



St Joseph's News

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding Proverbs 3:5

Before And After School Arrangements

Parents are reminded that it is essential for their learning that children are brought to school on time. This means that they must be in their classroom by 8.55am at the latest.

Year 1 & Year 2 children may arrive in the infant playground from 8.45am and must be handed over to a member of staff.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 children may arrive at school from 8.30am. Year 3 & Year 5 children should go to the middle hall to be supervised and Year 4 & Year 6 should go to the top hall.

The end of day arrangements are as follows:

Year 1 & Year 2 are dismissed from the infant playground at 3.15pm. You should only stay in the infant playground after 3.15pm if you are also waiting to collect a child from Year 3 or Year 5.

Year 3 & Year 5 will be dismissed from the infant playground at 3.30pm and **Year 4 & Year 6** will be dismissed from the junior playground at the same time.

Please leave promptly when you have collected your child to avoid overcrowding in the playground and the surrounding streets. It would support our relationship with our residential neighbours if parents move away from the school area straight after school and do not stay on the streets chatting loudly or allowing their children to play on the streets.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child arrives at school every day in their full uniform and that they are smartly presented.

A number of reminders have been issued regarding the School Uniform Policy. Please [click here](#) to read the full policy to avoid any further misinterpretations.

- All children should now be wearing the new PE kit which was introduced in September 2013 and became compulsory in January 2014.
- The official school coat is the only outer garment which may be worn over your child's blazer. Please see the office staff if you need to purchase the school coat at the discounted price of £15.

Attendance

Last week, Classes 2O, 4D, 5M and 5Q achieved 100% attendance. This week, Classes 2O, 3A, 4O, 5M and 5Q had 100% attendance. This is a positive start to the year with the whole school attendance for the last two weeks being just under 99%.

On Friday 12 September, 127 children attended the trip to Chessington which was organised for all children with excellent attendance in 2013-14. Everyone had a great day out and enjoyed their reward for attending school every day.

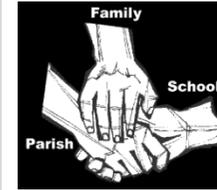
While we enjoy celebrating excellent attendance, we must remember the long term benefits of your child being in school every day - they will access all aspects of the curriculum and reach their full potential.

Please arrange routine appointments out of school hours and remember that holidays are banned.

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)

Beginning with the Church

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: Beginning with the Church

This topic is intended for the first of the academic year 2014/2015. As we welcome new and returning members to our schools community, we learn about how the Church formal welcomes new members in study of the sacraments of Initiation. This topic is the last in our study of the Year of Matthew.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of the importance of the sacramental life of the Church
- A commitment to celebrating their faith
- An openness to the presence of God in the Sacraments
- 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 greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying this activity while this topic is being taught:

- Welcoming people into our homes, workplaces and communities is part of life. Talk with your children about how you welcome new friends and family and why. Making people welcome is the first moment when we say to them you matter to us – you are important and valuable to us...and to God.



Prayer Activity

Loving God, as we gather as a family today/tonight, may we remember your great love for us. You call us your daughters and sons, making us all members of one family. This day and tomorrow might we remember to welcome and show our love and appreciation for those around us: old friend and new. Make us people who welcome as you did – inviting others to be part of your family, your home.
Amen.

