



The Federated Schools of St Joseph's Catholic
Nursery, Infants and Juniors



Weekly Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks, we have been delighted to hold our face to face parent consultations at St Joseph's since the start of Covid. It was a lovely opportunity for parents/carers and class teachers to meet each other to review and set targets for your children for the remainder of the year. Please continue to support your children with these targets at home.

On Monday, the theme of our Lent assembly was 'encouragement'. We discussed how we all need encouragement from time to time and that giving and receiving words of encouragement are important to our overall wellbeing, progress and achievement. We reflected on how we all face challenges in life, just as Jesus faced the challenge of knowing that soon his earthly life would end. During times of struggles- encouraging someone to be brave, face their fears and giving them a vote of confidence is essential to us striving to be our very best.

During my visit to Reception this week, it was lovely to hear the children using songs and games to sing the morning register and learn their number bonds to 5. This is such a great example of how learning can be fun. One of the best ways to encourage children to learn facts such as number bonds and times tables is through music and games and there are lots of examples on our J2E learning platform as well as on the internet to use with your children at home.

Finally, well done to Mrs Panteli and Mrs Osei in the Junior school who have passed their assessment to become Key Stage 2 Writing Moderators. We are a learning community, staff and pupils alike, and it great to see that we are always looking for ways to enhance our own practice as well as support others. Thank you for all your hard work.

Our whole school Lent project

Our Lenten trees are in full bloom at school! Here are some of the examples that we are all 'growing in God's love' during Lent:

"I will share my toys with my friends." (Ali - Early Years)

"I will show my love and kindness by praying to God." (Anaya- Year 1)

"I will play less on my iPad and spend more time with my family." (Victor Year 4)

"I will stop being selfish or being mean. I will try to be more like Jesus. I will love others and treat everyone how I want to be treated." (Shalen - Year 6)

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PE Days

Reception: Thursday

Bridges: Wednesday & Thursday

Attenborough: Wednesday & Friday

Mandela: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday & Friday

Year 4: Tuesday & Friday

Year 5: Tuesday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Friday

Non Uniform Day

25th March 2022 - CAFOD

29th April 2022

27th May 2022

Bank Holidays

Friday 15th April 2022

Monday 18th April 2022

Monday 2nd May 2022

Monday 30th May 2022

Science Week

11th March – 20th March 2022

Easter Holidays

4th April – 18th April 2022

Inset Day

19th April 2022 – school closed to pupils

Sponsored Read-a-Thon

Monday 17th January- Thursday 31st
March

St Joseph's Day

Saturday 19th March

World Poetry Day

Monday 21st March

Last Day of Spring Term

Friday 1st April

(early finishing times)

Reception- 1pm

Year 1 & 2 – 1:10pm

Year 3 & 4- 1:10pm

Year 5 & 6- 1:20pm

PM Nursery – 1:30pm

Recent Updates

Leaving Soon

After many years at St Joseph's, we would like to inform you that Mrs Rosemarie and Mr Couch will both be retiring from the juniors at the end of this term. Mrs Rosemarie has been a Teaching Assistant and Playleader at the school for 15 years and has always been on hand to support when and where needed. She is a familiar face to many children and families throughout the years. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the school and wish her the very best for her retirement. Many of you will also know Mr Couch, our Systems Manager, who also wears many different hats across the school. He works tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring the smooth running of the school and his support has certainly been invaluable since I was appointed as head of the Junior's. Mr Couch's commitment to the school has been unwavering and we will be sad to see him leave at the end of March. Although both Mrs Rosemarie and Mr Couch have a few weeks left in school, we would like to take this opportunity to notify parents as they are both long established staff who have worked in the school.

Holy Communion

If you have registered your child for the 2022 First Holy Communion Programme, their first Confession takes place on **Saturday 19th March 2022 at 9:30am in the church.**

Junior School After School Club Activities

Monday – Year 3/4 Mixed Football, year 3/4 Book Club, year 3/4 Computing
Tuesday – Year 5/6 Boys Football, Year 3/4 Book Club, Year 5/6 Computing
Wednesday – Year 5/6 Book Club
Thursday – Year 5/6 Netball, Year 5/6 Book Club, Year 4 Arts and Crafts
Friday – Year 5/6 Girls Football, Year 3/4 Italian club

Sponsored Read-A Thon

Please be reminded of the sponsored read- a- thon that is running up until Thursday 31st March 2022 for the Infant and Junior schools. The children who raise and/or read the most books in each Phase Group will receive prizes.

