



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st May 2021



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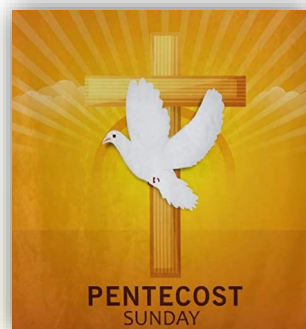
Safer Streets - Experimental School Street



The Safer Streets programme is gathering momentum! I have asked St. Joseph's to be considered for an Experimental School Street scheme to help you and your family to stay safe as you travel to and from school each day. This will be a short closure of the street to through traffic at the start and end of the school day, making the road less congested, safer, quieter, more pleasant place for you all. Residents will still have access, as will blue badge holders, but no other parents or carers will be allowed to drive into the street during the closure times. There will be a barrier placed at the closure to stop vehicles from entering the school street. This is planned to begin in the autumn term.

For the scheme to go ahead, the council is asking parents, carers, older pupils and residents to complete a survey to collect their views, before deciding. The pupils will complete the survey in class with their teachers. We ask you, our parents and carers, to please support us by completing the parent/carer survey which can be found by clicking on this link: www.ealing.gov.uk/newschoolstreets. The survey opens on 24th May and will close at midnight on the 14th June.

I believe this will make the journey to school much safer for you and your children and would like as many of you as possible to support us by completing this short survey. The letter from the Council is attached at the back from which you will be able to click on links for more information.



Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Gospel: John 20:19-23

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Nursery

We have been asked by another school to host a trainee teacher who wants some experience in a Catholic school. It is lovely to see that our Nursery is being chosen as an example of best practice. Well done to the children and Nursery staff!

Contacting the school office

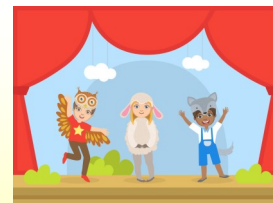
If you have a general office related enquiry please use ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk. Please do not use the Admin domain for correspondence as they will not be picked up.



Love Learn Believe

Productions

You know it is the summer term when you hear plans for the Year 3 and Year 6 productions. The Year 3s are currently filming theirs to be ready to be released next week and the Year 6s, after they return from Boreatton Park, will begin rehearsing in earnest. I marvel at the quality of the productions every year. The time and effort spent by children, parents and staff alike shows great teamwork and importantly, that we value that aspect of the curriculum.



'Fratelli Tutti'

Our Deanery continues to work together and on Wednesday, Our Lady of the Visitation led a lovely prayer session over the internet – praying without borders. Usually, St. Joseph's would have been represented by our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains, but as they were away at Boreatton Park, some Year 5 children stepped in to represent our school, thank you.



Use of Phones

Parents, please do not use your mobile phones when inside the school gates. When picking up your child in the afternoon, they deserve your full attention! Also, I have had reports of our Year 5 and Year 6 children, who walk home alone, having their lovely, expensive phones out and easily visible. We talk to the children about safety, can you please follow this up at home.



Late pick-ups

Every so often, one can have a mishap which results in being late for afternoon pick-up. It can be upsetting for the child but when this happens we look after the child as if it were our own. However, when late pick-up becomes habitual, it feels like we are being taken advantage of. From September, I am considering sending children to the After School Club where a fee will be charged for looking after your child.



Oral Health

I was very impressed by the Oral Health talks delivered a couple of weeks back. In a conversation with the facilitator, she said that because of lockdown many families had not visited their dentist in over a year. Please find attached an invitation to the National Smile Month Event. This is a virtual event; link to join on the flyer.



Road incidents

Sadly, I have been made aware of three incidents this week where careless driving by members of our community have endangered pedestrians and cyclists. In one case, foul and abusive language was used within earshot of children. This is not the kind of example that should be set for the children and it will not be tolerated. Please report any serious incidents to the Police.



Stranger Danger

In school we cover the topic of 'Stranger Danger' fairly regularly and remind the children about keeping safe, particularly when walking to or from school and encouraging them to report anything suspicious. However, I want to share some information I received last Friday from the Safer Schools Police. There have been reports in London of a male in a van (and potentially with a female also) attempting to speak to students/watching students. This is just a precautionary message to remind you to share with your child the importance of being vigilant and to report any incidents to the police straight away.

