

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

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Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we have been back at school nearly 8 weeks - it has flown by! It has been so lovely to have the children back in full time, and they have thoroughly enjoyed being back too. They have settled into the new routines brilliantly, are working hard and, as always, their behaviour has been excellent. Many thanks to you also for your support, understanding and commitment to the school – the true spirit of St Joseph's has really shone through this half term.

This week the children have been focusing on Black History, and each year group has studied a significant figure from history. The children have had a great time learning about some of the less well known, but very important and influential figures, such as Katherine Johnson, an NASA mathematician, whose work played an key role in the Moon Landings. I even saw Year 5 launching their own rockets out of my office window this morning! I would like to say a special thank you to Miss Gandey for all her effort in organising this work for the children.

As you are aware, the roofing work is due to start over the break, so please remember the new times and entrances and please keep to these.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely break and have a chance to get some rest. I look forward to seeing you all again in November for what I am sure will be another very busy and exciting term.

Let us remember the words of Pope Francis:- *'We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future and spread love.'*

God bless

Mr Briggs
Headteacher

P.S. One more thing! Forest play their big rivals Derby tonight so please keep those fingers crossed for them!!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK

KS1	(Yrs R-2)	- Classes 1R	- 99.7%
KS2	(Yrs 3-6)	- Classes 3J & 6C	- 100%

PUNCTUALITY WINNERS THIS WEEK

KS1	(Yrs R-2)	- Classes RC, RS, 1K, 2S	- No lates!
KS2	(Yrs 3-6)	- Classes 3J, 4GP, 4P	- No lates!



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Important Dates

Monday, 26 th – Friday, 30 th October 2020	-	Half Term
Monday, 2nd November 2020	-	School Photographs
Friday, 27 th November 2020	-	INSET Day – School Closed
Friday, 18 th December 2020	-	End of Term
Monday, 4 th January 2021	-	Academy INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday, 5 th January 2021	-	Children return
Monday, 15 th – Friday, 19 th February 2021	-	Half Term
Thursday, 1 st April 2021	-	End of Term

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS RECEPTION 2021 (DOB: 01/09/2016-31/08/2017)

Application forms are now available on our School Website. The closing date for receipt of applications is **15th January 2021**.

Please remember to also complete the London Borough of Harrow form online by **15th January 2021**.

If you have any friends/family who may be looking to register their child, please pass on this information and click on the link to see our short video.

<https://twitter.com/stjosephsharrow>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER REMINDER

On Monday, 2nd November (first day back after half term) the children will be having individual photos taken in school. Please ensure they are dressed in full winter uniform. Many thanks.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Adrian 3J – Level 4 Swimming Award

WELL DONE!

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is in current Year 6, please be reminded that the closing date for High School applications is **Saturday, 31st October 2020**.

Please apply online to Harrow Council and complete a supplementary form for any Catholic High School you may be applying to. These forms are available from the High Schools.

Many thanks

HARROW CARERS

If you are caring for a vulnerable person, you may be interested in the following website:-

<https://harrowcarers.org/carers-card/>

It can help you in the following ways:-

- Recognition: confirming status as a carer who is providing invaluable support to a vulnerable person.
- Contingency: confirmation of who to contact in the event of an emergency.
- Discounts: for the carer from local businesses as a thank you for all that you do.

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.