



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 8th March!

I am so looking forward to welcoming all our children back on Monday. It has been a long time in coming but better to be safer than sorry. However, we must not let our guard down in the belief that everything is fine now. It isn't! We continue with our stringent measures aimed at keeping our whole community as safe as we can, please continue to do your bit to support the effort. I sent out a letter yesterday reminding parents about procedures for Monday. See you soon!

Photos

On Thursday 11th March, the photographers will be in to take class photos. If possible, please ensure that your child is in winter uniform on that day.



Sunday 7th March 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Gospel John 2 : 13 - 25

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle.

Lent

This week, some of the children have been able to show individual acts of charity by donating money to the Catholic Children's Society through putting money into the collection boxes. On Monday, the rest of the collection boxes will be handed out to the children. The staff have been gathering online on Wednesdays to pray the Stations of the Cross. On Fridays when all the children are back, the stations will be on display in the playground. On an individual basis, we can all make time for private prayer and reflection.



TfL

The people at TfL were very kind to give out free pedometers to the children who have been in school. As we all know, very little is free in life and TfL wanted families to upload the steps for a project they were doing. I got word yesterday that only 3 entries had been uploaded from St. Joseph's. I have to say I am a little disappointed. Please email the weekly amount of steps every Monday by mid-day to Ambassadors.Team@mtrel.co.uk and include the school name, the child's first name and initial of surname, the class and the daily number of steps taken for that week.



If we don't take part properly, I can see TfL not including our school in future, fun projects. Please take the time to upload the data.

Fit for Sport

The after school club re-starts on Monday so please book your child/ren in if you require the service.



Supporting your child to return to school

Please find at the end of this newsletter a flyer with some tips on supporting children on their return to school.

Letter from Ealing Council

Please find attached to the newsletter email a letter from Councillor Julian Bell regarding the return to school.

Ealing Deanery Schools' Virtual Pilgrimage

Please remember about our virtual pilgrimage during Lent. So far, 22 families have begun the virtual pilgrimage, I am sure many more will take part as we get closer to Easter. Remember, through exercise - a family walk - you can spiritually visit places of worship by linking local sites to those of the Holy Land. Click on the link below to take part and donate a coin to the Catholic Children's Society. You can only visit one site per day:
<https://forms.gle/SFjgXKF4mVdpT2SS6>

Turn on the Subtitles

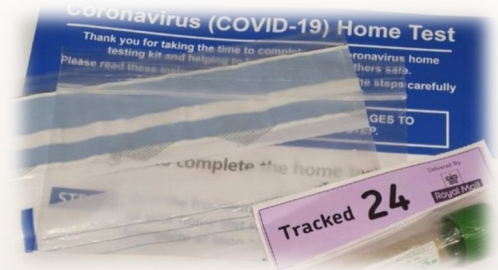
Did you know that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of them becoming good at reading? Read on. It is a brilliant, simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits that can dramatically improve their reading skills. A quick and simple way to make TV time, reading time. Although, there is no substitute for quality time with your child listening to them read, or them hearing you read.

Testing for Families

Over the weekend, the government announced that households with primary aged children will be able to test themselves twice a week from home. I encourage all families to take part in this testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus and to minimise disruption to education. In school, we test staff twice a week to help keep everyone in the school community safe.

Ways to get tested:

- Workplace testing
- Visit a community testing site
Click here to [find your local testing site](#)
- Organise for home kits to be delivered to your home
[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)
- Collect home testing kits from your nearest testing site
Click here to [find your local testing site](#)



Reception Toilet Block refurbishment

Some smashing pictures from the Reception toilet block refurbishment. Do you even recognise the location?



And as we all know, good builders always tidy up after themselves!



And, we also know that mistakes can be made and one of the electricians accidentally switched off the power to the server, which meant that online learning was interrupted yesterday for a few minutes.

Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home.



Yesterday, 4th March was World Book Day. Normally we would all come to school dressed as characters from our favourite books and we still will, don't worry, but not until June. Books are an incredible resource that should always be celebrated but can we change the way that we acquire our reading material? Often, once we read a book it sits on the bookshelf gathering dust. Why not sort through your books and see which you would be happy to swap with your friends, or donate, in the coming months when restrictions are lifted? Maybe Mum and Dad read a daily/ weekly newspaper. Think about buying an online subscription. Did you know that paper and card make up about a fifth of the typical household dustbin and about half of this consists of newspapers and magazines? Similarly, if your child or a family member is an avid reader perhaps you could invest in a kindle. This is a pricier option initially, however, you will know that you are also helping to reduce paper waste.

