



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 18th December 2020



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#### Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

This calendar year has been like no other. Our whole school community has learnt so much about itself. We have clapped together, we have cheered together, we have cried together and we have prayed together. I believe that we have coped very well in the most trying of circumstances and I thank you all sincerely for playing your part.

On behalf of all of the staff at St. Joseph's, I wish you a safe, merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. I pray that the New Year bring us all hope and renewed happiness and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



**Sunday 20th December 2020**

**4th Sunday in Advent**

**Gospel Luke 1 : 26 - 38**

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

#### COVID19 after Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

For the first 6 days after school finishes, if a child tests positive for COVID19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please email [head@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:head@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk) to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the child may have been infectious whilst in school.

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms after Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Extra information from Ealing available here:  
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Latest information | Ealing Directory \(ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk\)](#)



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#### Message from Chair of Governors

It has been a very difficult and challenging year for us all, children, staff, Governors and parents. I want to thank everyone for the way they have responded and supported the school as it has changed and adapted to cope with COVID19.

I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas, hopefully spending time with your families. Christmas is a time to be thankful for our blessings and to ask God for hope and courage to face the uncertainties of this world. May we all look forward to a better 2021.

God bless you and keep you safe.  
Maggie Jones  
Chair of Governors



## Christmas productions, Nativities, services and liturgies

One of my favourite duties of the year, which I really look forward to, is seeing the children 'perform' their Christmas productions, Nativities, services and liturgies for their parents. This year the whole process has been completely different and I was worried about how the finished pieces would turn out. Why worry? The staff have done a magnificent job in putting together the 'performances' with very little training and I thank them for that. The bonus of being on film also is that they can be viewed over and over again and played for relatives when we are all finally able to meet up as groups again. Thank you for all the lovely feedback we have received.



### Podcast - 2

Well done to the Podcast crew. I heard their great enthusiasm ring through my speakers and it was clear that the children enjoyed not only the preparation but also the end result. Thank you to Jakub, Laura, Olaf, Sarah, Francesco and Alexandra for the transmission and to Miss Jaffer for organising it. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.stjosephshanwell.org.uk/school-podcast/>



## Christmas Services at Our Lady & St. Joseph's

### 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.

## Class parties

On Monday, we had our fantastic class Christmas parties. All of the children were able to squeeze in more food after lunch, play games or watch films. The children also wore their Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children and we collected £345 for the charity. We done to all!



## Staff leaving

Ms Kacka, one of our premises staff, is leaving our school after 13 years working at St. Joseph's. However, she is not going far away after securing more hours in her full time job at St. Ann's School next door. I thank her for her service to St. Joseph's and wish her well.

## The Saint

Look out for the second edition of our school newspaper.

## Advent Care Boxes

Message from Ms O'Donnell and Miss Bertorelli - A very big THANK YOU for your generous contributions to our Advent Care Boxes. The sheer amount of wonderful gifts was overwhelming. Members of the Chaplaincy team were at the forefront of the enthusiasm shown. A big THANK YOU to them too! The boxes were dropped off to the care home on Tuesday and the staff were astounded at the generosity shown by the community of St. Joseph's and they would like to pass on their thanks and Christmas joy on behalf of the residents, who will be opening the gifts on Christmas morning! A very happy Christmas to you all!!

A special thank you to Ms O'Donnell and Miss Bertorelli for organising this and also to our generous parent body for supporting vulnerable members of our community.

### **TfL**

Liz and Joyce from TfL popped over to give Tom his prizes for winning the TfL Christmas card competition. Not only did he get a framed picture but also some TfL branded cycling safety equipment. He also received a Kindle Paperwhite, a Fitbit watch and an Encyclopaedia. Tom's efforts were very well rewarded, well done again!



### **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.

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.

### **Virtual Sporting Achievements**

The Willow Tree School Sport Partnership that we belong to held virtual sports events over the course of the autumn term to help keep our children active and competitive. Classes were given packs with instructions and the children undertook the activities overseen by Mr Ashong and Mr Sampaio, our Sport Apprentices, who then sent back the information. You will be glad to know that we were placed third in the Year 5/6 virtual football competition, Year 3/4 virtual hockey competition and Year 3/4 virtual football competition. We came second in the Year 5/6 virtual rugby competition and we came first in the Year 3/4 virtual rugby competition. Congratulations to you all!



### **Charity at Christmas**

I would like to thank Adam Rontaler from the Cricketers Arms on Kew Green and Victoria Salako who runs the 'Christmas Dinner on Christ' charity for the donation of food hampers to families in our school community. These charitable people deserve patronage if you come across them.



## 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	Cody	For completing the 100 question number bond challenge.
1S	Zofia	For her continued outstanding work in all lessons.
1SW	Chloe	For always working hard at improving her writing.
2AL	Piero	For being very helpful and considerate.
2B	Georgina	For closely following her design criteria to make her healthy pizza. It looked delicious!
2SL	Eddie	For making a great effort to work hard in all lessons. Thank you and keep this up!
3AR	Dominik	For making fantastic progress with his maths targets this term. Well done!
3DS	Julia	For growing in confidence in her own abilities.
3SR	Rawan	For her thoughtful response on how to care for our common home and slow down climate change.
4B	Cole	For his efforts and progress across the curriculum and for always having a positive attitude.
4C	Christina	For tremendous improvement in all areas of learning. Keep it up!
4S	Elizabeth	For showing great enthusiasm during our Iron Man project.
5B	Sienna	For being an all-round superstar and for having an amazing first term in Year 5!
5S	Victoria	For writing an excellent sea poem in English. Well done!
5W	All of 5W	For being incredible, amazing and fabulous – The Best.
6B	Filip	For an improved attitude and focus in class. Keep it up.
6I	Nicola	For a fantastic motif and print inspired by William Morris.
6J	Laura and Natalia	For a well-directed and edited video advert using video editing software.

