



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020



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Mass return - Return of Mass



In truth, Mass never went away because Father Cristiano and Father Sanjeeb celebrated Mass online. However, Father Cristiano wanted me to remind you that the Church is open for the celebration of Mass from today; usual restrictions continue to apply.

Late Arrivals

The number of children arriving late to school has unfortunately begun to creep up again. Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives on time, missing even just a few minutes in the morning means they are missing out on essential learning.



Sunday 6th December 2020

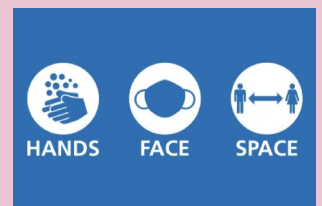
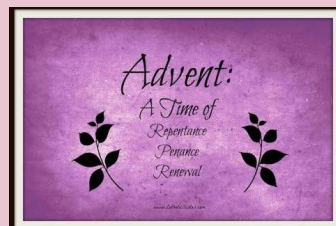
2nd Sunday in Advent

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Christmas Care Box

Just a reminder that we are still collecting items for the Christmas Care Boxes for a local care home. Small gifts such as novelty Christmas chocolates, handkerchiefs, warm socks, crossword puzzle books etc. are ideal but please remember that the gifts are for elderly people. The last day for donations is Friday 11th December.



Book Fair

The book fair has been successful again this year. Many of the children have chosen the same books and the stock that has arrived is not enough for every child to go home with all their order. The book fair people will deliver the books when they come to pick up the cases.



TfL poster

Next time you travel on the trains, look out for the poster below at the stations. Tom's winning entry in the TfL Christmas card competition hangs triumphantly across London. I have been told that he will receive a framed poster and goody bag for his super effort... sometime next year!



Class Christmas Parties

Look out for letters about class Christmas parties where the children are able to come into school in their Christmas jumper. It is in aid of Save the Children so please donate £1. Parties will take place on Monday 14th December in the afternoons. The children will be asked to bring in non-perishable food that will need to be quarantined for 72 hours before the party. Please bring in sealed, shop bought food only, no homemade food. Items such as crisps and popcorn need to be in small individual bags, not large bags that children have to share. ***Please bring in items by the morning of Friday 11th December to avoid any disappointment.***



Christmas Services at Our Lady & St Josephs

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.30pm - Family Mass, 10.30pm - Carols, 11.00pm - Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00am Mass, 12.00 Noon Mass

Saturday 26th December

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 27th December

8.00am Mass, 10.00am Mass, 12 Noon Mass

Monday 28th December

10.00am Mass

Friday 1st January

10.00am Mass



Please note there will be no Children's Nativity Play at the Family Mass this year. Restrictions on the number of people in church still apply.

Primary School Tests

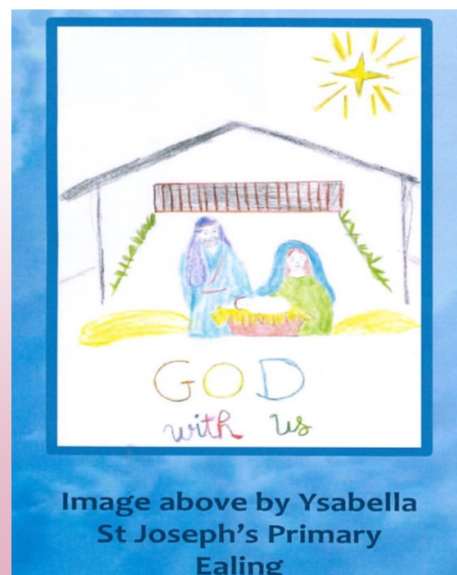
Year 6 SATs are still going ahead but the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) test is cancelled. Reading, Writing and Maths teacher assessment will remain for KS1 children but no KS1 SAT tests this academic year; Phonics testing will still take place.



Diocesan Christmas Card competition

We have had a few card competitions to enter this year and the children, at whatever age group, have enjoyed being creative for them. Westminster Diocese's competition results are out. We did not win the overall competition, but Ysabella's (5S) design was commended by the panel and features in the link below. Ysabella can look forward to receiving a special certificate from the Education Service. Well done!

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/>



Uniform suppliers

Please see the poster below if you are looking to purchase uniform in the lead up to Christmas from PMG. Juniper is open 9am until 6pm Monday to Friday but will close at 5pm from the New Year. Check both websites for details.



In the event...

In the event that somebody in your household 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 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 ongoing 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 14 days but the positive case can resume normal activity after 10 days as long as they have been symptom free for 48 hours.



‘Laudato Si’ project – Caring for our common home

With just over three weeks to go until Christmas, many of you will have been busy buying gifts for your loved ones. Please take a moment to consider how you will wrap these gifts. Across the UK it has been estimated that Brits will bin what equates to 108 million rolls of wrapping paper, with the average UK household using 4 rolls of wrapping paper each.

Before you wrap consider this:

- Do you have any gift bags/ boxes that you can reuse from previous years?
- Can you avoid paper loaded with glitter? Not only will this save the problem of hoovering later, it also prevents this form of micro-plastic making its way into our seas and affecting marine life. In fact, many UK councils are now rejecting recycling bins containing glitter altogether, deeming the entire load to be ‘contaminated’.
- If you are adding ribbons, can you forego the sellotape? This will reduce the use of plastic and will mean that it may be easier for the receiver to reuse their paper.



