When Jesus spoke to the people again, He said: I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life.  

John 8:12

School Uniform

Ace Clothing will be at school next Friday to sell official winter school uniform with many items at reduced prices. Please report to the main reception area from 2.30pm on Friday 23 November if you would like to take this opportunity to pick up some bargains!

Please remember that all children are expected to adhere to the official school uniform code. This includes appropriate hairstyles which should not pose a health and safety risk or be used to express a fashion statement. If any parents are still unclear about our expectations, please check the school uniform policy on the website or request a printed copy from the school office.

Message and Visit From Father Stephen

- Parents are now collecting applications for Primary (Reception Class) Entrance. These forms will need to be countersigned by the Priest at the church which the family regularly attends Mass. Father Stephen will be arranging interviews for Primary Entrance applications in late December and early January (and NOT before!) for the families who attend The Shrine Of Our Lady Of Willesden.

- On Wednesday, Father Stephen visited Year 4 classes to discuss the theme of ‘light’ which is currently relevant to the Hindu community as they celebrate Diwali - ‘The Festival of Lights’. Father Stephen and the children discussed how ‘light’ is also important in the Catholic faith as we believe Jesus Christ is the ‘Light Of The World’. Please speak with your children as they continue to grow in their faith. You may find the bible verse above is a good starting point for a discussion.

School Council Meeting

On Tuesday 6 November, the St Joseph’s School Council had a very productive second meeting. The children decided on their main aims and discussed what they would like to achieve this year in their roles as representatives of all the children at St Joseph’s. The School Council also voted on who they thought would be the ideal people for key positions. Having completed the election process, the St Joseph’s School Council are delighted to announce the following positions for 2012-13:

- Chairperson: Aoife Hanrahan (6H)
- Vice Chairperson: Paris Joseph (5D)
- Secretary: Jerrel Zapanta (6H)
- Vice Secretary: Kai Tagle (6K)

Attendance Policy Update

Brent’s Education Welfare Service (EWS) has published for schools their updated procedures for dealing with unauthorised and/or persistent absenteeism.

Penalty Notices are now more likely to be used by the local authority than in previous years as parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child is attending school.

The EWS document can be accessed by clicking here or you can visit the ‘Attendance’ section of the school website. If you require a printed copy, please make a request to Mrs Studd via the school office.

Attendance

During week beginning 05 November 2012, Classes NAM, 1P, 3A, 3F, 3M, 4D, 4K, 5M and 6H all achieved 100% attendance.

Classes 6K and 6N were very close behind having achieved 99% attendance.

Have you made your Heroes & Villains outfit yet?

The time for action is coming soon!!
St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Primary School
Christmas Bonanza!

Date: Friday 7 December 2012
Time: 2pm – 5pm

This year we will have Funhouse and Chair-o-Planes funfair rides and our special guest, Father Christmas, who will be waiting in his grotto to see all the lovely pupils at St Joseph’s!

There will also be Christmas stalls, face painting, Hook-a-Duck, bottle stalls, toys, raffle, tombola, cakes etc. Food will also be available and will include hotdogs, meatballs, international food, candy floss, sweets, crisps and children’s drinks.

There will also be a selection of drinks for our hardworking parents including mulled wine, Irish coffee, hot chocolate, tea, coffee and beer!

To make our event a success, we need donations of any of the following:

- Bottles of alcohol for the bottle stall and the raffle
- DVDs and CDs
- Toys
- Unwanted gifts / vouchers
- Baked goods (cakes, buns, muffins, pies etc) for our cake stall
- Any crafted goods or bric-a-brac
- International food
- Anything else you can spare to help with our fundraising efforts!

Please ensure that the items you donate are in good condition so we can resell them or use them for prizes. All donations will be gratefully received!

Your support is vital to us, to help us raise money towards the new bike shed so that pupils have somewhere safe and secure to keep their bikes during the day and to make St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Primary School the best that it can be.

Parents, please note that if you work for a large company, we would like you to ask for donations for us – everything will help!

Also some big companies or banks might like to price-match a stall, meaning they match the money we raise – it can’t hurt to ask everyone to support our school!