



# Newsletter

11 January 2019

## Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday we will be celebrating the Baptism of Jesus, marking the start of his ministry.

As we begin this new calendar year, many of us take the opportunity to begin a new way of living, behaving or thinking. Whatever we feel called to, we must remember that it is Jesus that truly gives us the opportunity to develop our gifts.

Jesus also helps us to start again in those things that are not going so well. It is never too late to turn to Jesus and change our ways.

In the Gospel reading, the people were excited. Let us start this new year with a sense of excitement too as we continue to look forward to every child reaching their full potential by developing their God-given gifts.

On Friday morning, we attended Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Vincent who reminded the children about how much they achieved last year and how much they have to look forward to this year as they continue to grow in faith and in their learning.



Fr Vincent will be returning to his home country of Nigeria soon so we take this opportunity to thank him for supporting Fr Stephen with the children's ministry at St Joseph's.

With best wishes to all our children and families for a happy and successful new year,

Mrs Titus  
Headmistress

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety and well-being of any child, please make an appointment to see Mrs Studd who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

In an emergency, please call the police without delay. To contact Brent Social Services, please call 020 8937 4300.

We can also help parents through Brent's Early Help Assessment process. If you are having difficulties with housing, finances or health, please speak with Mrs Studd who can signpost you to appropriate support and services.

[Click here](#) for information from the NSPCC on **Positive Parenting**

[Click here](#) for Brent **Citizens Advice**

### Useful Contacts:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000  
Brent Social Services:  
020 8937 4300

## Community Dates

- 13 Jan Baptism of Jesus
- 14 Jan New Year (Orthodox)
- 15 Jan Maghi (Sikh)

St Joseph's Roman Catholic  
Primary School  
020 8965 5651  
admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk  
www.stjosephsrc.co.uk

## THE HEADMISTRESS, MRS TITUS, INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE TOP PERFORMING STATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ENGLAND

### RECEPTION CLASS 2019-20

Applications are invited for admission to Reception Class in St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Goodson Road, London, NW10 9LS for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015. **Please contact the school for an application pack.**

Please be aware that in addition to the supplementary application form for the school you must also apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) This can also be accessed via the Brent School Admissions webpage.

**The closing date for both forms is 15 January 2019.**

### NURSERY CLASS 2019-20

Applications are also invited for our Nursery Class for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

**The closing date is 15 January 2019.**

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plays a vital role in developing educational  
excellence within the Diocese of Westminster

  
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### Attendance

*The classes with the best attendance last term were:*

*Ms Foley's Class (1F) and Mr Hutton's Class (2H)*

*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 before 9.00am on every day of absence.*

*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 / email 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 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.*

*If we have any concerns about a child's absence, we may carry out a home visit. We may also contact Brent Education Welfare and Social Services.*

*Please remember term time leave for family holiday and celebrations are not permitted in line with our Attendance Policy. Unauthorised absences are referred to Brent Education Welfare who have the authority to issue Education Penalty Notices of £120 per child, per parent. This reduces by 50% if paid within 21 days.*

### World Gifts

*Children and parents raised a total of £980.14 for CAFOD's World Gifts appeal.*

*Thank you so much for your generosity and support which will make a difference to so many children and families across the world.*



### Celebrations

*We are always very happy to share news about the children's achievements outside of school.*

*Please email details and photos to:*

*info@stjo.brent.sch.uk*

## Safer Internet Day

*This year, Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 5 February. This has been organised to help increase awareness about the safest ways in which to engage with and enjoy all types of online activity.*

*At St Joseph's, we communicate frequently with our children and parents about online safety to help reduce the risk of children accessing inappropriate websites or becoming engaged in unsuitable online communications.*

*The school computers and digital equipment have been protected to prevent children and any other persons on site from accessing any inappropriate materials.*

*Therefore, we encourage parents to ensure that their own home equipment has the same protections. Please also check regularly what your child is doing online*

*Our website contains a number of links to resources for parents. Please [click here](#) for direct access.*

## Parent Communication

Parents are reminded that it is very helpful for school to be kept informed of any factors that may impact on your child's learning or well-being.

This is to ensure that we are all doing everything we can to support your child and family.

Please make an appointment to see our Education Support Manager, Mrs Studd, to discuss any matters that school should be aware of so we can make informed decisions together.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Sacramental People - Year C</h3> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">Linking School, Parish and Home</p>	
<b>Religious Education</b>	
Key Idea:	
Having learned something of the nature of God we now ask where God is - and find out that God is with us in our world, hidden or not! Being sacramental means that we can know God in our everyday lives – the highs and lows, the joys and fears. There is nowhere that God is not! In this resource we look for God in the world and come to understand that knowing God in our everyday helps us to see how the Sacraments celebrate and express this. In this resource our need for healing, physical and social, in the Sacraments of Healing, is studied.	
Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions	
Spiritual Outcomes: It is hoped that pupils will develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An appreciation of God's presence in the world</li> <li>b. A respect for relationships which bring God's presence to us</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. An attitude of openness to the Sacraments: words, actions and symbols</li> <li>d. A willingness to seek God in their own lives</li> <li>e. A recognition of the need for healing in the world.</li> </ul>
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healing is for the both body, mind and soul. It settles our fears, it takes away the sadness or our wrong-doing and it clear the way of obstacles which bind us. The best way to teach your children about healing is to be open and generous in your healing: your gift of it and your reception of it from those who love you.</li> </ul>	
An idea for prayer at home	
	<b>Prayer Activity</b> Loving God, At every moment of our lives you are present to us, God, in gentle compassion, in strengthening guidance and in and loving forgiveness. Help us to recognize you around us, especially in our actions and words so that our being in the world helps heal it of fear and hurt and doubt. We ask this through Jesus who taught us to love. Amen.