



# St Joseph's News

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*Any bitterness or bad temper or anger or shouting or abuse must be far removed from you -- as must every kind of malice. Be generous to one another, sympathetic, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Ephesians 4:31-32*

## Special Visit To Harry Potter World

On Friday 26 April, a small group of pupils went on a visit to the studios where the Harry Potter films were produced. This very special trip was arranged as a reward for the children that excelled in the recent 'World Maths Day' challenges.

The children were surprised to find out that another famous 'Harry' (Prince Harry) as well as the Duke and Duchess Of Cambridge were also visiting the studios on that day!

We will be publishing more photographs from this visit on the website but we hope you enjoy those that are printed below.

***My favourite part of that day was when we were searching for all 15 snitches. It was also brilliant to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Aoife 6H***

***I had a wonderful time at Harry Potter World. I hope I win World Maths Day next year so I can go there again! Natalia 6H***



Congratulations to Aoife (6H), Natalia (6H), Elijah (6N), Kane (4K), Patryk (4O) and Rodrigo (4O) for working hard and achieving outstanding results in the World Maths Day challenges - we hope that you enjoyed your reward!

## Attendance

During week beginning 22 April 2013, Classes 3A, 3M and 5D reached 100% attendance for the week. Year 3 and Year 5 were the best Year Groups overall with 99% attendance for the week.

In general, attendance has been very high across the school but this must be maintained to ensure all children access the learning opportunities provided at St Joseph's.

There has been a significant improvement with morning punctuality but there are still a small number of persistent offenders who stroll into school after 8.55am. ***This is not acceptable as it impacts on the learning of the child and interrupts the learning of those who have respected school rules by arriving on time.*** As KS1 children may arrive from 8.45am and KS2 children may arrive from 8.30am, there is no excuse for late arrival in the morning.

Last week, the school was in contact with the Police and Social Services as children had not been collected after school. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure they arrive by 3.20pm at the latest to collect their children. We will not hesitate to report further incidents to the authorities as this can be viewed as neglect and/or child abandonment.

## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

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

Konrad 2B, Matylda 2M, Sinead 3F, Tejuan 3M, Trudy-Bernadine 3A, Brandon 4O, Natalia 4K, Jack 4D, Calvin 5NW, Diogo 5M, Chloe 5D, Gabyson 6K, Tyrese 6H, Jay 6N

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

<b>Daniel 2M</b>	for being kind to someone who really needed a friend
<b>Aailie 5D</b>	a great example to others and a leader in the class with her exemplary behaviour
<b>Simona 6N</b>	for amazing improvement with test scores in SATs revision

## Dates For The Diary

<b>Monday 6 May</b>	NO SCHOOL - BANK HOLIDAY
<b>13 May to 17 May</b>	Year 6 SATs
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	Year 6 Trip To Chessington
<b>26 June to 28 June</b>	Year 6 Trip To Paris
<b>Tuesday 2 July</b>	Foundation Stage Sports Day
<b>Wednesday 3 July</b>	KS1 Sports Day (morning) KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)
<b>Friday 5 July</b>	Summer Fundraising Event (1.30pm to 4.00pm) <b>School will close to pupils at 12.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	Last day of school for pupils
<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>	Pupils back to school

***Please check the website, newsletters and noticeboards frequently for updates or amendments as we may need to make changes to some events owing to factors such as the weather.***

## Cancer Research Fundraising Appeal

Xsara Davies (5NW) and her mother will be taking part in a 'Race For Life' event at Regent's Park on Saturday 1 June 2013.

The Davies family are aiming to raise at least £300 for Cancer Research and have been prompted to take part in this event as they are supporting a friend who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer.

Xsara and her mother have already raised over £200 through pledges and online giving but would very much appreciate your donations to help exceed their target! You can make a pledge directly to Mrs Davies or Mr Davies if you see them at school. Alternatively, you can visit their fundraising page and also send a message of encouragement at [raceforlifesporsome.org/dangerous-davies](http://raceforlifesporsome.org/dangerous-davies)

We look forward to hearing more from Xsara and her mother when they have finished the race!

## Proposed School Uniform Changes

The children and parents have overwhelmingly agreed that it is time to change the school uniform and the children have also chosen their preferred colours and styles.

Samples of the new proposed uniform will be available for parents to view next week. We will be in touch via text and/or e-mail when the details are finalised.

Mrs Titus has negotiated an introductory price for the proposed blazer and kilt. This is to ensure that the uniform remains affordable, even with the improvement in the quality of the materials. Once finalised, we will be arranging a series of opportunities during this term for children to be fitted for the uniform.

We would like to thank parents and children for their support and enthusiasm. Unfortunately, there have been some unfounded rumours in relation to the cost of the proposed new uniform. Please be assured that blazers will not cost £50! Mrs Titus has always worked with our suppliers to secure the best possible deals for parents and will continue to do so.