



St Joseph's News

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No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Remembrance Sunday

At mass this Sunday we will have the opportunity to think about the sacrifices made by those who protected our freedom in past wars. We will also pray for those who are currently engaged in conflict across the world. This year also commemorates 100 years since the start of World War One.

You may wish to reflect on the verse below which is an extract from Robert Laurence Binyon's poem 'The Fallen'.

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***



School Photographer

Please remember that the school photographer will be at St Joseph's on **Monday 10 November** for individual photographs and also for sibling photographs where this has been requested in advance.

Therefore, please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform on Monday including their school jumper or cardigan.

Please also check this weekend that your child's hairstyle is in line with the spirit of the school policy and that children who wear earrings only have small gold or silver studs.

School Uniform Reminder

The School Uniform Policy is very clear about expectations for the children's presentation and our expectations for parental support in this matter. As previously stated, if you are unclear about any aspect of the school's position on the matter of hairstyles, you should err on the side of caution and ensure that your child's hair is all one length with the exception of styles with a fringe which must be cut above the eyes. Longer hair must be tied back with a simple black or navy elastic band.

All children **must** now be wearing the official school coat - no other outdoor coat or jacket is allowed. For a limited time, these will still be available from the school office at the special price of £15.

Attendance

Classes RG, 5Q and 6R achieved 100% attendance this week.

A high number of late marks were recorded this week, particularly on Friday. We understand that there are some local traffic problems but if you are aiming to arrive by 8.30am then your child should still arrive on time even if there are any unexpected circumstances. **The gates close at 8.55am so all children must be in school by this time. Late arrivals cause disruption for the school and it is also embarrassing for the child.**

While we enjoy celebrating excellent attendance, we must remember the long term benefits of your child being in school every day - they will access all aspects of the curriculum and reach their full potential.

Please arrange routine appointments out of school hours and remember that holidays are banned.

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)