



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2020

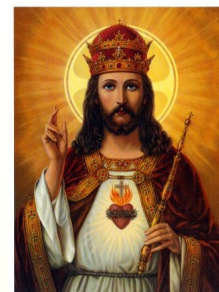


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Anti-Bullying Week

This week, the children marked Anti-Bullying Week in a number of ways, beginning with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday. They became familiar with The Kids Are United, a song by Andy and the Odd Socks that delivers a positive message. As a class they thought about how they could play their part to unite against bullying and these ideas were displayed around the school. The children were given different scenarios to overcome bullying and discussed if and how they would help. In lessons, they took part in circle time activities where they had to unite in order to achieve an end goal. A great effort from everyone across the school, let's continue to Unite Against Bullying and play our part! Thank you to Miss Redhead for organising it.



**Sunday 22nd November
2020**

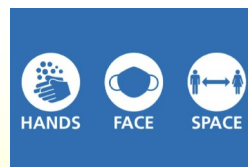
**Jesus Christ King of The
Universe**

Gospel 25: 31 - 46

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Lockdown Rules

May I remind our community to remember to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up your children please. I have also been made aware of groups of parents and children who congregate in places on their way home. Current rules clearly state that there must be as little interaction as possible, especially groups. Please do not flout the rules and block the pavements making it difficult for passers-by to get past safely.



The Saint

Please look out for and read with great enthusiasm our new school newspaper. The paper is aimed at our whole school community and will have articles that will interest all ages. Importantly, it is written by our marvellous children with a helping hand from Miss Bobbin and Miss Bertorelli in the editorial department. It will be shared by e-mail, look out for it.

Miss Lally

This week we welcomed back Miss Lally from her long term illness. Miss Lally has spoken to me about being upset at having missed out on the start of the new school year. Most importantly I am glad that she is well, I hope 2SL children help Miss Lally settle back into our school routines, as I know they will.



“Laudato Si’ project – Caring for our common home

Britons To Discard 450,000 Buses Worth Of Waste This Christmas, 'Truly Staggering' Figures Reveal (Huffpost)

This is the time of year when many people begin to write a mountain of Christmas cards. An unbelievable 1.5 billion Christmas cards are thrown away by UK households each year, according to Imperial College researchers. There will always be a handful of people to whom a handwritten Christmas card will mean a lot but, for everyone else, sending E-cards (online cards) is an increasingly popular alternative. They cut your carbon footprint, save trees and save money.

Last year at St Joseph's we started a new campaign to save paper waste by asking all children to create one big Christmas card for their class instead of writing 30 individual cards. Look out for details of this in next week's newsletter.

Challenge: Write a list of people who you would like to send Christmas E- cards to. If you are in KS2, with parental permission, type up their email addresses into your parent's contacts so that e-cards can be sent. KS1 & KS2: When you receive cards be sure to recycle them after the Christmas period.

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!

Odd Socks Day

Monday was 'Odd Socks day'. The school was awash with weird and wonderful combinations of patterns, colours and lengths. The day was aimed at our children having the opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. This is important as, although we are all in the same uniform, we are all unique! It has been so successful that this will become a yearly event during Anti-Bullying week going forward. Well done to all!



Christmas Lunch

The children's Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 15th December. You will have received a letter asking you to indicate the menu choice for your child. If your child does not want a Christmas lunch, they will need to bring in a packed lunch on that day.



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.

John Collins RIP

John Collins recently passed away. He was a well known parishioner and a Knight of St. Columba. He was very active in the parish and used to attend our school summer fairs working on the bottle tombola stall.

Freestyle Hair Day

The children very much enjoyed taking part in part 2 of the PTA's 'Rule Break Days'. Today was 'Freestyle Hair Day' and we had lots of colourful creations! I am jealous that I am no longer able to style my hair in weird and wonderful ways as well as the children can. Just the same as last week, the children got a chance to express themselves a little more than they can normally, not bad for £1. Look on class pages for example of freestyle hair, below are a few examples:



Please remember the last PTA 'Rule Break Day' and bring in a £1:

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

One of the PTA raffle prizes is a trip on a speedboat along the Thames. Have a look at the advert on the back pages.

Christmas productions, nativities, services and liturgies

The date for releasing videos of our events has been pushed back to 15th December. This is to give the staff as much time as possible to edit and prepare the videos for families to enjoy. All good things come to those who wait!

He's only gone and won again!

Congratulations to Tom in 5W who has won the TfL Christmas Card design competition. Not satisfied with winning last year's Metropolitan Police Christmas card competition he went about drafting another winning design for TfL, what a talent he has! Tom's card will be printed and sent as a Christmas Card (via e-card) to all TfL employees. I am sure he will get a prize from TfL too.



