



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020



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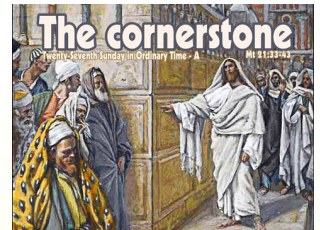
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New Chair of Governors

Margaret Jones has been elected as our new Chair of Governors. She is a Foundation Governor and has been on the Governing Body for several years. Margaret has a wealth of experience across many areas and I am looking forward to working closely with her.



Eileen Mullin has been forced to step down from her role as Chair of Governors due to 'ageism'! In the Diocese, one cannot be a governor above a certain age, unless you are a priest. We all owe Eileen a debt of gratitude for the service she has given the school over many years of being a governor. Luckily, we will still see her around as she wants to continue reading with the children.



Sunday 4th October 2020

27th Sunday of The Year

Gospel Matthew 21: 33 - 43

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.'

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



Reading Book Amnesty

During last spring and summer terms, children were allowed reading books to take home during lockdown. Many have been returned, but some are still lurking at home. Please have a hunt around and bring the books back to school in a plastic bag.



Clean Air Day

St Joseph's is promoting Clean Air Day on Thursday 8th October. All children will come to school in uniform, but are allowed to wear an item of green clothing that then symbolises their caring for our planet. Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school that day. If you live too far away, then you can try to park and stride to school. In school, we will be thinking about how to use less energy and there will be a competition to design a poster for 'Go Green for Clean Air Day'. Miss Redhead will pick a winner from each year group.



Black History Month

Yesterday, marked the start of Black History Month. In school, we will highlight and celebrate the stories of prominent black people, who have made a difference to the world we live in. Our classes will share their knowledge across the school for the benefit of all.

Thank-you Mrs Baki

Mrs Baki's long time service to the school as an SMSA sadly comes to an end today, she has supported and comforted our children over many years and been a good close working colleague. We all wish her the very best.



'Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home

As we settle into the autumn months, the days are becoming shorter and cooler meaning that we are needing to switch on the lights and want to turn up the heating. Recent studies have shown that switching off lights that aren't being used, or turning on heating later in the year, has a much bigger impact on the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by power stations than previously thought.

Challenge: Remind family members to switch off lights and other electrical devices, such as the TV whenever you leave the room. Could you put on a jumper rather than turn up the radiator?

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.



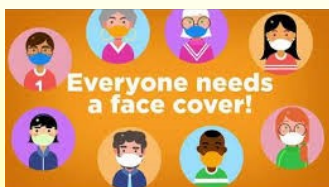
If your child has a sniffle, runny nose or is sneezing, they are not coronavirus symptoms and your child should come to school if well enough.

English language

Lockdown gave many parents the opportunity to spend quality time with their children. The Lower Phase is finding that many children have mainly been speaking their home languages, which is to be expected. Can you now begin to speak some English at home to help your child with their speaking and listening skills; allow them to watch some English television e.g. CBeebies

Face coverings

Face coverings need to cover both nose and mouth. Please do not be offended if you are reminded by a member of staff.



Social distancing

Please continue to do your very best to socially distance and wear a face covering in the mornings and afternoons. Many schools are having outbreaks locally because children and parents are not following rules. Please disperse after drop-off and collection.

Policy Addenda

During the time that the children were being home schooled, we had to supplement our Safeguarding Policy and our Behaviour Policy to reflect the new needs surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. The addenda are posted on the website under the 'Key Information' tab, and then Policies for you to have a look at.

Love Learn Believe

Parent Letters

Next week your child will bring home a pack containing lots of important information including details on the flu vaccination. Please read all the information carefully and return the forms to the school office as soon as possible.



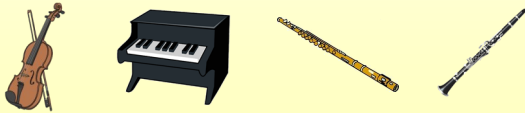
Dogs

If you walk your dog whilst bringing your child to school, please be mindful that there will be children who may not be dog lovers and will be scared. Please keep your dogs on a short lead.



Music tuition

Instrument tuition led by the tutors from EMS will begin to resume beginning next week. It will take a week or so for the timetable to settle so please be patient. Thank you to all those that retuned slips for their child to go onto the waiting list for tuition. You will be contacted as and when a place becomes available.



Individual School Photo

Individual school photos will be taken on Friday 9th October. Parents may prefer to send their child into school in their winter uniform for the photograph.

Unfortunately sibling group photos will not be taken this year due to current restrictions within school.



