



St Joseph's News

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*So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring
worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34*

Catholic Life of the School

At Mass this Sunday, we will continue our journey through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This week, the focus is on 'worry'.

Jesus tells us to NOT worry about things such as what we will eat, drink or wear. He says "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?...strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

It is part of our human nature that we will of course have worries from time to time but Jesus offers us the assurance that God will meet all our needs. If we concentrate on our relationship with God and help to build his Kingdom, we can be sure of an eternal life in which we will have no worries!

Where Christ is, there is life, there is the Kingdom of God St Ambrose

It is in the human heart that the Kingdom takes root and grows Pope Francis

Merit of the Week Award

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

Ciel 2F, Cormac 2O, Joshua 2S, Simone 3K, Alex 3M, Ross 4G, Jasmine 4O,
Daria 5K, Natalia 5M, Keiran 5S, Chloe 6L and Kayden 6R

Student of the Week Award

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| 2O Lukasz | For working extremely hard and being very helpful to others |
| 4O Kaison | For making great progress in his school work and being friendly to everyone |
| 5M Gabrielle | For consistently and displaying immaculate manners |

Attendance

Class 6L have won the Attendance Cup this week for achieving best class attendance.

Punctuality still needs improvement. Please remember that all children from Reception to Year 6 may arrive from 8.30am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Please remember that if your child is absent from school and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

World Book Day

World Book Day falls this year on **Thursday 2 March**.

- The children will be allowed to come to school dressed as their favourite book character
- This is a fantastic opportunity to promote reading for pleasure
- It gives us the opportunity to make reading fun
- The afternoon will be dedicated to reading activities
- Book tokens will be given to each child to spend at a bookshop

We are asking for a £1 per child contribution towards the stained glass window in the new school building.

Please also see the letter sent home and the flyer on the school website which gives information about a national competition which your child can enter.

Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents will find out on Wednesday 1 March which secondary school place their child has secured for September 2017.

If you are not offered your first choice school, and have not already chosen the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College or Newman Catholic College, we strongly urge you to consider applying to one of these schools.

St Joseph's has a very strong partnership with both of these schools and trust that they can provide your child with a continued high standard of education. We are the only three Catholic schools in our parish and the Governors and staff of all our schools are committed to the Catholic nature of our schools. It is vital that our parish Catholic schools work together and support each other in order to promote an atmosphere where people feel welcomed and valued in accordance with our Catholic ethos.

Behaviour

At St Joseph's, we have the highest expectations for standards of behaviour. Therefore, if any child is placed on 'Restart', parents will be informed.

Children will be held to account if their behaviour disrupts the learning experience for themselves or others. Parents are expected to fully support this policy in line with their agreement to follow all school procedures when they accepted a place for their child to attend St Joseph's.

Safeguarding

St Joseph's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Executive Headmistress and Education Support Manager to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

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

Calendar for Lent 2017

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1st Sunday of Lent (A)
5 Don't be tempted to miss Mass in favour of TV or a lie-in

6 Look at yesterday's Gospel; for how many days and nights did Jesus fast? (Mt 4:1-11)

7 Pray for the children of Syria and Palestine

8 Don't complain - bring some positive ideas instead

9 Pay attention in lessons - save the day dreams for later!

10 Play a board game with friends - no electronic devices!

11 Could you give good used clothes or games to charity?

12 The angels and saints rejoice when you pray

13 What were Jesus' final words in yesterday's Gospel: 'Do not be a ... d' (Mt 17:7)

14 Honesty is the best policy - don't tell lies

15 Pray for the mentally and physically challenged

16 Don't be grumpy if you don't get your own way

17 Wear something green to acknowledge St Patrick

18 Go to Confession and know forgiveness

19 Light a candle of thanksgiving in Church today

20 What did St Joseph do for a living?

21 Don't judge someone just because they're different

22 Ease up - no one is perfect!

23 Don't be bossy - be considerate!

24 Don't push and shove - be polite!

25 Annunciation of the Lord
Say the Angelus prayer as a family

26 What makes mum special? Let her know she's loved

27 Pray for healing for those you know who are sick

28 Have you been hurtful today? Say sorry

29 Pray for our world

30 Notice when someone does something kind. Praise them for it

31 Don't sit around all day - do some extra walking, running or skipping

1 April I am Old but also New, I may seem strange but all is true. I am 66 but really only 1. I can be pocket-sized or weigh a ton! **What am I?**

2 Share a meal with family and loved ones

3 Jesus' friend died. Jesus wept. Jesus raised him up. Who was it? (Jn 11:35-45)

4 Bullying is just wrong!

6 Newbies need friends!

7 Drink water with your meal. Pray for those who don't have clean water

8 Plant a flower in a clear plastic cup/ bottle and watch the roots grow too

15 Holy Saturday
Pray for those receiving the Sacraments on this night

9 Take your palm branch home and place it somewhere to remind you of Jesus

10 Yesterday's Gospel reading is very long and is called: The P..... of Our Lord Jesus Christ

11 Be thoughtful and prayerful this week. It is H... W...

12 Be silent for 5 mins and pray for the poor, the homeless, the displaced

13 'Do this in memory of me'

14 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?'

15 Good Friday

16 Easter Sunday
You can't sing too many Alleluias today!

Open the door of your heart to others because each person is a gift (Pope Francis)