



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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End of Term



The end of this extraordinary term is almost upon us. The Governors and I want to congratulate the children, parents and staff for their sterling effort in ensuring that the education of our children has continued in the most trying of circumstances. Thank you! We now look forward to the most special week, Holy Week, where Easter is our celebration of hope, renewal, and new life and promises for the future. Please look out for the Year 4 liturgies and the Year 6 Way of the Cross which will be posted online on Tuesday.

Children in Reception to Year 6 break up for Easter on Wednesday 31st March. It is half day on that Wednesday so if your child normally finishes school at 3pm, then you will need to pick them up at 1.30pm. If your child normally finishes at 3.15pm, you will need to pick them up at 1.45pm. I wish you all a very special Easter break. Everyone back on Monday 19th April 2021.



Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

Procession of Palms:

Mark 11:1-10

Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Message from the Cardinal

The Cardinal has recorded a video message. It lasts approximately 3 and a half minutes, and His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols wants it to be shared with our community. In it, he thanks our whole school community for coming together during these unprecedented times. The link is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZhe7WKW0EE>



Mass for Schools

Today, we will be celebrating our online Diocesan Mass for Schools at 10am. We do hope that you will join us! The opportunity to join this Mass is extended to all of the 90,000 pupils, staff and parents connected to our school communities and it will be a very powerful example of our Diocesan family coming together in faith after what has been an unprecedented year. I pray that the technology works and you can join the Mass at 10am from the link below:

<https://youtu.be/fkxsXind5DY>



St Joseph's Eco-Week-W.C. 19th April 2021

On Wednesday 21st April, children in Years 3-6 will need an old t-shirt to make a reusable shopping bag. Please bring your t-shirts into school by Tuesday 20th April in preparation for this activity.



On Thursday 22nd April, Earth Day, every year group will be putting on a fashion show. However, this is no ordinary fashion show! This fashion show will be called 'Save the Earth'. All children and staff will come to school wearing their outfits which need to be made from recyclable or natural materials e.g. newspaper, old magazines, crisp packets, old CDs, leaves, twigs, plastic bags etc. Please see some pictures below for some inspiration. You can either make a whole outfit or you can make part of an outfit e.g. a T-shirt or a skirt. Why not try to recycle old clothes as part of your outfit as well?



New 'green' jobs

The headteacher of St. Anselm's in Southall and Father Gerard, Parish Priest, are supporting a campaign for the candidates in the mayoral election to commit to creating 60,000 new green jobs in London. The pandemic has left many families suffering great economic hardship, especially in Southall where Heathrow Airport is a major employer. Father Gerard has sent out a petition from the St Anselm's West London Citizens Group. If you would like to support the campaign, please click the link below: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/green-jobs-for-londoners/>

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.

COVID19 after Wednesday 31st March

For the first 6 days after school finishes, if your child tests positive for COVID19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please email head@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as your child may have been infectious whilst in school.

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for COVID19, having developed symptoms after Saturday 3rd April, I should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

School Photographs

Your child should have brought home their class photograph proof this week. If you wish to make an order you can do so online, or alternatively drop the proof with the money to the school office. All orders should be returned by Monday 19th



Food Containing Nut Products

As stated in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, we do not allow any food that contains any nut products. There are a number of children and staff in school with allergies so please do not allow your child to bring in any products into school containing nut ingredients.



Year 6 Evacuee Day

On Wednesday, children in Year 6 were invited to come into school dressed as evacuees to support their learning about WWII. In the morning, they walked to Hanwell Station, re-tracing the steps children from St Joseph's would have taken back in 1939. Each child was also offered a job opportunity to contribute to the war-time effort and after receiving a letter from their aunty, children had to respond in role as their character. Later, children received a command from Winston Churchill and had to complete 3 missions to successfully rescue 4000 men from the beaches of Dunkirk.



3-9-39 Mass said in the School at 6.45 a.m. Children registered for evacuation left for Henley-on-Thames at 8.0 A.M. accompanied by all Teachers.
11.15 A.M. War declared.

Actual school diary entry for 3rd September 1939 recording the day that some of the children from St. Joseph's were evacuated to Henley-on-Thames. Later that day, war was declared.

National Day of Reflection for COVID-19

On Tuesday, we marked the anniversary of the first national lockdown. Our Pupil Chaplains led the whole school reflection on Teams. We also held a minute's silence at midday which was observed by all the children. Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains and to the staff who helped them prepare



Lent



Please remember about our virtual pilgrimage during Lent. So far, 67 families have begun the virtual pilgrimage, I am sure many more will take part as we get closer to Easter. Click on the link below to take part and donate a coin to the Catholic Children's Society.

<https://forms.gle/SFjqXKF4mVdpT2SS6>

Reception Toilet Block refurbishment

The builders have now put screed on the floor to level it up and as I write this piece they are pouring a waterproof membrane on top which will then get another covering later. The doors have been fitted.



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Online Remote Learning Survey

The results from the survey are now available. Please see the document attached to the newsletter for the full results.

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	Gega	For excellent counting in 5s.
1S	Isabelle	For her beautiful pointillism work in Art.
1SW	Julia	For excellent effort in all her tasks.
2AL	Elise	For working so hard during RE lessons and learning about the Stations of the Cross.
2B	Tymon	For the increasing independence he is showing when completing tasks.
2SL	Nikodem	For his thoughtful reflections during RE this week. Thank you.
3AR	Taran	For his excellent effort when calculating change in Maths.
3DS	Olly	For being a great role model by always paying attention and doing his best.
3SR	Petrus	For his conscious effort to improve his written work.
4B	Hania	For answering well in class and working hard with her English work.
4C	Nikolas	For trying hard with coordinates in Maths.
4S	Joseph	For showing a great improvement to his attitude and behaviour.
5B	Zuzanna	For her positive mindset towards all areas of the Year 5 curriculum!
5S	Ezekiel	For writing an excellent newspaper report about the Haiti earthquake. Well done!
5W	Florence	For writing a fantastic story opening in the style of Neil Gaiman.
6B	Antonia	For adopting a great tone in her writing when responding to a letter from 'Aunt Nancy'.
6I	Philip	For researching women's roles during WW2 and describing the job of an ARP warden.
6J	Borys	For a fantastic response to Aunt Nancy from the perspective of a working woman during WW2.

