



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020



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Welcome back - Enjoy half term

On Monday, I was glad to welcome back Year 1 children and associated staff and on Wednesday I was pleased to welcome back all of the Reception children and staff after their period of self-isolation. A full school once again!



Enjoy the half term, but don't overcrowd. Stay safe, but don't hide. Remember - Hands, Face, Space.



Sunday 25th October 2020

30th Sunday of The Year

Gospel Matthew 22: 34 - 40

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.

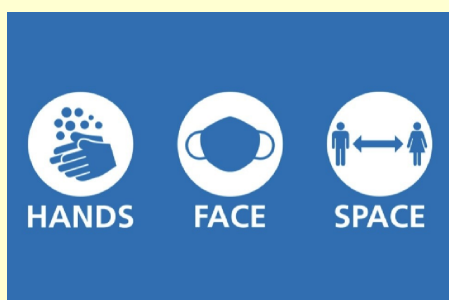
Parent Consultations

My prayers were answered and we had a realistic 'virtual' success. On the whole, our virtual meetings took place and many parents have been complimentary about the process. This is the first time that we have attempted anything like this so I was expecting that we would experience some difficulties. If you did not manage to speak to a class teacher, they will have a record of this and will phone you after half term to arrange a meeting.



Test and Trace support payments now available

A Test and Trace support payment has been introduced to help ensure that people on low incomes self-isolate when they test positive or are identified as a contact, and to encourage more people to get tested. Those who are eligible can apply online for a Test and Trace Support payment of £500 if they have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. Find out more information from Ealing Council website



"Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



September and October are the times of Harvest. Yet as the evenings draw in, and the weather becomes cooler, many of us still haven't altered our food shop accordingly. Yes, strawberries and blueberries are always tasty but as we move into the autumn and winter months these foods have to be sourced from other countries meaning that they come with a carbon footprint. There is so much delicious, home-grown, seasonal produce to choose from instead. Shop for grapes, pears, plums, figs, peaches, leeks, butternut squash and pumpkin knowing that you are supporting UK farming and being kind to the planet.

Challenge: As you shop, check the packets to see where the food has been produced. Can you go for a UK grown alternative? For a list of what is in season visit www.bbcgoodfood.com/seasonal-calendar Can you make a delicious meal together using sustainably sourced food?

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!

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.



October half term cycle training

Ealing Council's cycle training provider, Cycling Instructor Ltd (CI), is offering free courses for children and young people in year five and above. The courses will take place at Southall Park and Gunnersbury Park, during the half term break (28 - 30 October).

See link below for full details and dates.

www.cyclinginstructor.com



Jumpers

I collected 14 jumpers from the Middle and Upper Phase playground this morning. None had any names in them. I wouldn't leave £17 lying around in the playground. Please sew/write names on uniform.



Clocks change

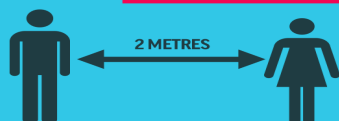
Please remember that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am on Sunday 25th October and our clocks go back an hour. We'll get a little more sleep.

BRITISH SUMMERTIME ENDS

CLOCKS GO BACK BY 1 HOUR



YOU NEED TO STAY 2 METRES APART TO SAVE LIVES NOW



Fr Cristiano Primary School Signing dates

Father Cristiano is available to sign Primary School forms during the times below. Please book an appointment through the Parish Office by phoning (0208 567 4056) between 10am and 2pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Date	Time
Tuesday 3rd November 2020	11am until 1pm 3pm until 6pm
Monday 9th November 2020	11am until 1pm 3pm until 6pm
Tuesday 10th November 2020	11am until 1pm 3pm until 6pm

Poppies

Poppies will go on sale after half term. All monies collected go to the Royal British Legion.



Cauliflower Cards

We are taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas project raising much needed money for our school. Your child will have brought home a letter and a form on which your child can do their artwork. Please follow the artwork guidelines carefully as there are certain pencils and materials that the children cannot use. Once the artwork is complete, **please place your order and make payment online.** Return the artwork to your class teacher or to the school office. The closing date to return the artwork is **Wednesday 4th November.** Late artwork cannot be accepted after this date as they will not be returned in time for Christmas.



