have our team of parents and staff, we will be setting up a go fund me page and inviting you all to sponsor them. Please keep reading the newsletter for further details and updates.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes

PTA



19 October 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

Supermarket vouchers for October half term holiday to support families

I am writing to advise you that, **if your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals**, then Ealing Council will be providing your household with additional financial support during the October half term holiday.

You will shortly receive a supermarket voucher to support you to meet food and other essential costs over the school holiday.

Ealing Council has been allocated funding to support families with children on low incomes who have been affected by the pandemic via the Government's new **Household Support Fund**. This extends the support previously offered through the COVID winter grant and local support funds.

A company called Blackhawk Network is administering the voucher scheme for Ealing Council at no cost to the council.

How much are the vouchers worth?

October half term voucher - £15 voucher per eligible pupil

Please note that children in Reception to Year 2 who receive a free school meal under the universal infant free school meals scheme (but would not otherwise be eligible) are not entitled to receive the vouchers. To be eligible, you must be entitled to a benefits-related free school meal due to your low family income.

How do I redeem the voucher?

1. Blackhawk Network will email you a 16-digit code. This will be sent to the email address your child's school has on their records. Please keep an eye on your inbox and check your junk or spam folder. If we do not hold an email address for you, your code will be texted or posted to you.
2. When you have received your code, go to www.ealingcouncil.select-your-reward.co.uk
3. Type in your unique 16-digit code on the homepage and click 'Redeem'
4. Make your selection and click 'Checkout'
5. Enter a valid email address where your confirmation and voucher will be sent.
6. Review and accept the terms and conditions before placing your order.

7. Once you have placed your order, your voucher will be emailed to you within 24 hours.

8. You can use your voucher either online or in store

Where can I spend the voucher?

You can choose where you spend your voucher. The voucher can be used at the following retailers: Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose, M&S and Aldi. The voucher should be used to purchase food and essential clothing, for example, school uniform and should not be spent on non-essential items. Prices vary from one place to another so you might want to consider comparing prices for the items you need before deciding which supermarket to use.

Expiry dates

Voucher codes are only valid for three months from the date of issue but once redeemed you then have between one and five years to spend the voucher, depending on which retailer you choose. So please do ensure you redeem your voucher code well ahead of the expiry date and contact Blackhawk in plenty of time if you have not received your voucher.

Need help?

If you have any questions, please refer to the frequently asked questions on the website as these may provide the answer that you need: www.select-your-reward.co.uk/Faqs

If you have not received a voucher code by 29th October 2021, please first check your junk or spam mailbox folder.

Otherwise, please complete the online contact form at www.select-your-reward.co.uk/ContactUs

Please do not contact your school directly regarding your vouchers.

Other support available

Anyone struggling to meet food costs, cover their rent or purchase essential items can apply for financial assistance. To find more information or to make an application go to:

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201264/help_for_residents/2687/help_with_your_money/2

Yours faithfully,



Kim Price
Planning and Resources Strategic Lead (Children's Services)

**Ensuring academic excellence through
cultural excellence**

**Enrol now for the Queen Nzinga
Saturday School Club!**

***Maths - English - Heritage knowledge
for students from Year 3 to Year 8***



**TERM STARTS SATURDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER 2021**



Saturdays from 10am to 1pm

**Qualified teachers, including subject
specialists, with 10 years+ experience
and committed volunteers**

Northolt Village Community Centre

The Manor House, Ealing Road, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 6AD

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Do you know someone who struggles to read?

Read Easy provides free and confidential one-to-one reading coaching for adults.

People can learn to read or improve their reading skills at their own pace and without pressure. It's friendly, flexible and fun!

To find out more, please contact:

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More than 13,000 people in Ealing struggle with reading. We're here to help.

Read Easy Ealing, a branch of Read Easy UK, provides adults in the borough of Ealing who struggle to read with free one-to-one reading coaching.

Not being able to read very well - or at all - self-evidently creates huge barriers for adults to achieve their potential - whether for career purposes, in their relationships or for personal growth. Imagine not being able to help your own child or grandchild with their reading. Imagine not being able to use a computer. Or not being able to apply for jobs you could do perfectly well if you were able to read. Or not being able to enjoy a great story or learn new skills and knowledge through studying.

If you know of any adults in your school's community who speak English but who struggle to read, please ask them to get in touch with us or get their agreement for you to contact us on their behalf. We have trained, local volunteer coaches ready and waiting to help with twice-weekly, half-hour tuition sessions close to people's homes.

A call to our Coordinator, Jeff Brown, on 07546 307577, or an email to ealingcoordinator1@readeasy.org.uk will get the ball rolling and we will do the rest!

You can find out more about *Read Easy Ealing* on our website at readeasy.org.uk/groups/ealing

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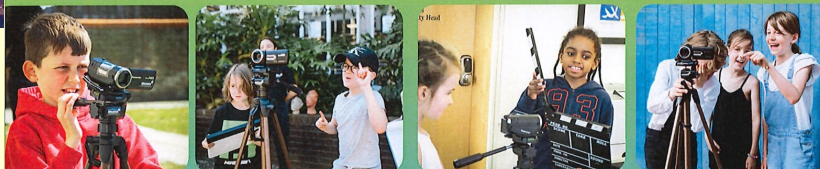
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Half Term Movie Making Camps

Ages 7-11

Based in Chiswick



Make an epic space adventure in October half term!

Make an intergalactic space epic, inspired by Star Wars! Create your own unique alien characters and explore tons of special and technical effects to produce a movie masterpiece set in the furthest reaches of the galaxy...

Take part in this fun-filled movie making workshop for ages 7-11. Learn new skills both behind and in front of the camera. Boost creativity and confidence.

To learn more and register, please visit

www.sparksarts.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.

HANWELL COMMUNITY LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR LONGER!

We are now open on:

Tuesdays:	10am - 1pm then 2pm-5pm
Wednesdays:	10am - 1pm then 2pm-5pm
Thursdays:	2pm-5pm
Saturdays:	10am-4pm

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