



St Joseph's News

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The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to start the Spring Term last week with the children and parents showing a positive approach to following school policies.

It would fully support the learning of every child if all children in Reception to Year 6 arrived by 8.55am at the latest. We are aware of some local roadworks which may cause delay so we strongly suggest that you aim for arrival at 8.30am so any issues will not affect your child arriving after class registrations. Children arriving from 8.30am have a 'soft start' which prepares them for their day of learning.

Thank you to all the parents who have co-operated with the revised arrangements for the start of day and the end of day. In particular, the Nursery parents and children have been very supportive of their specific arrangements.

I look forward to a positive term ahead which will also include the period of Lent and will end with the hope and joy of Easter. There is a strong sense of 'resurrection' and 'new life' among the staff, children and parents as the school continues to provide outstanding learning in the temporary classrooms.

I wish all our families a very Happy New Year and I look forward to sharing further news about our achievements in the weeks to come.

God bless,

Mrs Titus
Executive Headmistress

Tuck Shop

The School Council have been supervising the restart of the Tuck Shop this week.

During the morning break, children in Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to purchase a refreshment or snack at a cost of 20p per item.

Please help the School Council by ensuring your child brings the right change for their purchases.



Attendance

Last week, Classes 1M, 1O and 2M shared the best attendance award with 99.1%. More classes must aim for 100% next week to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the attendance reward trip.

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)

Education Sunday

On Sunday 24 January, St Joseph's will be leading the Education Sunday Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden.

It would be wonderful to see all our families at the 11.00am Mass. St Joseph's children must attend in their full school uniform as the Mass is a celebration of Catholic education.

We will have readings and music from the children of St Joseph's so this will be a very special celebration of our school community.

Wednesday Word

Children receive the 'Wednesday Word' on a weekly basis and families are encouraged to look at the information together so you can discuss and pray about God's Word.

This week, the reading from the Gospel of John looks at the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding feast. John describes this miracle as the first 'sign' given by Jesus that He was the Messiah.

Another important aspect of this reading is that it shows Jesus, although divine, experienced human happiness. Jesus ensured that the feast would continue and the whole village could continue to celebrate the wedding.

Jesus wants us to be filled with joy and Pope Francis tells our children "Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face". Being joyful is a sign that God's Spirit is within us.

In your prayers this week, you may wish to reflect on the miracles of Jesus and the ways in which God still blesses us today. We know that the Spirit brings us joy but we should also try hard to bring joy to others. You may want to make sure you say 'thank-you' to someone who has shown you kindness or try harder to be obedient to parents, teachers and other adults

Fire Drill

This afternoon, we had a fire drill which we usually carry out at least once a term. This is good practice and ensures we all know how to respond in the unfortunate event of a real emergency.

The children were very sensible during the fire drill and remembered to remain silent at all times so we could listen for instructions.

Please remind your children about the importance of following instructions and do praise them for being sensible during our fire drill today.



Merit of the Week Award

2M	Maja	For trying hard to make positive behaviour choices
2W	Myra	For always following instructions and being a good role model
3C	Taegan	For always trying during lessons and giving great answers
3M	Zuzanna	For being a fantastic help in the class and being a perfect role model for her peers
4K	Medine	For always helping out and working to her very best
4G	Conor	For being enthusiastic and working really hard on his number bonds
4W	Patryk	For a well written complaints letter
5L	Shauna	For always doing what she is told and getting straight on with her tasks
5M	Elizabeth	For excellent effort to improve her mathematics

Student of the Week Award

2M	Nathan	For imaginative 'Big Writing' and wonderful 'Wow' words
3C	Ryan	For always trying his best in English and using great VCOP
4G	Nikola	For always trying her best in everything she does