Uniform

We would like to remind you of our school uniform policy. This uniform list is attached to this newsletter. As well as looking smart and presentable, studies show that wearing a uniform improves pupils' behaviour both inside and outside school. It also aids concentration in class. We are all happy and proud to be part of our St Joseph's family and we want to make sure we are all wearing our school uniform with pride and unity. If you or your family are having any difficulties with purchasing school uniform, please do not hesitate to see speak to a member of staff.

Nurse Drop-in Session at the Juniors

The next drop-in session with the school nurse will be on **Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 2:00 - 3:00pm**

If you or your child would like an appointment to see the nurse, please pick up a registration form from the school office. We have attached the school nurse information flyer to the newsletter as well.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Beatrice who celebrated their birthday this week!



Attendance

Well done to 5S for having the highest attendance this week- 98.9% Keep it up!



Office Hours

Please be aware that the school office opening hours are now from:

8:15 am to 3:15 pm

If you need to report an absence, please contact the school office on 020 8539 5971.

Safeguarding

Please remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and schools have a responsibility to promote and protect the welfare of our children. If you have a concern regarding the safety of any child, please speak immediately to a member of our school safeguarding team. Any discussions are treated in confidence.

The designated Safeguarding Team at **St. Joseph's Infant School** is:

Mrs Subebe	Assistant Headteacher
Ms Lykoura	Key Stage 1 Phase Leader
Mrs Nogales	EYFS Phase Leader

The designated Safeguarding Team at **St. Joseph's Junior School** is:

Mrs Le	Year 3 & 4 Leader
Mrs Carmody	Year 5 & 6 Phase Leader
Mrs Poku	Year 5 class teacher

In the event of a safeguarding emergency, please contact the MASH team at Waltham Forest.

Recent Updates

Junior School Hall Letting

We are able to let of our junior school hall on a Saturday morning for anyone who is interested in using the space for a club or for a children's party. If you are interested in hiring the hall, please contact the junior school office on 020 8539 5971.

Key Stage Two Library Visits

KS2 will continue with their library visits next week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed going to the library so please remember to send your children into school with their books and library cards on their allocated days:

Monday	Year 5 Seacole at 9:30am
Monday	Year 5 Angelou at 2:00pm
Tuesday	Year 6 Matisse at 9:30am
Tuesday	Year 6 Tubman at 2:00pm
Wednesday	Year 4 Class 1 at 9:30am
Wednesday	Year 4 Class 2 at 2:00pm
Thursday	Year 3 at 9:30am

Updated Parent and Carers Details

If you have recently moved or changed any of the contact details that we have on file for you (telephone and or email address), please ensure that you update these with us.

Last Day of School

Parents please take note that the last day of term, Friday 1st April 2022, school finishes early. Please be aware that there will be no Tea time club on that day. All children from both the Infants and Juniors must be picked up on time. For those parents with children at both the Infants and the Juniors, time will be given to pick up at one school and to get to the other school. Parents please make alternative arrangements for your child to be picked up on time as there is no supervision on that day. Finishing times as follows:

Reception- 1pm
Year 1 & 2 – 1:10pm
Year 3 & 4- 1:10pm
Year 5 & 6- 1:20pm
PM Nursery – 1:30pm

Star Pupils & Golden Book

Congratulations to those children who have gone above and beyond in their learning this week. Great job and keep up the good work!

3RC : Ava, Daniel

4T : Daryna, Ivan

4K : Jabari, Sloan

5A: Nicole, Krischann

5S: Eay, Dawid

3RC : Dhurvan, Candice, Alex

4K : D'Andre, Michelle, Amber, Lorenzo

4T: Nel, Daryna, Alexandra, Ivan

5A: Nadia

5S: Michelle, Tyler, Jack, Amelia, Aleksander, Salvijus

Sports Award

A very big well done to the following children for a fantastic effort at the Waltham Forest schools 3v3 basketball competition last week. Both teams just missed out on the finals by coming second in their groups with one of the team missing out by one hoop.

I received feedback of your brilliant representation of the school at the events.

I am very proud of you all and thank you!

Miss Kamara