



# St Joseph's News

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Newsletter 11

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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. *Psalm 136:1*

## Messages From The Headteacher

A vast majority of pupils come to school wearing the full and correct school uniform; however as the weather is getting colder it is important to remind parents that only the St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School navy blue hat and scarf is permitted. Please note that I have secured a special price of £5 for the official school hat and scarf set. Finally, please ensure that your child wears a plain black or dark navy blue coat to school - no logos please. A copy of our School Uniform Policy is available upon request.

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Reading is a focus for the school and it is vital that your child reads everyday. Here are **10** ways to help your child learn how to be a good reader.

# 1. Read 2. Read 3. Read 4. Read 5. Read

6. Read 7. Read 8. Read 9. Read 10. Read



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### Notice To Year 6 Parents:

It is now essential that the Primary to Secondary transfer forms are completed and sent to Brent either by post or online. The deadline was 31 October 2011. Late applications will be treated as such.

God bless

**Mrs Titus, Headteacher**

### Attendance

This week, 329 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day and the whole school attendance for the week was 97%. The best class attendance is awarded to Classes 3F, 6D and 6F with 100% attendance all week.

Congratulations to the classes who did not receive an official late mark all week - 1G, 3F, 4K and 6F. Well done to all the children in 3F and 6F who attended every day and arrived on time!

### Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

In our Friday morning assembly, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort last week:

Martina 2B, Rio 2M, Vitoria 3F, Dylan 3M, Liam 3A, Mary 4O, Shaun 4K, Quincy 4D, Felix 5NW, Gromek 5M, Ernest 5E, Celina 6K, Patience 6D, Rhys 6F

**Student Of The Week Certificates** were issued to:

**Wasim 2M** - for always showing lovely manners to others

**Sahr 3A** - for making a great improvement in effort and attitude

**Aoife 5M** - for being a fabulous role model and always giving 100% effort

### Christmas Celebration Events

Last week, you will have received a letter letting you know that on **Friday 9 December**, Santa Claus will be visiting the school and that the children will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with our very special visitor! If you would like your child to have a photograph taken with Santa, please return the permission slip and correct money in an envelope by **Wednesday 7 December**. Please remember to write your child's name, class and 'Santa Claus Photo' on the envelope. If you need a copy of the letter, please ask at the school office.

Please show your support for our Christmas Spectacular event on **Friday 16 December** by donating prizes for the stalls. Thank you for the donations we have received so far. Unfortunately, we do not currently have enough to support all the stalls. Therefore we are asking you to dig deep in your pockets and send in donations. Anything will be gratefully appreciated – from unwanted toys, games, CDs, DVDs, bottles of alcohol and anything else that we could possibly sell on or use as a raffle prize. Also if any parents would like to make and donate food for our 'International Food Stall', please fill out your name on the list at Reception and deliver your donation on the day, preferably in the morning.

*Please note school will end at 1pm on Friday 16 December so we can set up the Christmas Spectacular for a 2pm start. Please help us by collecting your child promptly!*

### Year 6 Visit To National Gallery

On Tuesday 22 November, Year 6 classes went to the National Gallery in central London as part of their current learning.

The children investigated how ships have been portrayed throughout history. They were also given the opportunity to sketch portraits and find out about the artists and the names of the various paintings. We have a number of budding Picassos in Year 6 who were able to recreate very detailed sketches! Please talk to your child about this visit to find out more about the fun that was had on this wonderful learning experience.

### School Visitors

This week we were very pleased to welcome Father Stephen who came to visit our Year 1 classes. We were also very fortunate to receive visits from the dental health team and the police!

Year 3 received a visit from the dental health nurse as part of their learning on the topic of Healthy Eating & Teeth. The nurse helped the children to understand how sugary sweets affect the health of our teeth and that we must take good care of our teeth by brushing them properly at least twice a day.

The police came to St Joseph's on Thursday of this week to visit Year 5 and Year 6 classes. The children had the opportunity to sit in a traffic patrol vehicle and to speak with the police officer about his job.

***School will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 30 November due to the industrial action***