



St Joseph's News

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If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly... James 1:5

Year 6 SATs

Next week, the Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. They have prepared well for these assessments and we are very proud of the mature approach Year 6 have displayed by taking responsibility for their learning.

The Year 6 children should arrive at school at their usual time next week which means they can go to the upper hall from 8.30am. Please do not send your children earlier than 8.30am as they will not be supervised but do ensure they are in school on time as tests will start promptly at 9.00am.

Year 6 have worked very hard to ensure that the outcome of their SATs assessments is a genuine reflection of all they have learned, not just this year, but in all the time they have been at St Joseph's.

Please keep the children in your prayers; ask God to send his Holy Spirit so the children are calm, organised and remember all they have learned.

Late Collection After School

Parents must ensure they arrive at the correct time to collect their child after school or after their extra-curricular activities.

It is completely unacceptable to arrive late for your child as they can become distressed and embarrassed. School staff have important tasks and duties to complete after the end of the school day but supervising 'left behind' children has an impact on planning and meetings.

Please arrive in plenty of time and, on the *rare* occasion when you are delayed, please inform the school so we can reassure your child.

Your courtesy and respect for the school staff is anticipated and appreciated.

Holidays During Term Time

Please remember that holidays during term time are banned at St Joseph's.

The school year ends on Friday 19 July and pupils return on Wednesday 4 September. Any families that choose to start their summer holiday before the end of term, or return after the start of the new school year, will be automatically referred to Brent's Education Welfare Service. Consequences for unauthorised leave includes the issuing of an instant penalty fine notice.

Please respect the school rules on this matter which are intended to ensure your child can access every learning opportunity at St Joseph's and reach their full potential.

Attendance

During week beginning 29 April 2013, Classes 1P, 3A, 6K and 6N reached 100% attendance for the week. Year 3 and Year 6 were the best Year Groups overall with over 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.

All children who arrive after 8.55am will have their name taken so they can receive the appropriate mark on the register if it has already left the classroom.

Please do not distract or challenge the staff taking the names of children as this is a very important safeguarding procedure. SCHOOL GATES ARE SHUT PROMPTLY AT 9.00AM.

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:

Lukas 2B, Tracy 2M, Joshua 3F, Joana 3M, Camille 3A, Helder 4O, Margaret Mary 4K, Gabriel 4D, Melanie 5NW, Ryan 5M, Kieshirah 5D

Student Of The Week Certificates were issued to:

Ciara 3F for a huge improvement in writing and making a great effort in all subjects

Fabiana 4K for great improvement in all aspects of school life

Aleksander 5NW for having a really co-operative and enthusiastic attitude

Dates For The Diary

13 May to 17 May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 22 May	Year 6 Trip To Chessington
26 June to 28 June	Year 6 Trip To Paris
Tuesday 2 July	Foundation Stage Sports Day
Wednesday 3 July	KS1 Sports Day (morning) KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)
Friday 5 July	Summer Fundraising Event (1.30pm to 4.00pm) School will close to pupils at 12.30pm
Friday 19 July	Last day of school for pupils
Wednesday 4 September	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.

Cake Sales

The Cake Sales continue every Friday, after school, in the junior playground. The remaining Year Groups are:



Year 3 Friday 17 May

Year 4 Friday 24 May

Year 5 Friday 7 June

Year 6 Friday 14 June



Holy Communion Photographs

If you take any photographs of your children as they celebrate their First Holy Communion, we would like to share them on our website.

Please remember that we will not be able to use photographs that include people outside of your immediate family so we would recommend you only provide us with photos with just the child and the parents/siblings/priest.

Please see Mrs Studd if you have photographs which we can publish on our website and on our display boards in the school.