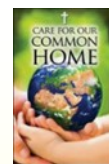
Your brilliant children

Ironically, the higher up the leadership scale you go, the less time you spend with the children – the main reason you went into teaching in the first place. With Year 6 being away this week, I was tasked with supervising Early Morning Drop Off Club and I also had reason to cover a Year 4 class for part of the day. The children were impeccably behaved and worked and played really well. It was lovely to witness how the children care about their learning and friendships. Credit is due to the children, parents and staff alike. Well done!



Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

This weekend at home, have a think about all the ways that we can make our supplies last longer. During the school day, do you make sure that you replace lids on pens; rule under your last piece of work so that you can do the next piece of work on that page; avoid printing off sheets (where possible)? When you have your food do you make sure that you only take as much as you need; don't waste any snacks; drink up all your drinks; don't throw away leftovers? When you leave a room do you turn off the light/ TV/ game consoles/ your toy batteries?



Challenge: Think about your family members. What one thing could they do to help save energy or make supplies go further. Challenge them, and yourself, to make small changes that can make a big difference.

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!

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	Julia	For always being a kind and responsible member of 1B.
1S	Zina	For superb reaction times in PE.
1SW	Julia	For trying hard with her phonics.
2AL	Lily	For illustrating the Ascension story well in RE.
2B	Martyna	For her extra care with spellings.
2SL	Alexander	For a sensible approach to his learning and behaviour. Much improved!
3AR	Maxim	For a great improvement in his mental maths, keep it up!
3DS	Hubert	For growing in confidence to contribute to class discussions.
3SR	Shivangi	For always trying to excel in her written work.
4B	Ashriel	For trying hard in her swimming lessons.
4C	AJ	For settling in at St. Joseph's and embracing new experiences.
4S	Joao Paulo	For creating a fantastic poster about environmental issues.
5B	Weronika	For her AMAZING effort and dedication towards her learning!
5S	Eldana	For her super effort at answering questions and her written work about Paul in RE. Well done!
5W	All of 5W	For being an absolute pleasure to teach all week!

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	Fred	For being a brilliant and kind friend.
Middle	Dahlia	For always offering to tidy up.
Upper	Gosia	For living the school ideal as a 'Welcoming School' for all.

**Request for your views on proposed scheme
SCHOOL STREETS**

To Residents and businesses in and around scheme area
From Ealing Council
Date 10th May 2021
Subject Experimental School Street for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ealing Council wants to make the Borough a great place to live, work and spend time in. Good, sustainable transport is a fundamental part of the council's priorities to create 'Healthy Streets' that seek to reduce pollution and increase physical activity rates by providing safe, convenient alternatives to short car journeys.

Our Transport Strategy aims to build a positive legacy to enhance the environment and improve public health by focusing on 'active travel' (walking and cycling). We will improve streets and transport infrastructure to reduce dependency on cars to prioritise active, efficient and sustainable travel modes, making Ealing a healthier, cleaner, safer and more accessible place for all.

Ealing Council would like to make changes to the streets in your area, called 'a School Street'. We have launched an online survey to help residents and businesses have their say on the proposed scheme. Your feedback will be used to consider any changes that need to be made and help us to make the decision on how to proceed.

Please complete the survey at www.ealing.gov.uk/newschoolstreets from 24th May until midnight on 14th June.

What is a School Street?

A School Street is where the streets around a school are closed to most traffic at school opening and closing times. Closing the streets to school and through traffic helps to achieve a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone, whilst maintaining access for residents and businesses within the designated zone, and all pedestrians and cyclists.

We implemented 12 experimental schemes for 14 schools last Autumn. Our current experience shows that residents often enjoy their streets more because the School Street reduces traffic, stops school related parking issues (e.g. across driveways) and helps to improve air quality in the local area, as there are fewer cars and more families use active travel for their school journey.

Understandably, residents outside the zone may be concerned about displacement of traffic. However, our experience, and that of other London Boroughs, indicates that traffic tends to evaporate rather than be displaced. Schools will encourage families to use active modes of travel for all or part of their school journey, thereby reducing car use. Parking by those who do need to drive will be dispersed over a much wider area and should not affect residents.

For further information and our FAQ document to answer many queries about the scheme, please visit our website www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingschoolstreets

We hope to implement the School Street for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in September 2021. It will involve the introduction of **temporary barriers** at the locations shown on the map overleaf, **between 8:30 – 9:00am and 2:45 – 3.30pm**, Monday to Friday. The School Street will not operate



on weekends or during school holidays. The barriers are movable and will be managed by volunteers from the school. Outside School Street operational hours, the barriers will be removed.