Ealing Fuel Poverty Awareness & Energy Efficiency Programs

Virendra Sharma, MP for Southall, recently hosted an on-line workshop to raise awareness about fuel poverty and energy efficiency. This is especially apt as winter is drawing closer and many families are still suffering from COVID related financial pressures. The video link below signposts where help can be sought to access grants:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=386369962785643>

The video is long, but click on this link to our website, <https://www.stjosephshanwell.org.uk/useful-information/>, where I have attached PDFs of the slides which include links to programs, a Green Homes Grant fact sheet and a Fuel Poverty fact sheet, including detailed information about the ECO program for your reference.

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	Ellis	For excellent reflections in our DT lesson.
1S	Jessica	For fantastic English work, creating lots of sentences with plurals.
1SW	Noar	For using the 'WOW' words correctly in sentences.
2AL	Dahlia	For improving her concentration in most lessons.
2B	Jakub	For his enthusiasm to do lots of extra times tables practice at home. It is showing!
2SL	Pablo	For increased effort to improve in all areas.
3AR	Nelly	For excellent progress with her independent reading. Keep it up!
3DS	Dacya	For coming up with imaginative rhyming words.
3SR	Nicole	For a fantastic first week at St. Joseph's.
4B	Adam	For writing a good persuasive letter to Farmer Hughes.
4C	Mia	For increased effort and focus in her work.
4S	Shakarri	For always doing her best in every area of school.
5B	Jaida	For her wonderful participation in role-play and imagining how characters are feeling.
5S	Nicole	For drawing a beautiful turtle in Art. Well done!
5W	Patrick	For an improved, pleasing attitude and producing higher quality work!
6B	All of them!	For their fantastic 'pair work' when learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel.
6I	Wiktorja	For working hard to secure understanding of fractions work.
6J	Wiktorja	For an informative and detailed newspaper article.

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	Chloe	For being very kind and helpful!
Middle	James	For reaching to help a child when they fell.
Upper	Elisabetta	For always being ready to help – both children and adults



Walking around the school this week...

I saw some excellent rugby skills being showed off –



I saw children being creative with Lego in the after-school club run by Mrs Casey and Mrs Ingham...



I witnessed some silky football skills in the football after-school club run by Mr Brooks and Mr Sampaio...



And finally, my eyes were drawn to some Year 5 art work that was on display in the corridor depicting 'The Great Wave of Kanagawa' from Kensuke's Kingdom written by Michael Morpurgo....



PTA News



Hi Everyone,

We wanted to let you know what we have been up to behind the scenes and to thank the class reps who have been offering ongoing support.

So this year, Christmas at school will be very different for the children. We sadly cannot have our lovely Christmas market and it is not safe for Santa to visit the classes. However he will drop off the traditional gift for the children of an orange and a sweet treat. Also the PTA have purchased some presents for the children, which is two board/interactive games per class so they can enjoy them together on special days. We hope that this gives them something to be excited about.

As from Monday 23rd Nov, staff in school will be selling tickets for our Christmas raffle. The tickets will cost £1 each. The children will not take tickets home. When they pay their teacher for their ticket, the teacher will put their name and class on the back of the ticket and place it straight in the box ready for the prize draw on the 14th December. The draw will be recorded and put on the school website for you to view. The prizes are as follows

1st prize: Apple Ipad- very generously donated by Doyles Sales and Lettings.

2nd prize: Speed boat trip in London for a family of 4 - kindly donated by Thames Rockets

3rd prize: Christmas Hamper full of goodies and treats for all the family

4th, 5th and 6th prizes: family board games.

We will include photos of the prizes in next weeks newsletter.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Stay Safe

PTA

JINGLE BELL Blast

THAMES ROCKETS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thames Rockets invite you to a very special family Christmas event...

Thames Rockets are revving up for one of its most exciting, super-sleigh ride adventures!

You'll be **carol singing** all the way through yuletide London on this whizzy wintery wonder-ride, whilst one of **Santa's** helpers ensures fun is had by all, **young** and **young at heart** alike!

See the **sights** at this most special time of year. Who knows... it may even **snow** just for you!

Then the real centerpiece happens - with a **super-speedy-special** trademark Thames Rockets **Christmas medley**, we'll 'fly' you through Canary Wharf - just as if you were on Santa's **sleigh** full with **Christmas cheer**!

Treat yourselves and your loved ones to some **festive fun** - this is speedboating with bells on!

***SPECIAL sailings SATURDAYS ONLY** where the man himself - **Santa** - will be on hand to meet every little girl and boy. Watch the **smiles** on their faces glow **bright** and make wonderful magical **memories**.

'Jingle Bell Blast' - every Thursday, Friday and Sunday throughout December until 20/12/20
'Jingle Bell Blast + Meet Santa' - Saturdays throughout December until 19/12/20

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