



St Joseph's News

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Peter answered, 'You must repent and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' Acts 2:38

Pentecost Sunday

This weekend, the Christian community around the world will take part in **Pentecost** services. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word 'pentekostos' which means 'fiftieth'.

This very holy day celebrates the 50th day of the Easter period when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Jesus had promised his Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit and they also received the gifts of the Spirit so they could preach the Gospel across the land. On the first Pentecost Sunday, around 3,000 people were baptised and became followers of Christ.

Please attend mass this weekend to celebrate this important feast day and to remember the free gift of the Spirit which Jesus generously gives to all who believe in Him.

Absence Reporting

Despite numerous reminders, the school still spends an unacceptable amount of time and resources chasing up the parents who have not followed procedures regarding school absence. Please meet your **statutory responsibilities** as detailed below:

- Children should attend school every day
- The registers are taken at 8.55am so your child should be on the school grounds by 8.50am. KS2 children may arrive as early as 8.30am to read quietly in the school hall
- If your child arrives after 8.55am, their name will be written in the 'late book' so we can mark the child as present when the register is returned to the office. This is to meet safeguarding and health & safety regulations
- Children arriving at 9.00am or later will receive an official late mark on their attendance record. There are no admissions after 9.15am unless the school has received advance notification of the reason for lateness
- Please try to arrange appointments outside of school hours or later in the afternoon where possible. Most hospitals, clinics and GP surgeries can offer suitable appointment times on request. In the event of an urgent medical issue, you may find the local walk-in centres more convenient as these are usually open from early morning to late evening
- If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school every morning before 9.00am so we know the reason for the absence. This **must be** followed with a written explanation when your child returns to school. You may write a letter from home or you can complete the Reason For Absence form which is available from the main school office. This form can also be downloaded from the school website

St Joseph's News - Newsletter On Website

Please note that the newsletter is published every Friday on the school website. If you are receiving a **paper copy** of the newsletter, please complete the slip below and return to the school office if you can now view the newsletter online instead.

Please do not send further printed copies of St Joseph's News as I can view the online version via e-mail.

Child's Name :

Child's Class :

Year 4 - Icarus and Daedalus

The Year 4 classes have been designing and creating wings using recycled household materials. This exciting design and technology project links with the current study on the topic of the Ancient Greeks.

The children have been learning about Greek myths including the story of Icarus and Daedalus. The important moral of that story is that we should always listen to our elders and be humble!

Please talk to your children about this creative and collaborative learning experience in which the children had the opportunity to use numerous skills including art, reading, writing and using their investigative skills.



School Uniform

Thank you to all the parents who adhere to the school uniform policy by ensuring their children wear only official St Joseph's clothing at school.

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the number of girls who are wearing hair accessories which do not comply with the uniform code. Please remember that only black or navy simple bands are allowed.

We are also having to remind some children that only **small stud** earrings for pierced ears are allowed. This ruling applies to girls and boys so do not allow your child to wear any other type of earring. The only colour of earrings permitted are gold, silver, blue and white.

Class Photographs

The school photographer will be taking the annual class photographs from 9.00am on Monday 28 May. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and is wearing the correct school uniform.

School Caps

Only the official St Joseph's hats/caps are allowed at school so please do not send your child to school with any other headwear. The school caps can be bought directly from the school office at a discounted price of £3.00.

School Playground Notices

- ◆ The gates to the junior playground will not be open until 3.10pm as outdoor lessons will be taking place. Please do not press the intercom to gain entry before this time.
- ◆ Bicycles and scooters must not be used on the school premises and this includes all outdoor areas. This is a health & safety concern as riding bike and scooters increases the risk of accidents. If you would like your child to use a scooter before or after school, please take control of the equipment on the school premises. You must also write to the school for permission if a bicycle is to be left on the premises as we have a limited space for storage.

Football Report

On Wednesday of this week, the St Joseph's football team played against Mitchell Brook Primary School. St Joseph's won the match 2-1 with goals from Felix (5NW) and Shaun (4D). You may remember the recent news that Shaun has signed for the Watford Football Academy so it is good to see him putting his talent to great use for St Joseph's!

This was a tough match but the whole team stayed strong and played very well to secure the win. This was a great team effort but 'Man Of The Match' goes to Shaun for his outstanding performance.

Attendance

During the week beginning 14 May, 334 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day. The best class attendance was awarded to Classes 3F, 4O, 5E, 6D and 4K for achieving 100% attendance. Well done to Classes RS, 6D, 6F and 6K who had no late marks recorded during the week beginning 14 May.

