



St Joseph's News

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*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27*

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8 November, we will remember the sacrifices made by so many which has ensured we can continue to enjoy our freedom and to support those who do not have the same privilege as us.

The **National Service of Remembrance**, held at The Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday, ensures that no-one is forgotten as the nation unites to honour all who have suffered or died in war.

The Queen will pay tribute alongside Members of the Cabinet, Opposition Party leaders, former Prime Ministers, the Mayor of London and other ministers. Representatives of the Armed Forces, Fishing Fleets and Merchant Air and Navy will be there, as well as faith communities and High Commissioners of Commonwealth countries.

In many parts of the world, war, conflict and suppression is still affecting the daily lives of men, women and children. Therefore, we must continue to pray for resolutions and peace; for the world to be as God designed and intended.

While we enjoy our freedom, this comes with responsibility. God granted us free will but we must make appropriate choices for ourselves and for others.

As we reflect and remember those who have already made sacrifices, let us also make a commitment to respect and be responsible with the freedom we were originally granted by God and which has been protected by those who have defended us.

You may find it helpful in your family prayer time to share this prayer by St Francis:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*



Safeguarding & Child Protection

The school takes seriously it's responsibilities in relation to keeping children safe so all staff are trained in Child Protection matters with some senior staff undertaking detailed training in specific areas. Every half-term, staff receive updated information about particular strands of safeguarding.

This half-term, the school has been looking at issues around the 'Prevent' agenda which covers matters regarding anti-radicalisation and extremism. For further information on this and any other safeguarding matters, please check the school website.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's.

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)