Vehicle access to the scheme

Only residents living within the scheme and vehicles registered at businesses within the scheme, as indicated on the map overleaf, will be able to access the School Street zone, during operational hours. Each household within the scheme will be issued with one School Street Permit, that they will show to the volunteer if they wish to enter the School Street when the barrier is in place. Additional permits for vehicles registered at a property within the school street, can be requested and details on how to do this will be sent prior to launch of the scheme. All School Street Permits are issued free of charge for eligible vehicles.

The impacts on refuse have been considered in collaboration with the council's Waste and Recycling team. As with all transport schemes, we also consult with the Emergency Services on any change to their routes and access.

Further details on vehicle access can be found in the FAQs that are available to download from our website www.ealing.gov.uk/ealingschoolstreets

Experimental Traffic Order and Consultation

This School Street will be implemented using an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO). Unlike our normal schemes, the statutory consultation for ETO's usually takes place during the **first 6 months after the scheme is installed**. An ETO is a standard legal document used across the country to enable installation of measures such as School Streets, pavement widening and cycle lanes or other innovative schemes.

By nature of the Traffic Order, this is an experimental scheme. This means that you can continue to provide feedback on your experience of the scheme during the first 6 months and, if required, changes can be made, before the Council decides whether or not to make it a permanent scheme. We will undertake a formal consultation on the scheme after the scheme has been in place for 6 months.

Funding of the scheme

The scheme is being implemented using funding made available to Transport for London (TfL) by Central Government. The funding is only available for schemes that help with social distancing and promote walking and cycling.

We look forward to receiving your feedback on the scheme through our online survey www.ealing.gov.uk/newschoolstreets Please complete the survey from 24th May until midnight on 14th June.

If you have any questions about this survey or the proposed experimental scheme, please email our dedicated mailbox at schoolstreets@ealing.gov.uk.

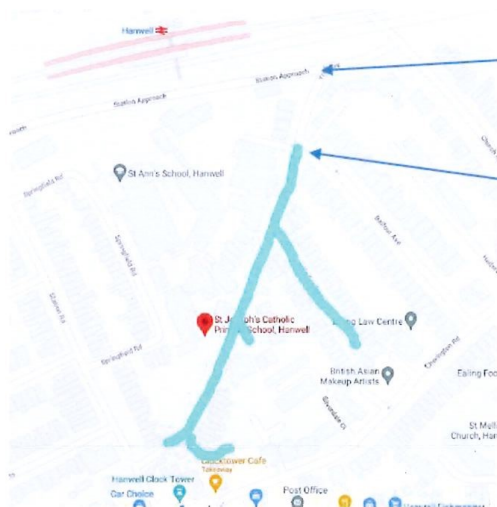
Yours faithfully,



Mrs Nicky Batkin
Senior School Travel Advisor
Transport Projects and Policy Team

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Location of barriers



Location of barrier 2 to allow drivers from Balfour Ave through - no one can enter from Station approach as they cannot exit safely

Location of barrier 1 for School Street closure. Residents inside this closure (blue) will require a permit. Southern end - modal filter – no barrier needed



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Join Our National Smile Month Event

Friday 28th May



A smile is a great asset and has so many life changing benefits. That's why it makes sense to give it the best care possible.

Brush along with the experts on our fun packed virtual event!
And learn new ideas on how to look after your oral health, making healthier choices for your children and the whole family!

National Smile Month, a charity campaign by the Oral Health Foundation: www.smilemonth.org



Topics Include:

- Meet the dental team
- Visit a dental practice virtually
- Brush along with us (Brushathon!)
- Sugar swap game
- 10 minute shake up activity with Sport at The Heart

How to Join:

Date and time: Friday 28.05.21

- Nursery and school children up to year 2 join at 10.30 am
- Parents & carers join at 11 am

Click on the link below and enter the passcode:
<https://zoom.us/j/7714597430?pwd=NUVIRGUdQ3FaYkZCQlp0dU90eDhTz09>

Meeting ID: 771 459 7430
Passcode: Brush

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Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

Ealing Trailfinders CC
Trailfinders Sports Club, London, W13 0DD
5.30pm - 6.15pm, Thursdays (May 13th - July 1st)
Contact: juniorscricket@ealingcc.com
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Includes Personalised Kit!