



St Joseph's News

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'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. **Luke 5:10b-11**

Wednesday Word

The Gospel message we will hear at Mass this weekend is taken from Luke 5:1-11.

Jesus calls his first disciples from a group of tired fisherman who had been working through the night but had not caught a single fish. Jesus told them to cast their nets again and this time they caught so many fish that their nets tore. Simon Peter was amazed at this but asked Jesus to "Go away...for I am a sinful man." Jesus replies "Do not be afraid; from now you will be catching people." The fishermen left everything they had to follow Jesus.

Pope Francis tells us that "To follow Jesus means to share his merciful love for every human being."

In our lives, we are called first and foremost to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow the example of those who model Christian values in our daily lives.

In your family prayer and reflection time, you may wish to think about the ways in which we can follow Jesus but showing our love and mercy for others.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for calling us to **follow** you.

Please help us to be your faithful **followers** so that our world may become a better place.

Amen



Merit of the Week Award

The following children received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly this morning for excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

Amiah 2M, Simone 2W, Shanique 3C, Tremaine 3M, Sheldon 4K,
Nana 4G, Alberta 4W, Georgine 5L, Rui 5M, Sylvia 6M and Oswald 6R

Student of the Week Award

2W	Robert P	For being a role model with his positive attitude
3C	Kieran	For a great effort with handwriting presentation
5L	Cressida	For always having a positive approach to learning

Attendance

Last week, Classes 1O and 5L achieved the best attendance award with 100% attendance. More classes must aim for 100% next week to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the attendance reward trip.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

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

REMINDER: School will be closed for the half-term break starting from Monday 15 February

As we have an INSET day on Monday 22 February, children return to school on Tuesday 23 February

Lenten Appeal From the Head Girl

St. Joseph's Chain

As a result, of the Catholic Children's Society donating £10,000 to our school after the fire, we have decided to support the Catholic Children's Society during Lent for all the great work they do. We will be organising a fundraiser called, The St. Joseph's Chain.

This event will take place on the grounds of St. Joseph's. We are asking every child to donate £1 towards this event and each coin donated will be placed inside the hall, to form the shape of a chain. This entire event will take place on Thursday 11th February, 2016 during the time of Lent. The event will be under the leadership of the School Council with the support of staff members.

All we are asking for is £1 from every child to say thank you to the Catholic Children's Society for helping us during a difficult and challenging time. It's the least we can do for them. Thank you very much for giving up your time to read this note and I hope you understand how important this is and how important it was to get our education back on track.

In addition, this event is a kick start to the Lenten Appeal and to the Lenten Boxes that your child will be given so, please support the Appeal.

Thank you!

Ciara, 6R

Head Girl.



Building Fund

Thank you to all the families who have responded to the Building Fund appeal so we can maintain our excellent standards for the children of St Joseph's.

We are still grateful to receive your contributions if you have not yet taken the opportunity to do so. Please ensure that your cash/cheque is placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked 'Building Fund' and with your child's name and class.

St Joseph's Building Works

Mrs Titus and the Chair of Governors continue to attend regular meetings in relation to the works on the building.

This week, we were able to access some areas of the ground and first floor.