PTA News

Hi All - We wanted to let you know about the fundraising events we have planned for after half term. We hope you will like them and get on board. Thank you to Helen Collins for the suggestion of these "Rule Break Days". The children will be given the opportunity to break a school rule for three Fridays in November. For each rule they break they need to bring £1 into school and put it into the box in their classroom. The dates and rule breaks are as follows:

Fri 13th Nov: No school uniform. Children can wear their own clothes to school.

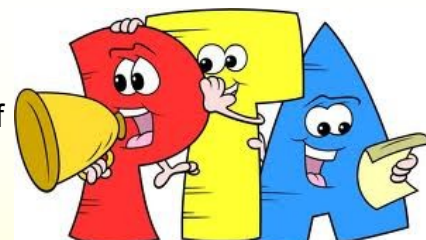
Fri 20th Nov: Freestyle hair: colour (temporary) or wear your hair in an imaginative way.

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

Enjoy and thank you for your continued support. We will inform you of the amount raised once the event has finished.

Stay safe.

PTA.



School Uniform Reminder



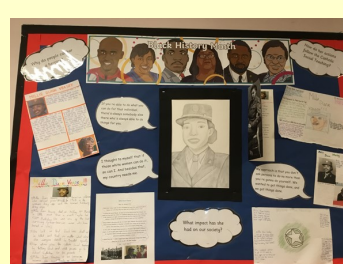
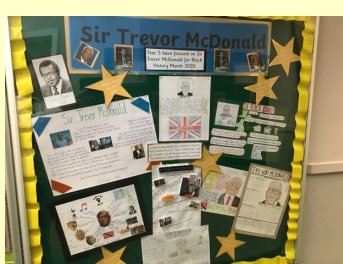
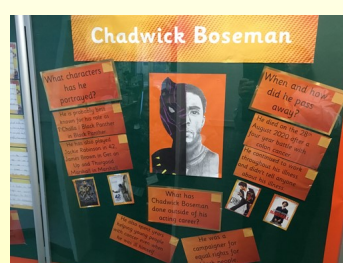
When the children return to school on Monday 2nd November they should all be wearing the winter uniform.

All children should be wearing a white shirt with school tie.



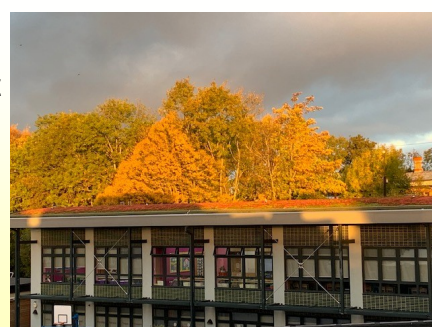
Black History Month

This month, we have been celebrating Black History. Everyone in the school celebrated the contribution people of African and Caribbean descent have made to our society. Nursery learnt about athlete Mo Farah, Reception focused on Marcus Rashford, Year 1 on athlete Usain Bolt, Year 2 on nurse Mary Seacole, Year 3 on singer and artist Stormzy, Year 4 on actor Chadwick Boseman, Year 5 on former newsreader and journalist Sir Trevor McDonald, Year 6 on Millie Dunn Veasey. Each of the year groups produced displays which we will share virtually with each other.



Pause and ponder

Our world can be so hectic and we sometimes forget to look at our wonderful surroundings. This is a picture taken this morning from the Upper Phase building showing how beautiful our landscape can look - Middle Phase red, natural roof complemented by other autumn colours in the background, lit beautifully by the morning sun. Praise the Lord!





October Holiday Camps running at a venue near you!

*Limited Availability - don't miss out on October childcare... Book Now



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October Holiday Camps



What our parents say



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"My children cannot wait to go back again this Holiday!"

"10/10 from me and the kids!"

Our camps deliver fun and activities to thousands of children every day of the holidays!

What our Children enjoy



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Learning New Skills

Exploring the Benefits
of a Healthy Lifestyle

Having Fun

Making New Friends

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*dates, times & prices subject to change per individual club



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