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	Asher	For always being polite and for being very kind and thoughtful to everyone.
Middle	All of 2B	For tidying up after the rest of Year 2 after filming.
Upper	Callum	For the positivity he brings to St. Joseph's and for living out our mission statement.



## Laudato Si' project – Caring for our common home



Hopefully you will be feeling organised and ready to celebrate a wonderful Christmas next week. We would like to give you a few tips about how to help reduce the enormous amount of waste, a whopping 30% more rubbish, that is an unfortunate bi-product of the season. Hopefully, these tips when put into practice, will give you peace of mind. It is estimated that three-and-a-half black bags full of packaging will be thrown out per household. Packaging which could be easily recycled. Guidelines:

- Every UK council in the UK will accept paper for recycling, whilst 98% will accept card for recycling too. Be sure to fold the cardboard boxes flat and remove any ribbons/bows.
- Not all types of wrapping paper can be recycled. Remember to do the scrunch test. Scrunch the wrapping paper in your hand, if the paper remains scrunched it's recyclable. If it springs back it's more than likely to be covered with a plastic film which can't be recycled.
- Cards and paper with glitter must not be put into the recycling.
- Batteries must be recycled appropriately. They can often be taken to your local supermarket or DIY store.
- Recycle all glass. 13,350 tonnes of glass is binned every year during December and January. If all of this was recycled it could save 4,200 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> – the same as taking 1,300 cars off the road every year.

**Challenge: Become your family's 'Recycling monitor'.** Once all of the presents have been opened take a few moments to organise the rubbish into the correct bins so that you can enjoy your day knowing that you have shown care for our common home.

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!**

## PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the PTA for the excellent raffle organisation and to our staff for helping to sell tickets in classes. A special thank you to Mr Doyle (Doyle Sales and Lettings), Thames Rockets, Super Kids Stories and the PTA for donating prizes. You will no doubt have seen the draw online, but here are the winners, in no particular order:



**Walking around the school this week...**

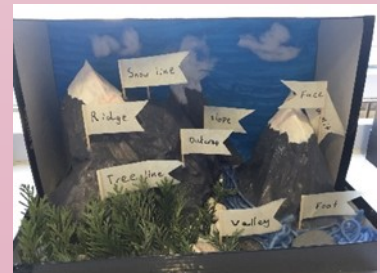
I saw about 550 Christmas lunches being devoured by the children...



I saw lots of robots with colourful eyes taking over in Year 4...



And I saw some beautiful mountainscapes with geographical features highlighted on them...





**Communication from Harrison Catering**  
Uptake of school meals during the pandemic has been around 70% for most schools, we would like to gauge from the children/parents if we could improve upon our menu or current service to increase meal uptake back to pre-COVID19 level.

Please see link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ealingschoolssurve2020y>

Harrison Catering would appreciate it if you could fill in the survey by 31<sup>st</sup> of January.



*Wishing you a Happy Christmas*

After what has been an extremely challenging year, I would like to wish you and your loved ones happiness at Christmas and throughout the New Year.

*Dr. Abdullah Gulaid*

Councillor Dr Abdullah Gulaid,  
Mayor of Ealing

The Mayor's chosen charity is: The Descendants  
Donations can be made to these charities by cheque, made payable to:  
The Mayor of Ealing, and sent to the address below.



Mayor's Parlour, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway  
14-16 Uxbridge Road  
Ealing W5 2BY

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*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

"Thank you to all our health, care and key workers and everyone who has pulled together to keep Ealing safe this year"

*Julian*

COUNCILLOR JULIAN BELL  
LEADER OF EALING COUNCIL





### 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!**

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- ✓ Building confidence through learning new skills
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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](mailto:info@chiswickutd.com)

Website: [www.chiswickutd.com](http://www.chiswickutd.com)  
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Chiswick Utd Team

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**FOOTY FUN**  
**4 KIDS**



## XMAS HOLIDAY FUN

**21-23 Dec, Ealing Fields High School,  
Full & Half-Days Available**

Ofsted registered Footy Fun 4 Kids are running a fun-packed Christmas holiday camp at Ealing Fields High School.

The camp is designed for children aged 4-12 and combines a mixture of sports, workshops, arts and craft projects and daily fun challenges and games which will keep children active and engaged.



The health and safety of your children is paramount to us. We have developed robust Covid-19 procedures so rest assured your children are in safe hands. [Read our Covid-19 Policy - footyfun4kids.com/about-us/covid-19-policy](https://www.footyfun4kids.com/about-us/covid-19-policy)

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Chris Webb-Butler  
Footy Fun 4 Kids

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## WHEN & WHERE

21st, 22nd, 23rd December  
Ealing Fields High School,  
Little Ealing Lane, W5 4EJ

Half Day – £30  
8.30am – 12:30pm  
1:30pm – 5:30pm

**Full Day - £50**  
8.30am - 5.30pm

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## EALING TRAILFINDERS CHRISTMAS CAMPS!



### Multi-Sports Camp - ages 6-12

21st, 22nd & 23rd December  
29th 30th & 31st December

10am-3pm  
Lunch from 12pm-1pm (packed lunch)  
Cost: £40 per day  
Use discount code **Hooker02** for 10% off 4 days or more

## Specialist Sports Camps – ages 13-16

Football skills  
High Performance Rugby

21st, 22nd & 23rd December  
10am-3pm  
Lunch from 12pm-1pm (packed lunch)  
Cost: £110

29th 30th & 31st December  
10am-3pm  
Lunch from 12pm-1pm (packed lunch)  
Cost: £110



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