



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020



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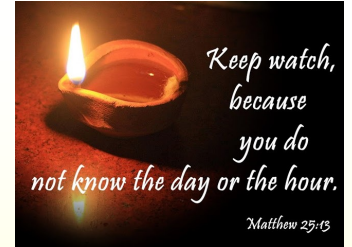
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Welcome back

I hope you all had a restful half term and your children are keen to end this half term feeling proud and satisfied with the effort they will have put into their work. This will be a very busy half term with our Catch Up programme, Year 2 Phonics testing and all the other wonderful things we normally do...but in a slightly different way this year!

New Lockdown

Yesterday, the new lockdown rules came into force for a month. Please be considerate of the whole of our community and stick to the rules. The new guidelines make it clear that visiting friends etc. needs to be put on hold for a while. When lining up with your children, please remember to line up along the walls leaving space for people to walk along the pavements. Remember your face covering please.



Sunday 8th November 2020

32nd Sunday of The Year

Gospel Matthew 25: 1 - 13

'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'



Uniform Shops

During this second lockdown, both Juniper and PMG Schoolwear have been in touch with me to help assure parents that uniform can still be bought from both retailers by going online. Visit their websites to order uniform. Juniper are offering a click and collect service Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.



Rest in Peace

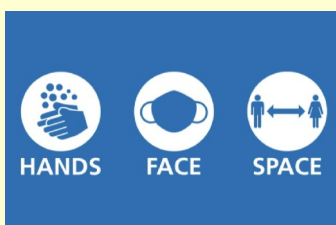
Once again, our community is touched by sadness with the death of a father of a child in Year 5, Mr Latusek. We pray for the repose of his soul.

'Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.'

A parent group has set up a page on JustGiving.com to help with funeral costs. Please find the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rafal-latusekmemory?utm_term=82ReZAA7W

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Love Learn Believe



“Laudato Si’ project – Caring for our common home

The clocks have gone back and the temperature is dropping which isn't good news for energy saving. There is always a spike in energy consumption at this time of year as the evenings become darker and colder and there is an increased need for light and heat. However, we can make an effort to avoid unnecessary energy overuse.

Challenge: Walk around your home. Are there any lights on in rooms with no-one in them? Turn them off. Are the radiators turned up in the bedroom during the day when you are at school? With your parents' permission, ask if you can turn the radiator down in the morning when you make your bed and up again at night when you are using the room.

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.

Fire Drills

I am sure you will want to know that we held fire drills this week and all the children did what they needed to do.



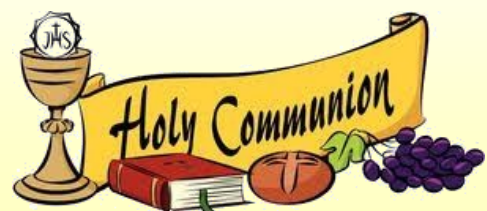
Uniform

I have seen a few polo shirts and remnants of summer uniform this week. Please remember to switch to winter uniform.



Congratulations

Congratulations to all those children in our community who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this week.



Free School Meals

I write to bring to your attention that the half term free school meal vouchers offer for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals remains open until 11.59pm on Friday 6th November 2020.

The application process for families to complete can be accessed via: https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201264/help_for_residents/2750/half_term_free_school_meal_support/1

Vouchers will take a few days to come through. Parents in need of immediate help for their child may alternatively be referred to Ealing Foodbank through the same application form.

Alternatively, those experiencing financial hardship and needing help can make a full application to local welfare assistance at: https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201073/health_and_adult_social_care/1532/local_welfare_assistance

Fr Cristiano Primary School Signing dates

Not many days left but 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
Monday 9th November 2020	11am until 1pm
Tuesday 10th November 2020	11am until 1pm 3pm until 6pm

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:

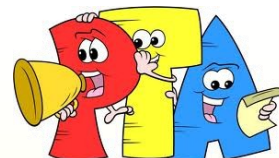
Fri 13th Nov: No school uniform. Children can wear their own clothes to school.

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.



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