



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

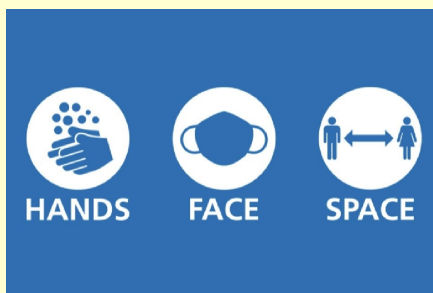


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Pavements

The pavements outside our school are for everyone to walk along. However, with parents and children lining up to get into school they do sometimes get blocked. Can I please ask parents and children to line up as best they can along the walls in single file so as to allow people to pass safely. I thank you in anticipation of your assistance.



Sunday 15th November 2020

33rd Sunday of The Year

Gospel Matthew 25: 14 - 30

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

Wednesday 11th November Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, not only did we observe the national two-minute silence at 11am to commemorate all the fallen soldiers in conflicts around the world, but we also took part in our Deanery prayer session, breaking down the borders in lockdown through prayer, led by children from Mount Carmel. I thank Connie, Lacey and Jakub in Year 6 who represented our school in the on-line event which was a lovely mix of readings and prayers. It will be our turn to lead the session in July.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November will be Anti-Bullying Week. To mark the beginning, we are asking the children to participate in 'Odd Socks' Day on Monday. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and to celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on Monday, it couldn't be simpler!



Love Learn Believe

Safer Streets

Some parents have been in touch wanting to know if we could adopt what some other primary schools in Ealing have done with the roads around their schools. The Safer Streets scheme was offered to Ealing schools last year, but with our school being a no through road and the fact that we had seen a marked decline in traffic issues since residents' parking was introduced, I did not want to take funding away from schools that maybe needed it more than us.



However, the coronavirus pandemic has made parents re-think their travel to school and there has been an increase in vehicular traffic. Although we have had an increase in the uptake of scooter/cycling to school and the staggered starts have worked very well in terms of virus safety, I have also seen lots of parents and children walking on the road to stay away from pavements that are being taken up by children lining up. I have therefore emailed the Safer Streets programme to see if we can join the scheme. Let us pray they still have room.

Head Bumps

I am proud of the systems that we have in place to keep your child safe in school. However, in recent days I have been made aware of head bumps that had not been reported to parents. Unfortunately, the head bump was not reported to an adult in school by the child and could not therefore be dealt with, and parents informed.



I have asked all the teachers to speak with their children about looking out for each other and if they see somebody hurt themselves to tell an adult. This will no doubt cause a deluge of reports, but better to be safe than sorry. I would ask you to do the same at home so that this type of incident does not reoccur.

The Charity of William Hobbayne

For those parents who are unaware, this is a charity that helps residents of Hanwell who are in need, hardship or in distress. The charity has been going since 1484 and gives grants to people or pays for items, services or facilities that are needed by families. I have recently had cause to ask for help for a family and the charity were very quick with their help. We have also previously asked the charity to help with trips for children entitled to Free School Meals. I thank them for their help.



Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisation's will be administered on 19th November 2020 for those who have requested for their child to be immunised.

If you would like your child to be immunised but have not returned the form, please do so asap.

**YOU NEED TO STAY 2 METRES
APART TO SAVE LIVES NOW**



In the event...

In the event that your child 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 them to school. Immediately book your child in for a test and the whole household has to isolate for 14 days. If the child tests positive, they have to stay off school for at least 10 days. If the test is negative, the child can return to school and the household no longer needs to self-isolate.

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.

No Uniform Day

The children enjoyed part 1 of the PTA's 'Rule Break Days'. Today was 'No Uniform Day' and it is amazing how much the children change when they come to school in their own clothes and almost seem to take on another character. Wearing their own clothes to school is a dream for many children who get to express themselves a little more than they can normally, a bargain at only £1 for the pleasure. Below are a few examples:



Please remember the other PTA 'Rule Break Days':

Fri 20th Nov: Freestyle hair - colour (temporary) or wear your hair in an imaginative way.

Fri 27th Nov: Pens/pencils down afternoon - children and teachers will not do any writing in any lessons after lunch.

Christmas performances

At the beginning of the school year, I was not able to confidently put in dates for any of our Christmas liturgies, productions or services as I was unsure if we were able to put them on due to coronavirus. However, technology has come to the rescue, as no doubt some parents have witnessed already through our on-line class assemblies, and we will be filming the events and posting them on the website. Here are some dates for you to look out for the release of the **on-line** events:

Date	Event
Friday 13 th November	4S class assembly
Friday 20 th November	4B class assembly
Friday 27 th November	4C class assembly
Tuesday 2 nd December	Nursery liturgies
Friday 4 th December	3AR assembly
Tuesday 8 th December	Ladybirds liturgy
	1SW production
Wednesday 9 th December	Butterflies liturgy
	1B production
Thursday 10 th December	Honeybees liturgy
	1S production
Friday 11 th December	Year 5 Advent Service
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 2 Advent Service

Scams

When times are hard and good people are struggling or when the economy is going really well and people have plenty of disposable income, there will always be scammers. Please be aware of two scams doing the rounds.

