



St Joseph's News

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With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" **Mark 15:37-39**

Easter Message From The Headmistress

As a Catholic community, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday this weekend and entering the period known as 'Holy Week' when we reflect on Christ's journey to the Cross.

On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Jesus humbly rode into the city on a donkey but He was greeted as a king. In Matthew 21:9 we are told that the crowds cried out "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" so it is only right that we remember this occasion with a sense of celebration.

The remainder of Holy Week is of course more sombre as we consider the sacrifice that Jesus made to take our sins upon Himself. The fact that His death was by crucifixion demonstrates that Jesus truly suffered for our transgressions.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate once again as the resurrection of Christ is commemorated through church services and with the traditions of giving Easter eggs as a symbol of new life.

I pray that you will all experience a period of reflection and reconciliation next week and that you enjoy a very happy and safe holiday.

God Bless

Mrs Titus

Year 4 Passion Service

On Thursday 10 April, Year 4 led the traditional Passion Service at St Joseph's and we were joined by many of their parents for this very special event.

The events of Holy Week were presented beautifully and confidently to a large audience who enjoyed the acting and singing talents of all the children.

Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for coming together to share and reflect on the last days of Jesus Christ. It is always wonderful to celebrate, reflect and remember as a school family and as a Catholic community.



Attendance

This week, Classes 4O and 5R achieved 100% attendance.

Classes RM, RG, 3A, 3F, 5R and 6K received NO late marks this week.

As Year 3 to Year 6 children may arrive from 8.30am and Year 1 to Year 2 can arrive from 8.45am, there is no excuse for regular lateness. Please respect your children's right to learn by getting them to school on time.

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)

Easter Holiday starts on Monday 14 April. Children return to St Joseph's on Monday 28 April.

Year 2 Trip To London Zoo

Last week, Year 2 classes had a fantastic day at London Zoo which was organised to support their current and future learning on the themes of variation, homes and nocturnal animals.

Please speak with your children about this special trip. You may wish to seek opportunities to make visits to similar settings during the Easter holiday to support your child's learning.



School Uniform

Please be reminded that summer dresses and shorts are no longer part of the school uniform. Short sleeved fully buttoned school shirts can be worn as an alternative to the long sleeved school shirt.

All children should now be wearing the new PE polo shirt for PE lessons. Please ensure that you purchase the PE polo shirt from Ace Clothing during the Easter holiday if your child does not have this yet.

Please ensure that your child returns to school on Monday 28 April in full uniform which is in good condition. Hairstyles must conform with the instructions and ethos of the School Uniform Policy so please do not allow haircuts which do not meet school standards and expectations.

Peer Mentors

St Joseph's has a wonderful team of Peer Mentors who are on duty at lunch times to make sure that everyone has someone to play with or talk to.

The team have also become affectionately known as the 'Red Hats' owing to the distinctive headwear which helps other children to notice them so they can approach them for support if required. Here are some quotes from the Peer Mentors:

We are helping children by advising them how to share, play fairly and look after the playground.

We try to boost confidence if children need support with social skills.

I enjoy this role because I have responsibility for helping to care for my peers.

I enjoy the interaction with younger children and they are happy when I play with them.

Being a 'Red Hat' is fun because I can make new friends while supporting my outstanding school.

It helps my social skills and I love playing with others who need a friend.



Lenten Appeal Boxes

We have had so many boxes returned to school that we have not been able to count all the money yet!

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the Lenten Appeal. We look forward to announcing the final figure after the Easter holiday.