



St Joseph's News

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I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 31:34-35**

Catholic Life of the School

Year of Mercy Candle

This week, the Year of Mercy candle was passed on to St Mary's Kilburn. We took part in a special assembly at St Mary's which was attended by Fr Alex and Sr Philomena from the school parish.

We are very pleased to be able to honour and celebrate the Year of Mercy in this way.



Gospel Reading

At Mass on Sunday, we will hear the Gospel from John 13:31-35.

Jesus declares a new commandment "**love one another as I have loved you**". Jesus goes on to say that by showing love for each other, everyone will know that we are his disciples.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on how you demonstrate love for others. As you pray, ask Jesus to help you think of someone who may need a friend to show them they are valued



Mary's Meals

During our whole school assembly this morning, we heard about one of the current initiatives run by **Mary's Meals**.

The **'Backpack Project'** aims to support children in countries such as Malawi and Liberia to get to school and to have the basic resources to help their learning.

St Joseph's will be supporting this worthwhile project so further details will be sent home next week. In the meantime, if you would like to start gathering some items, you will need to find an old school bag or back pack and fill with some of the following items:

Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, pens, crayons, eraser, ruler, sharpener, towel, shorts, t-shirt, skirt, dress, flip flops/sandals, tennis or sponge ball, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and a spoon

Details about when to send the bags/backpacks into school will be given in the letter next week.

We know that our school community is very charitable in supporting those less fortunate than ourselves so we anticipate a generous response when you have received all the information.

Attendance

During week beginning 11 April, Classes 1O, 4G, 4W, 5M, 5L 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

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:

Bella 2M, Julia 2W, Martyna 3C, Filip 3M, Kyle 4K,
Santiago 4G, Olga 4W, Victoria 5L, Joshua 5M, Joshua 6M and Elian 6R

Student of the Week Award

2M	Jack	For always showing a 'growth mindset'
4W	Michael	For a great effort with his work and excellent behaviour
5M	Renee	For always having a positive impact on our learning environment

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 of the founding beliefs of Christians and, together with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as the rationale for 'caritas'; love of God that leads 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