



St Joseph's News

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This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **1 John 4:9**

Wednesday Word

The Gospel reading we will hear at Mass this weekend is taken from Luke 13:1-9.

In this message, we learn about growth and change. The fig tree in this parable represents God's people and the gardener is Jesus. The gardener in the story is patient; he nurtures and helps to bring change.

Pope Francis tells us that "We can all change for the better. Lent helps us fight against any faults."

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to ask God for his help in making the changes we need to put in place so we can become more like Jesus. Ask for strength to continue to grow in your faith and goodness.



Merit of the Week Award

The following children received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly this morning for excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

Viktoria 2M, Joyce 2W, Abbisha 3C, Josiah 3M, Gabrielle 4K, Marika 4G,
Tyrese 4W, Melchisedek 5L, Corey 5M, Courtney 6M and Stella 6R

Student of the Week Award

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| 3M | Nia | For consistent hard work and excellent approach to all aspects of school life |
| 4G | Kajetan | For always trying his best in everything he does |
| 5M | Victoria | For being an excellent role model |

World Book Day

A reminder to parents that our School Council has invited all children to take part in celebrating **World Book Day** on Thursday 3 March.

The theme for this day will be to dress up as a character from a children's book. A competition will be held and prizes will be given for the most creative outfits.

The School Council have asked for a contribution of £1 per child to take part with all monies raised going to the Catholic Children's Society.

Attendance

During week beginning 8 February, Class 4G achieved 100% attendance. More classes must aim for 100% every week to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the attendance reward trip.

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)

Acton Homeless Concern

In response to the wonderful donations made by the St Joseph's school community in December 2015, Acton Homeless Concern have written a letter to the parents and children.

Mr Breen, the Director of the charity stated "If it were not for your generosity, the charity would not be able to function."

In 2 Corinthians 9:11, St Pauls tells us "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God."

Thank you to all the children, parents and family members who supported this Christmas appeal for essential food and toiletry items. Your donations made a significant difference to a whole community.

St Joseph's Tuck Shop

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about some changes in our school tuck shop.

The School Council has looked at the money which is received through sales and the cost of purchasing the snacks. We have found that no profit is made from the tuck shop which means that we cannot expand and sell stationery to the children.

From Monday 29 February, the cost of items will be as follows:

Snack Bars - 30p each
Drinks - 25p each

It would also help the School Council if children bring the correct change to school for the items they wish to purchase.

Trudy-Bernadine
School Council Treasurer

The 'Pupil Voice'



At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, we provide a number of opportunities for the pupils to contribute to the life of the school. We also encourage the children to share their ideas about further school improvement.

One of the ways in which children can represent all the pupils is through St Joseph's **School Council**. The members are elected by their peers every year using the same democratic principles by which we choose our local and national government representatives. The School Council meet regularly to review the resources available for learning and for play.

The current School Council members are:

3M Nia and Lukas, **3C** Vanessa and Jeremiah, **4W** Giulia and Bartlomiej, **4G** Nikola and Maciej, **4K** Medine and Daniel, **5M** Aleksandra and Dymitr, **5L** Anithaney and Leone, **6M** Calicia, Martina and Kai, **6R** Trudy, Nas and Dominis



Another way in which the pupils can contribute to the life of the school community is through **Mini Vinnies**.

This is a very special school group in which the volunteers consider how they can help to promote the Catholic ethos of the school. One of the main aims is to help the needy within the school community and beyond.

Their first project is to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society during the Lenten period. This is in response to the overwhelming support the charity gave to the families of St Joseph's with a £10,000 donation just days after the devastating fire in September 2015. This generous gift helped our parents with the replacement of uniform items which were lost or damaged in the fire.

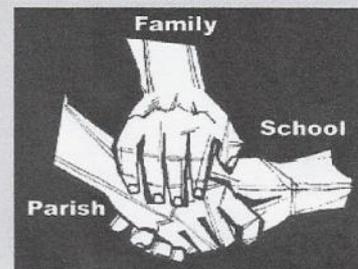
The current Mini Vinnies are:

Year 4 Emily, Gabrielle, Callum, Alton, Olga, Anghelito, Alexander, Julia T, Kajetan and Bethel; **Year 5** Matylda, Lukas, Luke, Natalia, Lukas, Dimitr, Victor, Alexandra, Chloe, Amerie; **Year 6** Kasarachi, Leesha and Ciara



From Lent to Easter - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework is intended as the second in the Spring Term 2016– leading from the beginning of Lent to Good Friday. It continues to focus on the Gospel of Luke in inviting pupils to read and study Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus. During this unit, pupils will also learn about the Stations of the Cross.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

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

- A sense of reflection and prayer
- An openness to the presence of God in the Eucharist

- A willingness to be part of Lent and Easter celebrations

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.

- Adopt some Lenten practices at home this Lent: Pray; given alms (give to charity) and give ups something. As a family decide to give up a negative attitude or behaviour this Lent such as being critical, thoughtless, nagging or avoiding responsibilities.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Lord,

As we begin (continue) this journey with you to Easter, help us to remember to stay close to you in what we do, and what we think, and what we say.

Make us mindful of those around us, particularly those who suffer, and help us to give generously of our time, our thoughtfulness and our gifts this Lent.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen