



St Joseph's News

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Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. **Mark 6:3**

Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel Reading on Sunday, we hear of the time when Jesus returned to his home town with his disciples.

The people were astonished at Jesus' teachings and wondered how he could do this. After all, wasn't Jesus just the son of a local carpenter? For this reason, the people found it hard to accept Jesus. It seems that the people were interested in his message, but could not put their faith in Jesus.

It is important that when we look at Jesus' teachings that we do not just accept them as good stories to help us in life. By also welcoming Jesus into our lives, he then has the opportunity to work in us and strengthen us in our faith; through the scriptures and also through the Holy Spirit. If we do not welcome Jesus, then he cannot work in us.

Special Prayer Request

Dear Parents,

As you know, I was for a time the Executive Headteacher at St Mary's in Kilburn as well as Headteacher at St Joseph's. During my time at St Mary's, I was delighted to welcome Hassan to Year 2 at St Mary's at a time when he was very ill. Hassan is very unwell again and is currently in Great Ormond Street Hospital.

I am delighted to report that Mrs Quinlan, who was Associate Head of St Mary's, visited Hassan in the hospital earlier this week. Hassan's mother wanted to share this lovely photograph with all those who are praying for the family.



We have assured the family of the prayers of all the St Joseph's school community. We will pray for Hassan, his mum, dad and sisters, and we will go to see him again in the near future. Please remember the family in your prayers .

God Bless,

Mrs Titus

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Attendance
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★ In week beginning 25 June 2018, Classes 4M and 5K had the best attendance.

★ All children may arrive from 8.30am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

★ **Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date).**

★ Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

**Please remember that the last day of the Summer Term will be Friday 13 July
Children return to school on Thursday 6 September**

Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens

Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Kew Gardens on Wednesday 4 July.

During the trip, the children had opportunities to learn more about plants which related to the current Science topic, 'How does your garden grow?'

The children participated in some science workshops, where they learned about the largest and smallest seeds in the world as well as looking at seeds and flowers and their properties under a magnifying glass.

The children had a very enjoyable day so please ask them about this very special learning experience.



Sports Day Dates

We will be holding a number of sports events during the Summer Term - weather permitting!

Wednesday 11 July

Year 6 from 9.30am to 10.30am

Message from Fr Stephen

Application Forms for the next First Holy Communion programme at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden must be returned by Sunday 22 July.

Absence Reporting

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on **020 8965 5651** or email the school at **admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk** Please do this before 9.00am on every day of absence.

Parents are reminded that in addition to making a telephone call by 9.00am on every day of absence, this must be followed up in writing. Parents may complete a Reason For Absence form (available from school office or school website) or you may write a letter to confirm the reason for the absence.

When you know in advance that your child will be absent, please inform the school in advance and provide the appropriate documentation such as the medical appointment letter.

Please remember that all school policies are in place for a reason with the main purpose being to ensure the safety, well-being and secure development of your child.

St Joseph's Summer Fete is open to parents and children from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Friday 13 July. There will be a small entrance fee which will support current fundraising.

Safeguarding

St Joseph's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Headmistress and Education Support Manager to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

The school frequently reviews processes to ensure we are doing all we can to minimise risk and keep children safe.

Please be reminded of the following expectations to support safeguarding at St Joseph's:

- When you bring your child to school in the morning and when you collect your child in the afternoon, please move off the premises promptly to ease congestion and to support the staff in dismissing the children to other parents.
- While term time leave is banned, we know there will be emergencies when children need to travel with their parents. In these situations, regardless of whether the leave will be authorised, please provide the school with a copy of the outgoing and return travel documents. This is a very important safeguarding measure.

Early Help

The school works with a number of agencies including health and Social Services to ensure that our children and families receive all the help they need at the earliest opportunity.

We therefore encourage parents to approach the school if they are unsure where to access help and support with any issues relating to family life. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd, Education Support Manager, to discuss any worries and we will help directly or signpost you to the most appropriate service.

Positive Parenting

The NSPCC has published a document to support parents with the challenges and demands of family life.

The document includes useful information and guidance about setting boundaries, rewards, sanctions and building relationships.

Please [click here](#) to view the NSPCC Positive Parenting document which is available to download from the Safeguarding page on the school website.



Net Aware

Net Aware is a very useful resource for parents that wish to find out more about the different platforms and apps that children use to communicate and socialise online.

This website offers advice and guidance relating to the most popular apps including SnapChat, YouTube, Minecraft, Instagram, Musical.ly, FIFA, WhatsApp and Fortnite which is the latest online game aimed at children.



Please visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> for information and parental support on all aspects of online safety.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please see Mrs Studd by making a request through the school office.

Urgent matters can be discussed with Brent Social Services on 020 8937 4300

St Joseph's Mission Statement

At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing our belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

Our School Mission is as follows:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

Discipleship - Year B

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: Discipleship

This framework of learning is intended as the final resource for the Summer Term in the academic year 2017/2018. It completes study of the Gospel of Mark by examining one of his strongest themes: discipleship. Building on the work of the previous unit, this resource picks up the actions of the disciples in Mark's Gospel as we identify what it is that Jesus asks of those who follow him.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An openness to following the life and teaching of Jesus • An awareness of the way that people around them live as contemporary followers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An attitude of hope in responding to the challenges of being a disciple |
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Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- In the Gospels of Luke and Matthew the disciples ask Jesus to teach them a prayer. He responds by teaching them the Our Father. Pray the prayer of the disciples with your pupils.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray the Our Father with your pupils before bed.