



St Joseph's News

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19**

Catholic Life of the School

At Mass on Sunday, we will reflect on the last few verses of Matthew's Gospel in which the resurrected Jesus instructs his followers to "make disciples of all nations".

Some disciples fell down in worship but others had doubts. Jesus reassures the disciples by telling them he will always be with them .

We too can enjoy the promise and blessings of eternal friendship with Christ.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about the qualities of a good friend. Kindness, honesty, trust and loyalty are just some of the things we can appreciate in others and they are qualities we should demonstrate too.



***If Jesus dwells in a person as their friend, they can endure all things,
for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us.
He is a true friend.
(St Teresa of Avila)***

Holy Communion

Many of our Year 3 and Year 4 children will soon be making their First Holy Communion.

We would love to share your photographs of this special time on the school website. Please email your photographs to Mrs Studd at info@stjo.brent.sch.uk with the subject 'Communion'.

It is helpful for photographs to be in the landscape style if you would like them to be considered for the school website.



Attendance

Last week, Classes 2S, 5M and 6L had 100% attendance. The Classes with the best attendance for the year so far are 2S, 4O, 6L and 6R.

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.

If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Please remember that school will be closed week beginning 29 May 2017 for the half-term break. Children return to school on Monday 5 June 2017.

Online Safety

Schools, police, social services and other agencies are concerned at the ever-increasing volume of offences being committed against children through online devices. Children are also being exposed to activities which are completely inappropriate for their age.

From class discussions and e-safety learning, it seems that a significant number of children access the internet from their bedrooms without parental controls or monitoring.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their children are involved in age appropriate online activities and to keep their children safe when they are using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, games consoles etc.

Dates for the Diary

- *School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 8 June** as the school will be used as a Polling Station*
- *Year 1 formal Phonics assessments will take place during **week beginning 12 June***

Uniform Reminder

With a small number of children presenting at school with incorrect items of uniform, please be reminded about these key points:

- One single or one pair of small, discrete plain gold or silver coloured round studs in pierced ears are permissible. Do not allow your child to wear any other type of earring.
- Please ensure that uniform fits your child well and is in good repair. Skirts should be knee length.
- Children do not need to wear their jumper during the summer term but must continue to wear their blazers. During warmer days, the Executive Headmistress will let the children know if they may remove their blazers.

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.

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.

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.

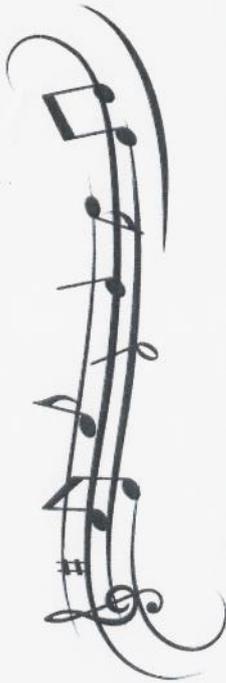
In order to achieve our mission:

- 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



VCYM

THE VAUGHAN CENTRE FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS



A CHANCE FOR YOUR SON TO BENEFIT?

The Vaughan Centre for Young Musicians, held from 4.30-6.30 pm, on ten Mondays each term offers Primary School age boys (Years 4-6, ages 8-11) the opportunity to extend their music curriculum and receive specialist instrumental and choral tuition

**Auditions for September 2017
will be held in July 2017**

Application Forms and further details available from your Primary School, from the Vaughan (020 7605 0046) and online at www.cvms.co.uk

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2017**

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL
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From Easter to Pentecost

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Easter to Pentecost

This framework of learning is intended as the first for the Summer Term in the academic year 2016/2017. This framework explores the period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes:

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of openness and wonder about the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit
- An appreciation of the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives
- An ability to wonder about questions that are difficult to answer
- Reflectiveness in prayer

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 higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- We celebrate the gift of life in this world and in death in the resurrection. Life is full of resurrection moments, when we are so glad to be alive! Write down some of these and use them in pray at mealtimes or bedtimes.
- Pentecost is on June 4 this year. This framework teaches Pope Francis as a person led and guided by the Spirit. Talk to your children about people you think are led by the Spirit. What do they do?

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Pray for those who have died.
We remember (say name, light candle) who has gone to their eternal rest.

Tell them, God, how much we love them, how much we miss them. Tell them we carry their stories in our lives.

Today we rejoice that Jesus lived and died and is risen. Today we trust you, Jesus, that there is life after death and that you will always be with us, loving us and leading us home.

Glory be to God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit.
Amen