Scam A – Email from Chelsea and Westminster hospital asking you to click on link to read a letter.

Scam B – Phone call from 0207 316 9245 claiming to be from HMRC saying that you will be arrested for unpaid tax if you do not pay.

Celebrations

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. These are usually celebrated in assemblies but it would be nice to share them with the community also. From next week, I will also be sharing our Good Disciple awards.



Class	Name	Reason
1SW	Olive	For trying hard in all her tasks.
1B	Joshua	For great improvement in his writing and focus.
1S	Taijah-Lee	Brilliant work in maths – describing lots of 2D shapes!
2AL	Joshua	For embracing our Great Fire of London topic and having a positive approach to learning.
2B	Atila	For becoming more independent when having a go at tasks.
2SL	Paul	For working hard to complete his work on time.
3DS	Karol	For being a whizzkid at learning and understanding his times tables.
3SR	Wiktor	For his fantastic input across all areas of the curriculum. Keep pushing yourself!
3AR	Paddy	For excellent predictions during our science experiment on forces.
4S	Joseph	For making a great effort to improve his concentration and behaviour.
4B	Olivia	For her excellent all round approach to her learning.
4C	Kira	For increasing success in her writing.
5B	Freya	For embracing challenges across the year 5 curriculum and being a pleasure to teach.
5W	Natalia	For doing fantastic independent work in her mathematics! Well done!
5S	Eddie	For persevering in his maths mastery programme. Well done!
6I	Marianne	For a detailed presentation of 6 factors that brought about the Industrial Revolution.
6B	Julia	For writing a great discursive essay about whether Jim Jarvis should escape the workhouse.
6J	Dajhon	For a well written discursive essay based on Street Child.

'Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home.



The next six weeks will be a focus on ways in which we can reduce our waste and carbon footprint during the season associated with excess – Christmas.

Many of us will have started thinking about the shopping which needs to be done in the run up to Christmas. Plan for it now. Write a list of all the presents which need to be bought. Then consider these questions:

- If ordering online from a large retailer can I opt to receive my order in as few deliveries as possible?
- If visiting the shops can I complete all my purchases in one visit to save on multiple car trips to the shops.
- Can I buy second hand? Young children being given a bike or a scooter don't notice whether it is new or not: they just see a fantastic gift!
- Are the new purchases that I am buying responsibly sourced?

Challenge: Help your parents to write a list of presents which need to be bought for family members. Review the list, are you doubling up on anything? Really try to think of presents that your family need or want; not items that they already have lots of.

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!



November Shopping List

- Tinned Fruit & Vegetables
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- Ready Made Custard – tins or cartons
- Vegetarian Chilli, Curry & Pies (Fray Bentos)
- Instant Coffee & Drinking Chocolate
- Tinned Fish
- Jam & Peanut Butter
- Feminine Hygiene – towels/pads only, *not* tampons
- Shaving Gear – foam & razors
- Laundry Products – powder, liquid, tablets (small sizes please)

Thank you!

Keep up to date with @EalingFoodbank on



Ealing Community Partners

Online parent/carer workshop by CONTACT Ealing and Ealing's Mainstream Schools Speech & Language Therapy Team

Intro to Ealing Speech and Language Therapy Service

Find out all about the Mainstream Schools SLT Team!

- ✓ Who we are
- ✓ Areas of speech, language and communication that we help with
- ✓ How we work in schools
- ✓ How to get in touch for further advice and support

When: Monday 23rd November

Time: 10.30am-11.30am

Booking is essential.

Please email Satvir at: ealing@contact.org.uk

to register your interest. Once registered, you will be sent a Zoom meeting link for the online session.



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Information Workshop for parents & carers

All about DLA

Do you have a child with a disability? Are you struggling financially? Have you ever considered applying for DLA (Disability Living Allowance)?

We are pleased to be able to offer this online session (via Zoom) for parents of disabled children who would like to learn more about how to apply for DLA.

Our Family Workers Antonia and Selina will talk through eligibility criteria and the application process.

When: Tuesday 17th November 2020

Time: 10.30am -12.00pm

To register email Brigitte on brigitte.bistrick-bryan@contact.org.uk for Zoom meeting link. Due to a limit on numbers, registered parents and carers of Contact are welcome. If you are currently not registered with Contact, but would like to participate in this workshop, please let Brigitte know.



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Information Workshop for parents & carers living in Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham or Brent



Is your child with a disability approaching adulthood (18 years of age)?

We are pleased to be able to offer a free Online Information Workshop by M2M Community Solicitors LLP for parents of disabled children who would like to learn more about Lasting Powers of Attorney & Deputyship in relation to their young person.

Our talk will cover the formalities needed for Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) and Deputyship including the different considerations through the applications.

When: Monday 16th November 2020

Time: 10.30am -12.00'clock

To register email Brigitte at Brigitte.Bistrick-Bryan@contact.org.uk for Zoom meeting link. Due to a limit on numbers, registered parents and carers of Contact are welcome. If you are currently not registered with Contact, but would like to participate in this workshop, please let Brigitte know.