



St Joseph's News

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But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **John 16:13**

Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday, we will celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Trinity in which we will learn more about God's true nature which is one of love. We are also reminded that in God there are three persons; the Father who creates us, the Son who saves us and the Spirit who gives us life.

'Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.' (Pope Francis)

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on the Trinity and the different ways in which we can relate to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

'God cannot be grasped by the mind. If he could be grasped, he would not be God.' (Evagrius of Pontus)



First Holy Communion

Many of our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks.

We would be delighted to share this important stage in your child's faith with the whole school community. If you have any photographs which we can publish in our newsletter and on our website, please email these to Mrs Studd at info@stjo.brent.sch.uk

Key Dates and Events

The summer term is always full of exciting events including school trips and special visits.

Owing to the unpredictable weather, some events may be subject to change, so please check your child's bag regularly for any updates. We may also send updates by text message so please ensure the school office has your current mobile number.

The list below details the events we have planned to support the children's learning:

- Week beginning 23 May** Year 5 residential trip to Gordon Brown Centre
- Wednesday 25 May** Class 4K trip to Welsh Harp
- Friday 27 May** Reception classes to Kidzania
- Tuesday 7 June** London Fire Brigade visit to Year 2 classes
- Thursday 9 June** Year 6 attending Good Shepherd's Mass at Westminster Cathedral
- Friday 17 June** St Joseph's celebration for Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday

Attendance

During week beginning 9 May, Classes 4K and 6M achieved 100% attendance. This is a fantastic effort which will help children's learning and progress.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

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 Mission Statement

At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

In order to achieve our mission:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

The Backpack Appeal

The Mini Vinnies have sent home a letter to all families this week to give more details about the 'Backpack Appeal' which has been launched by Mary's Meals.

Please check the letter carefully for information as to how you can help support a child to receive an education in countries such as Malawi and Liberia. These children love going to school every day and they really enjoy their learning but they do need our help with some basic resources.

Well done to the Mini Vinnies for organising the Appeal at St Joseph's and for volunteering their time to help support others.



Wanted Items

Backpack/School Bag
Exercise Book/Notepad
Pencils
Pens
Crayons
Eraser
Ruler
Sharpener
Pencil Case
Towel
shorts / skirt & t-shirt, or dress
Flip Flops/Sandals
Small Ball eg Tennis Ball
Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Spoon

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion.

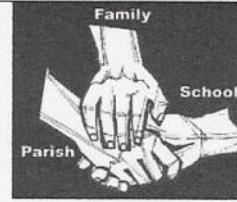
Some parents have sent us wonderful photographs which were taken to remember this very special occasion.



From Easter to Pentecost

Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This resource continues learning about Easter by exploring the Season of Easter, the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Belief in the resurrection is presented as one the founding belief of Christians and, together with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as the rationale for 'caritas'; love of God that lead to acts of charity. This unit teaches from the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A strengthened sense of belief in the resurrection of Jesus
- A willingness to accept the obligation to care for those less fortunate than ourselves

- A sense of how the resurrection provides a way of living

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Easter is a time of reflection, thanksgiving and celebration. Make a point of undertaking some charitable works: give time, money or your support to someone who needs it.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Loving God, In loving you we are called to love others in practical and real ways. May we have eyes to see the needs of those around us and the hearts and minds to do something about meeting them. Amen