



St Joseph's News

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Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

St Valentine's Day Prayer



I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.



Half-term Dates

Please remember that the last day of school is **Friday 13 February** and that children return to school on **Wednesday 25 February** as we have two INSET days.

School Administration

- Please remember that payments for any services or activities must be made in full and in advance. Dinner money should be paid on Monday morning at least one week in advance. Parents are welcome to pay further ahead if they wish to do so.
- Parents **MUST** telephone the school or inform in person by 9.00am every day if their child cannot come to school. This is a very important safeguarding procedure as the school is obliged to report to the Local Authority when we do not know the whereabouts of a child and this can instigate Social Services and Police involvement. When you know in advance that your child will be absent - even if it is just part of the day - please bring in the appropriate documentation or complete a Reason For Absence form prior to the absence.

Attendance

This week Classes RG, 5M and 6R achieved 100% attendance.

CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL BY 8.55am. Year 1 and Year 2 children can arrive from 8.40am and children in Years 3 to 6 can arrive from 8.30am so there is no excuse for persistent lateness. Please support your child's educational progress by ensuring they arrive in plenty of time.

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)

'Bike It' Breakfast Show Some Love For Your Bike

During week beginning 9 February 2015, we have had a number of activities and events ending with our 'Show Some Love For Your Bike' competition on Friday 13 February.

We had a great breakfast with children and their parents on Wednesday 11 February. On the same day we also had our Police Community Support Officer in school to security mark the bicycles. We were also very fortunate to have a 'Dr Bike' team at St Joseph's to check that the bicycles and scooters are safe to use on the roads.

Thank you to all the parents who encourage their children to ride their bikes and scooters safely and for taking part in our special events. Please check our website for more information and photographs.



St Valentine's Day Fun Activities

On Friday 13 February, the children came to school in red or pink colours in celebration of St Valentine's Day which is remembered on 14 February.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed class parties which were organised as part of our fundraising events. We are currently raising money for new equipment for both the Infant and the Junior playgrounds so your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Year 1 Visit To Science Museum

This week, our Year 1 classes went on an exciting trip to the Science Museum in South Kensington. The children visited the 'Who Am I' gallery to support their learning on senses and how this helps our body to work.

They also had the opportunity to visit other exhibits at the museum including 'Making The Modern World' and 'Space'. This provided extended learning opportunities as the children discovered how the world has developed over time.

