



St Joseph's News

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. **John 10:10**

Catholic Life of the School

The Gospel reading on Good Shepherd Sunday is from John 10:1-10 in which Jesus tells his followers about making the right choices.

Jesus says that sheep know the voice of their shepherd and will follow him. They will not recognise the voice of a stranger and will run away from him. Jesus says he is the gate which the sheep must go through; anyone who enters through Jesus will be safe. The reading ends with Jesus declaring that he has come so "that they may have life and have it to the full."

Jesus is showing us that we can trust him to lead us to a full life on earth before we move on to the joy of eternal life. But he also warns us to be careful; to listen to his voice and not to the voice of the 'thief' who comes only to "steal and kill and destroy".

It is reassuring to know that Jesus is calling us and we just need to listen and respond. We also have people in our daily lives who show us how to live in a way that is pleasing to God. Our teachers, parents, catechists and priests can help guide us to Jesus so we can learn about and experience the fullness of life in God's love.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to ask Jesus to speak to you about the good things he is leading you to. You can also ask for Jesus to show you the good 'shepherds' in your life - who can help you in making good choices?



The voice of Jesus is unmistakable! He guides us along the path of life.
(Pope Francis)

Holy Communion

Many of our Year 3 and Year 4 children will soon be making their First Holy Communion.

We would love to share your photographs of this special time on the school website. Please email your photographs to Mrs Studd at info@stjo.brent.sch.uk with the subject 'Communion'.

It is helpful for photographs to be in the landscape style if you would like them to be considered for the school website.



Attendance

Classes 5S and 6L have won the Attendance Cup this week for achieving best class attendance.

The Classes with the best attendance for the year so far are 2S, 4O, 6L and 6R.

Punctuality is improving. Please remember that all children from Reception to Year 6 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.

Items Brought to School

All children and parents should be well aware that toys and games are not permitted in school unless a specific request has been sent home in a letter.

However, a number of children have recently brought in 'fidget spinners' which look similar to the image on the right. Please ensure that your child is aware that this item cannot be brought to school.



Please ensure that you do not provide nuts or items containing nuts for your children to eat at school. We have a number of children who could experience a severe allergic reaction if they come into direct or indirect contact with these products.

If your child requires a snack for break times or while attending an after school club, please provide a piece of fruit.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Dates for the Diary

- Year 6 SATS will take place during **week beginning 8 May**
- Year 2 formal assessments will take place during **week beginning 22 May**
- School will be closed to pupils **week beginning 29 May** for the half-term break
- School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 8 June** as the school will be used as a Polling Station
- Year 1 formal Phonics assessments will take place during **week beginning 12 June**

Behaviour

At St Joseph's, we have the highest expectations for standards of behaviour. Therefore, if any child is placed on 'Restart', parents will be informed.

Children will be held to account if their behaviour disrupts the learning experience for themselves or others. Parents are expected to fully support this policy in line with their agreement to follow all school procedures when they accepted a place for their child to attend St Joseph's.

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 Executive 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.

St Joseph's Mission Statement

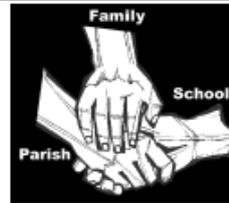
At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings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

In order to achieve our mission:

- 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

From Easter to Pentecost

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Easter to Pentecost

This framework of learning is intended as the first for the Summer Term in the academic year 2016/2017. This framework explores the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes:

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of openness and wonder about the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit
- An appreciation of the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives
- An ability to wonder about questions that are difficult to answer
- Reflectiveness in prayer

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 higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- We celebrate the gift of life in this world and in death in the resurrection. Life is full of resurrection moments, when we are so glad to be alive! Write down some of these and use them in pray at mealtimes or bedtimes.
- Pentecost is on June 4 this year. This framework teaches Pope Francis as a person led and guided by the Spirit. Talk to your children about people you think are led by the Spirit. What do they do?

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Pray for those who have died.

We remember (say name, light candle) who has gone to their eternal rest.

Tell them, God, how much we love them, how much we miss them. Tell them we carry their stories in our lives.

Today we rejoice that Jesus lived and died and is risen. Today we trust you, Jesus, that there is life after death and that you will always be with us, loving us and leading us home.

Glory be to God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.

Amen