Challenge: Get inventive with your wrapping. Can you use plain brown paper and add painted pine cones, holly, stamps, or draw pictures to personalise it? Be aware of not using too much paper for one item. Dig out gift bags you have kept and reuse them.

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!

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	Adon	For working hard to complete a blank 100 square.
1S	Sophie	For her fantastic enthusiasm and energy in the Christmas Nativity.
1SW	Ava	For knowing all her lines for the Nativity.
2AL	Lily	For creating a beautiful Advent calendar.
2B	Maya	For the extra effort she put into her Great Fire of London diary!
2SL	Dominic	For being a great role model in both behaviour and effort.
3AR	Milla	For her fantastic efforts when learning her assembly lines.
3DS	Milly	For always contributing eagerly to class discussions.
3SR	Christian	For settling in well at St. Joseph's and displaying impeccable manners always!
4B	Giada	For her all round efforts and progress. Keep it up!
4C	Isabelle	For her increased focus and pace in writing. A pleasure to teach!
4S	Charlie	For being a super student throughout his first term at St. Joseph's.
5B	Igor	For his outstanding effort during our Advent practice!
5S	Hannah	For her excellent answers to questioning. Well done!
5W	Hanna	For always having a positive attitude to every aspect in school life!
6B	Arthur	For improved effort and attitude in Maths. Keep it up!
6I	Jude	For a fantastic short narrative set in Victorian times.
6J	Adam	For a fantastic improvement in his attitude to learning.

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	Taneesha	For supporting others and being a helpful friend.
Middle	Lena	For being a great 'helper' in the playground and tying shoe laces!
Upper	Szymon	For always caring about other children, making sure they have someone to play with.



Maths Awards

Congratulations to the following children who completed the St. Joseph's Maths Challenge:

Year 1 – Noar, Enzo, Avishan, Jane, Mina-Rose, Mila-Mae, Taneesha, Luca.

Year 2 – Elise, Jakub.

Year 3 – Logan, Sara, Mila-Anne, Nicole, Evelina.

Year 4 – Evan, Alfonsa, Oliver.

Year 5 – Hubert.

Year 6 – Lena, Amelia, Dylan, Brian.



Walking around the school this week...

I saw clear indications of Advent...



I saw three beautifully dressed Christmas trees...



And a hall decked in...hanging decorations...





Hi Everyone,

Thank you to all that contributed on the 'Break the Rules Days'all your donations added up to the amazing sum of **£1500!!**

Don't forget the Christmas Raffle—tickets are now on sale from the class teachers and you can win the amazing gifts below !! 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 15th 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.

The last day to purchase tickets is Friday 11th December

Thank you all for your continued support.

Stay Safe


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We've been working quietly behind the scenes of lockdown to prepare a new business venture from Chantal Flores Design. It's been a joy to set up a beautiful photo studio that we look forward to welcoming you into. And as our first offering we have built two beautiful Christmas sets for you and your loved ones to have fun with, whilst we capture you at your best.

We currently have availability on 5th & 6th December (Saturday/Sunday) and 12th & 13th December (Saturday/Sunday).

To avoid disappointment, call Vanya on 07455583473 or email us at photos@chantalflores.co.uk. All operated in COVID safe environment.



FREE FOR DECEMBER
2 DEC - 18 DEC

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL FRENZY

Ealing Trailfinders Sports Club, Vallis Way, Ealing, W13 0DD

AGES 4 -12
MON & WED 5:30 - 6:30PM

AGES 17+
MON 7PM - 8PM
FRI 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Contact Szymon Gruszczynski on 07383106648
or
Danny Harlow on 07967630804

Chiswick United



At **Chiswick United**, our goal is to provide top level coaching for all ages and abilities, moulding versatile players, whilst reinforcing sportsmanship and good values.

The playing style we focus on as a club is brave, possession based football, playing out from the back and being aggressive off the ball. For each session we set objectives, keeping things fresh and progressing on what we have done previously.

We also believe in transparency and do our best to keep parents informed and involved. We encourage questions and provide parents with progress reports, activities to do outside of the session and further analysis later down the line.

To book your free place, email us: info@chiswickutd.com

Website: www.chiswickutd.com

Instagram: [@chiswickunitedfc](https://www.instagram.com/chiswickunitedfc)

FB: [@chiswickunited](https://www.facebook.com/chiswickunited)

Tel: 07944 572 802



December Shopping List

- UHT Milk – *Whole & Semi Skimmed, not Skimmed*
- Savoury Biscuits & Crackers
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- Ready Made Custard – *tins or cartons*
- Tomato Ketchup
- Peanut Butter, Honey & Jam
- Vegetarian Chilli & Curry
- Shower Gel, Hair Shampoo, Hand Wash
- Laundry Products – *powder, liquid, tablets (small sizes please)*

Thank you!

Keep up to date with [@EalingFoodbank](https://www.instagram.com/EalingFoodbank) on



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