

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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FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2019

NEXT WEEK:

Monday

Drama – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 3-6

Boys Football – 3.30-4.30pm – Yr 6

Tuesday

Chess – 8.15-8.45am – Yrs 3-6

Multisports – 3.15-4.15am – Yrs 1&2

Hockey – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 4-6

Street Dance – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 3-6

Wednesday

Gymnastics – 3.30-5.00pm – Yrs 1-6

Multisports – 3.15-4.15pm – Yrs R-2

Basketball – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 3&4

Thursday

Chess – 8.15-8.45am – Yrs 3-6

Art Club – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 3-6

Football – 3.30-4.30 – Yrs 3&4

Drama – 3.15-4.15pm – Yrs 1&2

Netball – 3.30-4.15pm – Yr 6

Friday

Girls Football – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 4-6

Multisports – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 3&4

Gaelic Football – 3.30-4.30pm – Yrs 4-6

Dear Parents / Carers

As usual, the children have been very busy again this week. On Wednesday, 3L presented a wonderful assembly on 'Ancient Egyptians'.

On Thursday morning Reception took part in a lovely Prayer Service led by Father Frank on the theme of 'Water' and, today, 2S held a Class Assembly on 'Good News' telling us the stories of Jesus' miracles.

A big thank you to all the children involved and, of course, to their teachers and teaching assistants for all their work in preparing for these.

On the sports front, a number of children from Year 1 went to represent the school at a KS1 Sports Festival at Harrow Leisure Centre. They all had a great time and, as usual, did St Joseph's proud.

It is good to see the children with such positive and enthusiastic attitudes to their learning. This week, I have had the pleasure of being taught about fractions by some very enthusing Year 4 children - Patrick, Connor Mc, Ciara and Connor W, and about percentages by Anya in Year 5 - budding teachers of the future I think! This eagerness to learn requires constant support and encouragement for your child to achieve their full potential. A key part of this is linked to their attendance and punctuality. Please remember that days off school add up to irreplaceable lost learning. **Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success.**

We recognise that attending school regularly, and on time, has a positive impact on learning progress and, therefore, the life chances for our pupils. There are **365** days per year. There are **190** school days per year. That leaves **175** days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

We expect all our children to have attendance of **a minimum of 95% or above**. Did you know? A pupil who has 80% attendance misses an average of one day a week – nearly 40 days in a school year – approximately 8 weeks of every year – that's over 200 hours of learning missed! In an effort to keep you fully informed about your child's attendance, we have recently developed an alert system to notify you if your child's attendance falls below the expected 95%.

Arriving at school in plenty of time is equally critical. As you know, in order to make the most of the learning day we have adopted a policy of a "soft start" with all our pupils coming straight into class enabling them to be settled and fully prepared for learning.

Have a lovely weekend
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs French'.

Mrs C French
Deputy Headteacher

This Wednesday's Words: **FOLLOW**

Through the miraculous catch, Peter saw Jesus in a new light. Peter's humility made him fit to be a follower Of Jesus and he went on to discover his true purpose in life. Ask your child if they know what 'to follow someone' means. Who impresses them?



NEWS



**KS1 Sports Festival at Harrow Leisure Centre
On Tuesday, 5th February**



**Year 2S Assembly
Friday, 8th February in the School Hall**

STARS OF THE WEEK

W/E: 08/02/2019	
RC	Sanuli
RS	Klaudia
1C	Gabrielle
1K	Sarah
2P	Miriam
2S	Whole Class for a wonderful assembly
3J	Alex
3L	Nigel
4D	Luca
4W	Destiney
5GP	Daniela
5P	Arturo
6B	Michael
6G	Caitlyn

WORLD BOOK DAY 2019

Our school will be marking World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March 2019 when a children's author will be visiting.

As in previous years, the children will be asked to come to school on that day dressed as their favourite book character.

Many thanks.



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Saasha 5GP – Stage 4 Swimming Award.

Very well done!

ROUTINE MEDICAL/OTHER APPOINTMENTS

There are an ever-increasing number of pupils leaving school during the day for routine GP appointments, dentist appointments, etc. Please make every effort to arrange these either after school or during the school holidays. **THANK YOU.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, 13th & Thurs, 14th Feb 2019 – Open Evenings – 4-7pm

Mon, 18th – Fri, 22nd Feb 2019 – Half Term Holiday

Mon, 25th February 2019 – Inset Day – School Closed

Fri, 5th April 2019 – School closes for Easter Holidays

ADVANCED DATES UP-DATE

Mon, 2nd Sept 2019 - School Closed – Inset Day

Tues, 3rd Sept 2019 – Children return from Summer Hols

Fri, 20th Dec 2019 - School ends 1.30pm

(Full list of dates for the next academic year to follow)

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium.

Even if your child receives universal free school meals (Yrs R-2), it is still important to apply as the school may be entitled to additional funding for your child.

All you need to do is go to www.fsm.lgfl.net and apply. (You will need your National Insurance Number.)

If you need any help in applying, please call into the school office or please feel free to speak to Mr Briggs in strict confidence.

Thank you.

MEDICAL REMINDERS

Please ensure that any **prescription** medication required by your child in school is **'in date'** and clearly marked with child's name & class. You will also be required to complete a form available from the school office when your child first commences the medication. **Please note** that we can only administer antibiotics if the dosage is 4 times a day.

If your child suffers a bout of **vomiting** or **diarrhoea**, it is school policy (in accordance with Public Health England guidelines) that he/she must not return to school until **48 hrs** after the last episode. **THANK YOU**

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 wrongdoing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French, Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fay