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	Oliver	For showing care to others.
Middle	Dominik	For being kind and considerate towards others at playtime.
Upper	Maria	For showing a mature attitude and setting a good example.

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



Earth Hour will be observed this year on Saturday March 27th from 8:30pm – 9:30pm.

Last year, roughly 190 countries and territories joined in on last year's Earth Hour event; an event held online thanks to the global pandemic. An hour of darkness across the globe is a break from using 'dirty' energy produced by fossil fuels. The Earth Hour movement encourages businesses and households to come together and collectively address climate change by switching off those lights. There is more information available from the WWF below:

https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour?ds_medium=cpc&ds_rl=1262365&pc=VDF009001

Challenge: Speak to your family about Earth Hour and come up with a plan about how to spend Earth hour. Perhaps you could find some candles and tell stories in the candlelight together?
Agree to switch off screens and lights for the duration.

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!

Easter Holiday Activities

Ealing's Holiday Activities and Food Programme offers lots of fun ideas for keeping active, being creative and trying something new during the Easter break.

Visit www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk and flick through our e-brochure which includes:

- Being Creative
- Storytelling & Reading
- Young Scientists
- Sport & Exercise
- Healthy Eating & Cooking
- Nature & Outdoors
- Music, Dance & Drama
- Activities for Children with Special Educational Needs and / or Disability (SEND)
- Activities for Young People

Also includes information on family support services.

If you have any questions and would like to speak to someone, call: **Ealing's Family Information Service** on 020 8825 5588 or email HAF@ealing.gov.uk

Holiday Activities & Food Programme

For children from Reception to Year 11, Easter 2021

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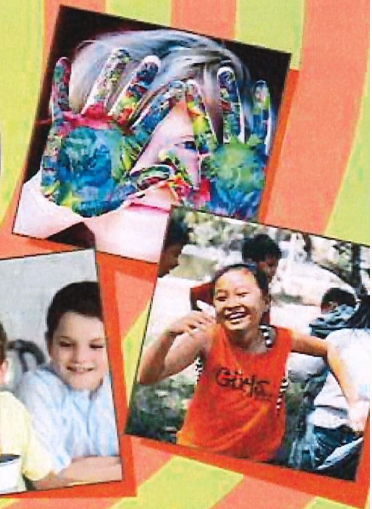
Children's Multi-Activity

EASTER

Holiday Camps

CHISWICK • EALING
UXBRIDGE

5th - 16th April*
HARVINGTON
29th March - 16th April*
*Excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday
7.45am-6pm
Full week and day sessions available.
Day session bookings will be closed
1 week before start of camp.



For all 2021 camp dates, venues
and to book your place please visit
www.aktivacamps.com



Aktiva Camps is an OFSTED outstanding registered children's day camp. Providing an extensive range of sports and activities for children to enjoy. Aktiva offers children between the ages of 4 and 12 a safe, fun and friendly holiday camp environment. We encourage children to try new things, building their confidence and broadening their experience™, each and every day. Our programmes are designed to be high energy, full of variety and most importantly fun! Your child(ren) will return home with memories, home-made souvenirs and having formed new friendships.

Building confidence and
broadening experience™



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS AT:
HARVINGTON PREP • BELMONT
MOUNT CARMEL • SOUTHFIELD
JOHN LOCKE ACADEMY

DISCOUNTED FULL WEEK SESSIONS
Standard day from 9am - 5pm
£135 per week (7.45am - 6pm)
Extended day 7.45am - 6pm
£159 per week (£31.80 per day)

DAY SESSIONS
Standard day - £35 Extended day - £45
Childcare vouchers accepted

OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
• Science Workshops • Daily Arts and
Crafts Workshops • Gymnastics
• Specialised Sports, Football, Netball,
Tennis, Athletics • Rhythm Workshop
• Musical Theatre and Dance
• Chess • Nature Club

Children will be assigned a bubble with a dedicated team leader which they will remain in for their time with us. Each participating family will have a mandatory health form to complete the week prior to attending. When you book your place with us, more information will be sent on Arrivals/Departures, Snacks/Lunch and how we will schedule our day. Please specify when booking if your child has friends that they would like to be placed with in our bubbles. We will endeavour to meet all requests.

Cancellation If a child is unable to attend due to Covid-19 related sickness, Aktiva will credit your account with makeup days which can be used for up to 12 months. Please email any questions to bookings@aktivacamps.com

Contacting the team Our phone lines are really busy, if you need to speak to us it may be quicker to do so by emailing us at bookings@aktivacamps.com with your query and number and we will get back to you.

Easy Online Booking:
www.booking.aktivacamps.com/login
Email: bookings@aktivacamps.com



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March Shopping List

- UHT Milk – *Semi Skimmed or Full Fat, **not** Skimmed*
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- Pasta Sauce / Cook in Sauce
- Tinned Fish
- Savoury Biscuits & Crackers
- Ready Made Custard – *tins or cartons*
- Vegetarian Chilli & Curry
- Instant Drinking Chocolate
- Shower Gel / Hand Soap / Hair Shampoo
- Nappies – size 5 & 6

Thank you!

Keep up to date with @EalingFoodbank on



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