Challenge: Look through your bookshelves at home. Are there any books that can be swapped or donated? Do your parents read a daily/ weekly newspaper? Perhaps they would consider buying an online subscription.

Why not take a photo and send it in with your child to their class teacher to encourage others to play their part too?

In the event...

In the event that somebody in your household wakes up with a fever (>37.8°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 on-going 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.

NHS
Test and Trace

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.

Our online provision

I have attached a link for our parent body to give honest feedback on our online and remote learning provision. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the Survey Monkey request. I have no doubt that we will continue to have isolated class or year group self-isolations and your answers from the survey will help us tweak our provision.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6CKR3FG>

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	Calum	For working hard to read analogue and digital clocks.
1S	Cara	For always giving 100% in all her work!
1SW	Teaganmarie	For independent and thoughtful RE work.
2AL	Louis	For his amazing effort and outstanding work during lockdown.
2B	Georgina	For her amazing enthusiasm throughout this online learning period.
2SL	Mateusz	For his improved effort in contributing to our 'live' lessons! Well done!
3AR	Milla	For her dedication to her learning from home.
3DS	Sofia	For outstanding work during lockdown.
3SR	Kai	For his consistent effort to improve his reading ability.
4B	Hannah	For trying hard and making good progress. Well done!
4C	Oskar	For being such an enthusiastic member of the class.
4S	Joseph	For consistently fantastic work throughout all of remote learning.
5B	Nichollas	For putting his best foot forward in everything he does!
5S	Angelina	For writing an excellent poem about Jesus in RE.
5W	Freya	For producing high quality home learning throughout lockdown.
6B	Olivia	For her increased confidence in participating in lessons on Teams, contributing great ideas.
6I	Kacper	For using a range of mental strategies to calculate with \times and \div .
6J	Kian	For his inquisitive questions and participation throughout our WW2 topic.

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	Mia	For helpful to her teachers.
Middle	Charlotte	For helping and encouraging another child in her class during English lessons
Upper	Niamh	For her patience and gentle approach to those who need help.

Love Learn Believe



Supporting Your Child or Young Person to Return to School

After being off school for so long, it is only natural that many young people will be worried about returning to school. Here are some tips on how to support your child or young person's return to school

1. Talk to your child about how they are feeling about going back to school and try not to make assumptions. Ask them if they are worried or feel scared about anything, but also if they are excited about or looking forward to something. No matter how your child feels, let them know that it is completely normal to feel a mixture of emotions and that everyone will be in the same boat. Here are some conversation starters https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HjBp_e-11n241RHHUJlq5LUuV8h6nnyf/view?usp=sharing

2. Provide your child with as much information about their new routine and school day as you can. This will help them to prepare for any changes that have been made to the timings of their day, the layout of their classroom, their peer groups and playtimes. For younger children, it can be really helpful for them to visualise these changes – so ask your child's school if they can send any pictures to help make things feel more familiar.

3. Reassure your child. During the lockdown we have been told to stay at home, remain socially distant from others and wash our hands regularly. This means children may find it difficult to go back to school because it will be a huge change from what they have been asked to do during the pandemic. Talk with your child about ways they can stay safe at school, such as washing their hands before and after eating, and reassure them that the school are putting measures in place to keep them safe.

4. Re-establish a routine to help ease into school life. During lockdown it is understandable that your family's routine may have changed. Children are likely to have been waking up later or going to bed later. To help them get ready for school, try to gradually get them back into their usual morning and bedtime routines as they get closer to their return date.

5. Don't put pressure on yourself. The transition back into school is likely to take some time. Lots of children will experience ups and downs. Try your best to support, reassure and comfort them, without putting pressure on yourself to make sure their homework is done or they settle into a new routine straightaway.

6. Think ahead. As well as reflecting on what has happened during the past few weeks, it is important to help children develop hope and a sense of excitement for the future. At a time like this, it can be hard to feel positive, but identifying the things that they can look forward to will help them to realise that the current situation won't last forever and their feelings will change.

7. Seek support if you need it. Transitioning back to school after being in lockdown is no easy task. You may find that your child struggles to get back into school or experiences difficulties while they're at school. If this is the case, reach out to your child's school as soon as you can so that you can make them aware of the challenges and work together to support your child. If you are concerned about your child's mental health we are here to help

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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!

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