



# St Joseph's News

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O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch. Psalm 5:3

## Acton Homeless Concern

We have received a 'thank you' letter from Acton Homeless Concern at Emmaus House in which they wish to thank all of our children, parents and staff for the amazing amount of food which was donated in December 2014.

The work of this charity continues throughout the year as families and individuals continue to face hardship and are in real need of support. Please pray for the staff and volunteers of Emmaus House as they continue to serve and meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our local community. Please also remember to pray for those who are being supported by Acton Homeless Concern; pray that this year will bring opportunities to improve their circumstances.

Here is a reminder of the thoughts of Louise (6K) and Yasmine (6R) following their visit to Emmaus House:

***The people being supported have no food, no families, no homes.***

***We should be so grateful for what we have and for the luxuries we have in life.***

***When we arrived, there were people waiting outside for food. They looked so grateful for the food we brought. We were heartbroken and said that we would like to work even harder to help these people.***

## Encouragement From Pope Francis

On 22 December, Pope Francis met with employees of the Holy See and of Vatican City State, with their families, for the exchange of Christmas greetings.

In his address, Pope Francis offered encouragement and guidance which all of us should reflect on as part of our commitment to grow closer to Jesus in this new year:

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| To take care of our spiritual life                       | To take care of our work                    |
| To take care of our family life                          | To take care of weaker brothers and sisters |
| To take care of relationships with others                | To take care of hurts through forgiveness   |
| To take care of the real meaning of Christmas            | To take care of our spoken communication    |
| To rid ourselves from envy and other negative sentiments |   |

## Message From Fr Stephen

**Cardinal Vincent** will offer the 11.00am mass at the Shrine Of Our Lady Of Willesden on Sunday 11 January. He will bless the newly installed font and celebrate Holy Baptism. Liquid refreshments will be provided after mass but Parishioners are asked to contribute food for our celebration.

## Attendance

This week, Classes 1M, 3C, 4D, 5M and 6R achieved 100% attendance.

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)**

# St Joseph's Healthy Tuck Shop

On Monday 12 January the School Council will be opening St Joseph's Healthy Tuck Shop. The tuck shop will be open to all children in the juniors at play time breaks.

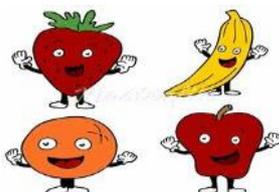
We will be selling juice drinks and healthy snacks. All items will be priced at 20p each.

To make sure that our Healthy Tuck Shop runs smoothly we have a few rules:

- Children are allowed to bring in up to 40p maximum a day to spend.
- The money that children bring in to spend is their own responsibility. Adults in the school will not look after money for you. If you lose any money we will not be able to replace it.
- Children cannot lend money to each other to buy items from the shop or buy items for friends.
- We hope that our healthy tuck shop will be a great success as any profits we make will go towards buying more resources for break times.

Thank you for your support

St Joseph's School Council



## School Calendar

Please refer to the term dates on the school calendar before making any holiday bookings. You can check the [school website](#) as the first point reference and seek verification from the school office.

To avoid the potential consequences of an Education Penalty Notice being issued, please DO NOT book holidays or routine appointment during school time.