

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

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Dear Parents

It was good to see so many of you last week at our Open Evenings. I was glad to hear the many positive messages about the progress of your children. It is important now to continue to reinforce with your children the specific areas for improvement that were identified at your meeting. Please support your child at home over half term so they can make the best possible start when they return to school after the break.

Thank you to all of you who made your generous commitment to the Governors Building Fund and to those who already hold standing orders. These monies are more critical than ever in enabling us to maintain and upgrade the general fabric of the school. Important work requiring attention includes windows, doors, fascias and guttering.

Our recent success in bidding for funds to begin our replacement window and door programme means that work on two elevations will start in November. This is very exciting, although it will create some logistical working issues whilst Phase One is being completed.

The Governors Building Fund enables us to carry out more work than we could have done on this important project. Thank you for your contributions!

I am pleased to report that the Catholic Life of St Joseph's School continues to thrive. There have been a number of exciting initiatives taking place, including raising money for CAFOD, food contributions for needy parish and local families, R.E. lessons and prayer services led by Father Frank, and our School Chaplains teaching the Rosary to classes throughout the school. Thank you to Mrs Gonzalez, Fr Frank, our Mini Vinnies and School Chaplains for your commitment to this work.

Enjoy the half-term holidays with your children.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Sutton', is written on a light blue rectangular background.

P Sutton
Headteacher



NEWS

THE ROSARY



Last week, we taught Years 1, 2 and 3 the Rosary. We learnt this valuable prayer from the Chaplains in Year 6 and wanted to spread the Good News to others in the school. We taught them what each bead means and who it is dedicated to (like the Pope). We taught them the Hail Mary which has ten beads and is a decade and each single bead is an Our Father and a Glory Be. We say this prayer especially in October.

We would like to thank the Chaplains for teaching us about the Rosary so that we may teach others, and we hope that everyone we taught now knows the Rosary. We had an amazing time teaching the children and we hope they enjoyed it.

By Savanna (5GP)

HARVEST DAY



On Friday, 13th October, we had a special day where we supported the needy country of El Salvador where people are living in deep poverty. So, on Friday, we wore bright clothes to support CAFOD because wearing bright clothes reminds us to help build a brighter world free from poverty.

We brought in 50p as a donation and, as a school, we raised £278. We also brought in non-perishable food items to support our local charities.

By Shannon (5GP)

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FATHER FRANK'S VISIT



On 18th October, Father Frank visited Year 5 to teach us about the Eucharist being 'The Source and Summit of Christian Life'. It was a very interesting and exciting talk. He taught us how the Eucharist has progressed throughout history. He informed us that the source and summit of the Christian church is the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Christ). As well as that, he told us about modern mass, the reformation, Vatican II and the Christian faith during the middle ages.

He also told us about how Sunday masses used to be in Latin so nobody got a chance to participate, but now it is in English, so all of us can participate and there were also private and weekly masses!

By Annie (5GP)

AMBULANCE SERVICE VISIT



On Tuesday, our school had a visit from a Paramedic, Chris Roberts (a former pupil of St Joseph's) and everyone enjoyed learning about the role of a Paramedic and the Ambulance Service.

If you would like to contact the School Governors, please email:

governors@stjosephs.harrow.sch.uk

STARS OF THE WEEK

	W/E: 13/10/2017	W/E: 20/10/2017
RC	Molly	Gaby
RS	Ellie	Grace
1C	Sienna-Rae	Whole Class
1K	Sophie	Dylan
2J	Patrick	Whole Class
2S	Aidan	Whole Class
3P	Ciara	Whole Class
3W	Alessia	Whole Class
4D	Holly	Tom
4T	Justyna/Thomas	Harry/Nicole
5GP	Michael	Kara
5P	Whole Class	Jonathan
6B	Simon	Whole Class
6W	Maddison	Whole Class

IMPORTANT DATES

- 20th Oct- Inset Day – School Closed
- 23rd/27th Oct - Half Term
- 9th Nov - Yr 6 SATs Information Meeting - 3.30pm
- 12th Dec - 9.30am – Christmas Production (RC, 1K, 2S)
- 13th Dec – 9.30am – Christmas Production (RS, 1C, 2J)
- 18th Dec – Carol Concert – 2pm (Yrs 3 & 4)
- 18th Dec – Carol Concert – 7pm (Yrs 5 & 6)
- 20th Dec – School closes 2.30pm

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Patrick 2S – Gaelic Football Trophy.
 Jake 2S – Climbed 311 steps of the Monument in London.
 Riley 2J – Trophy for Boxing.

Well done children!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please ensure that your child's medical information held in school is accurate and up-to-date. All prescribed medication (i.e. inhalers, epipens, etc.) **MUST** be in date.

Many thanks

LUNCHES

The new lunch menu for after half term is now available on DB Primary in Parent Zone.

BBC TERRIFIC SCIENTIFIC

An exciting new UK-wide BBC science project for families and schools.

Come and try some simple science experiments. Make a marshmallow catapult, a lemon volcano or a lava lamp! The taster sessions are suitable for one parent and one child aged 5 and older, learning together. **All sessions are free.**

Venue: The Arc House, Station Approach, Lowland Rd, HA1 3GR.

23, 24, 25 or 27 October 2017 – either 10.30am or 13.30 pm start (2 hour sessions)

Email: learnharrow@harrow.gov.uk

Call: 020 8901 2691

FUNDRAISING

We are pleased to tell you that, thanks to your generous donations, we raised **£278** for CAFOD on 'Bright Colours for Cafod' Day. Many thanks to everyone!

This Wednesday's Word: **GRATITUDE**

"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart. It is a heart that is content" Pope Francis



Ask your child what the word 'gratitude' means to them. Can your child remember a time when they felt really grateful to someone? How did they show their gratitude to that person?

The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrong-doing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French, Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fay