

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

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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**Blessed Holy Family**  
Catholic Academy Trust

**THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021**

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Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe it is Easter already!

This term, like this year, has been a very different one, but having the children back in school for the last month has been an absolute joy! They have settled back into school life so well, are working hard and really enjoying themselves.

Even though we have only been back at school for a month so much has happened. We have celebrated St Joseph's Day and St Patrick's Day; we have taken part in the virtual London Youth Games; the children have taken part in a range of enrichment activities (World War 2 Day, a visit from the Gruffalo, making spaceships to name but a few!); the Friends (and you) have raised some much needed money for the school, and we have a new roof!!

This week, the children have spent time learning about, and reflecting on, the events of Holy Week. A highlight of this work was each class creating a piece of art work to represent one of the Stations of the Cross and putting them all together so the children were able to walk and pray the Way of the Cross. The Stations are on display in the back playground, so please feel free to go and see them if you have not already done so. A short video of the children doing this is on our Twitter page so please do take a look.

Finally, I do not think any of us could have ever imagined the situation we are in, and the struggles and difficulties we have all had to endure over the past year but, as a community, we have come together to care for, help and support each other in the true spirit of St Joseph's. The kindness, friendship, hard work and dedication displayed by everybody (children, staff, parents, friends, and the parish) has been inspiring and, once again, made me feel privileged to be Headteacher of such a wonderful school.

I hope you all have a lovely break and get the chance to spend some time to spend together with friends and family, and I look forward to seeing you all after Easter for what I am sure will be another busy term but with some light at the end of the tunnel!

God bless and Happy Easter

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless"*  
(Mother Teresa)

Mr Briggs  
Headteacher

#### ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

KS1	(Yrs R-2)	- Class 2S	- 99.2%
KS2	(Yrs 3-6)	- Class 3D	- 97.8%

#### PUNCTUALITY WINNERS THIS WEEK

KS1	(Yrs R-2)	- Classes RC, 1K & 2S	- No lates!
KS2	(Yrs 3-6)	- Classes 3D, 3J & 6C	- No lates!

### Important Dates

Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	-	End of Term
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	-	Children return
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	-	May Bank Holiday
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	-	Half Term
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	-	End of Term

#### THANK YOU!

The staff of St Joseph's would like to thank parents who sent in lovely Easter cards and presents this week – they are very much appreciated.

MANY THANKS



#### MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

A big THANK YOU to everyone who bought Easter raffle tickets. Please remember to collect your prizes from the office if you have been contacted.

We raised the wonderful sum of:-

**£2,628.90**

This will go towards our lovely new Library. Thank you again!

#### REMINDER

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL  
ON MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021.**

#### OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

**Nithish 3J** – Passed his Initial Classical Guitar exam with Merit.

WELL DONE!

#### SMARTIES CHALLENGE

We have sent home with every child a tube of Smarties and a letter explaining our 'Smarties Challenge'.

Please encourage your child to get involved in this and return their filled tubes when they return on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Many thanks



#### KENTON TENNIS CLUB

Kenton Tennis Club is offering kids camps and cheap membership for families or households. They are also offering 'pay and play' sessions. Please see:-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KentonLawnTennisClub/Comeandplay> for details.

In addition the club coach is running an Easter holiday tennis camp. See the link :

<http://ignitetennis.co.uk/category/holiday-camps/>

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 Harrow Safeguarding Children's Board. 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 Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on the school website. If you have any concerns about the health, safety or wellbeing of a child at St Joseph's School, please contact Mrs French via email at [safeguarding@stjosephs.harrowsch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjosephs.harrowsch.uk).