Welcome back. We hope you and your family are well and settling back into school life.

With the current pandemic and associated restrictions, celebrations and fundraising will be very different this year. Your continued support means a great deal to us as we value your input and ideas. There will be no open meetings so we want to be sure you still have a voice. Many of our classes now have WhatsApp groups and have appointed class reps. We will disseminate information and collect ideas via these groups so see your rep to ensure your ideas are heard.

Also please keep an eye on the newsletter. We will be using our section to let you know how you can support school and ultimately invest in our children and community.

Take care for now and stay safe.

Fr Cristiano High School Signing dates

Father Cristiano is available to sign High 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
Monday 5 th October 2020	11am until 1pm
Tuesday 6 th October 2020	3pm until 6pm
Monday 12 th October 2020	11am until 1pm 3pm until 6pm
Tuesday 13 th October 2020	11am until 1pm 3pm until 6pm

Out of Borough Catholic School Open Evening dates

For all venues, please check websites for most up to date information.

Cardinal Vaughan – 'In the interests of safety, the Year 7 Open Evening, held remotely, will be accessible our website from 4.30 pm on Tuesday 15 September 2020.'

Douay Martyr's – 'As you would anticipate we are unable to hold our Open Evening and Mornings as usual this year. We are currently developing a Virtual 'Open Evening' which will be posted here in the Admissions Section. Please contact Mrs Hayden, Admissions Officer, at the school for any Admissions queries, she will be glad to help you.'

Gumley House - We invite you visit our website www.gumleyhouse.com where we are hosting an engaging online experience to give you a sense of what makes Gumley so unique. Find out more about our Gumley Girls and their stories, read our Gumley Gazettes and School Prospectus, learn about our exceptional transition programme and join us for our live virtual open events on:

- Thursday 24th September, 9am-12pm (Head's talk at 10.40am)
- Tuesday 6th October, 9am-12pm (Head's talk at 10.40am)
- Tuesday 6th October, 6-8pm (Head's talk at 7.45pm)

Be sure to complete the registration form on our website on the Open Events page to receive further information and details.

Gunnersbury School – Our virtual Open Day video will be live week commencing 21st September. Please keep an eye on our website and Twitter feed.

If you would like some additional information regarding Year 7 admissions September 2021 please fill out the form on web page.

Sacred Heart – 'Year 7 open days will be held remotely this year, information on how to access these will be available shortly.'

St Mark's – We are looking forward to launching our Open Event website at 9am on Wednesday 7th October. This website will enable parents and prospective students to experience St. Mark's virtually, and to learn more about our wonderful school community.

The Oratory – Please note that the open evening will be virtual. Check website.

High School open day programme September/October 2020

Open Evenings

Date	High school	Time
Tuesday 15 Sept	Ark Soane Academy	5:30pm to 6:30pm
Wednesday 16 Sept	Elthorne Park High School	5:15pm to 8:30pm
Wednesday 16 Sept	Northolt High School	5:30pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 17 Sept	The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	5:30pm to 8:30pm
Thursday 17 Sept	The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls	6pm to 8:30pm
Thursday 17 Sept	Villiers High School	4:30pm to 7:30pm
Tuesday 22 Sept	Alec Reed Academy	5:30pm to 7:30pm
Wednesday 23 Sept	Brentside High School	5:30pm to 8:30pm
Wednesday 23 Sept	Featherstone High School	5pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 24 Sept	Dormers Wells High School	5pm to 8:30pm
Thursday 24 Sept	Drayton Manor High School	5pm to 8pm
Thursday 24 Sept	Twyford CofE High School	5:30pm to 8:30pm
Wednesday 30 Sept	Ada Lovelace CofE High School	5pm to 8pm
Thursday 1 Oct	Ark Acton Academy	5:30pm to 8pm
Thursday 1 Oct	William Perkin CofE High School	5pm to 8pm
Tuesday 6 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	5:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 8 Oct	Ealing Fields High School	5pm to 8pm
Thursday 8 Oct	Greenford High School	5pm to 8pm
Thursday 15 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	5:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 22 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	5:30pm to 6:30pm

Open Mornings

Date	High school	Time
Tuesday 15 Sept	Ark Soane Academy	9:30am to 10:30am
Tuesday 6 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	9:30am to 10:30am
Saturday 10 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	9:30am to 10:30am
Thursday 15 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	9:30am to 10:30am
Thursday 22 Oct	Ark Soane Academy	9:30am to 10:30am

Kindly note that there is no on-site parking at the schools.

IMPORTANT *Please ensure that you contact the school prior to attendance for information on any special arrangements due to social distancing*

Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk