



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020



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Coronavirus Isolation

I just wanted to give you an idea of the process that I have to go through when we have a positive case. As soon as I find out that a pupil or member of staff has tested positive, I have to get in touch with Public Health England (PHE) and Ealing's Health and Safety team. PHE will advise me on what to do next according to the information that I give them. I appreciate that a notification on a Friday afternoon is better than an early Tuesday morning or late Thursday evening notification. Unfortunately, I have no control over timing, but my first concern is always for the health and safety of your child and the staff. The school will always inform you by text first. It can only be a short text as we only have 160 character spaces to use. I will then update the affected group with a standard PHE letter and follow that up with a school letter. There may be some time between the initial text message and the follow up letters depending on the time it takes to speak to PHE. Please refrain from speculation, I will furnish you with as much information I can give you when I have had all the advice from PHE.

We now have three confirmed cases in the Year 1 isolating bubble and one confirmed case in the 3AR bubble. We also have another two confirmed adult cases. I am in constant touch with PHE and they will inform me if I have to do anything else. As usual, I will keep you updated.

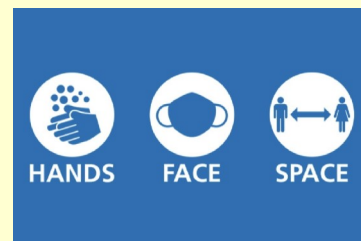


Sunday 11th October 2020

28th Sunday of The Year

Gospel Matthew 22: 1 - 14

God is like a king who invites us to a banquet. Many refuse their invitation



Reception Reading meeting

The Reception team have produced a short presentation on reading and how you can help your child at home. There are also links to further resources that we use in school and that you can use at home. It's worth a read!

Link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/M2aHGJnUMpzH9qMp-PbvR83xWejju7V_zsX19qrBAbbe4eMbXdzxcff_c1WycpDij.6luHmwNFTBjST-YE?startTime=1602157060000



Politeness

I would just like to thank all the children who say, "Thank you," at the servery during lunchtime to the catering staff, well done. I was made aware that Year 6 were particularly polite in their queues this week. This bodes well for Secondary School.



Phonics meeting

The Year 1 team have prepared their Phonics meeting. It is available on the Year 1 class pages of the website for all parents to view if they wish. Lots of sound information! Link below:

<https://www.stjosephshanwell.org.uk/year-1/>

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'Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



October is International Walk to School Month. The school run alone is responsible for generating two million tonnes of CO₂ per year. During morning peak traffic times, one in five cars on the road are taking children to school, contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions. Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides! Could you commit to cycling, scooting or walking someday? If you live too far away, can you park and stride – park a 5-10 minute walk from the school and walk the rest of the way? It has been proven that children who do some form of exercise before school do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

Challenge: Think about your current daily journey to school. If you don't walk to school already, can you commit to a few days per week of walking, scooting or cycling to school. Can you shorten the amount of time spent in the car (and the congestion around the school) by parking further away or arranging a car share?

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.

Nerds

I have been informed by the Police, and no doubt you will have seen this on the news, that there are packets of what look like harmless sweets doing the rounds. They are in fact dangerous sweets containing THC, which is the principal psychoactive substance in cannabis. I have included an image of the packaging for these 'sweets' for your information.



School Photographer

Today we have been taking individual photographs of the children. Because some children are absent we have booked the photographer again on the 10th November. So please do not worry if your child is not in school today.

Love Learn Believe

Clean Air Day

On Thursday, St Joseph's celebrated Clean Air Day. Lots of children came dressed with an item of green clothing. This was to symbolise our caring for our planet. Many children chose to walk to school even though it was windy and rainy, well done! Miss Redhead has picked winners from each year group. Well done to the winners, and to Miss Redhead for organising the day. Is your poster below?

Winners:

Reception - Elsie-Rose

Year 2 - Gabi

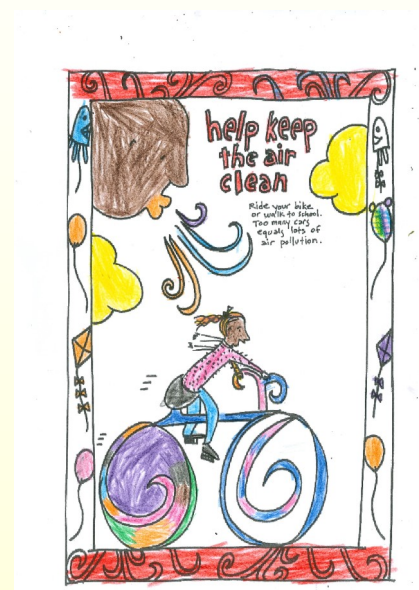
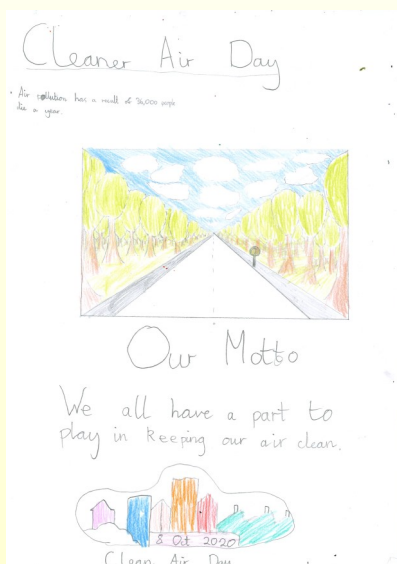
Year 3 - Ben

Year 4 - Gosia

Year 5 - Hanna L

Year 6 - Dylan

Thank-you to Sunshine and Rainbow Nursery for their whole class entry.



Message from the Chair of Governors

This has been a very difficult week for the whole School Community with 7 classes and their associated staff having to self-isolate because of the Coronavirus. I fully understand that the sudden notification that your child and the whole family must self-isolate for 14 days can cause untold anxiety, disruption, and economic pressures. I send my prayers and best wishes to all those directly affected and trust they will be feeling better soon.

The unpredictability of this virus is turning lives upside down. It may not be much comfort to know that the School has been rigorous in preparing its Risk Assessment, updating and adapting them to deal with new situations and implementing procedures to keep children and staff safe.

BUT, I can't emphasise enough that it is the duty of everyone to be careful, follow the Government guidelines and ensure they don't put others at risk through careless or thoughtless behaviours.

God bless and stay safe

Maggie Jones

Upcoming parent evenings

Today, you will receive an emailed letter about parents' evening. To ask for a virtual slot with a teacher, please email the information to the year group emails stating your child's full name and class. The class teachers will then respond next week with a Microsoft Teams invitation to a meeting.



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 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