



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

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Go, shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who joined us for a Destination Reader lesson this week in Year 4 and saw first hand how we teach reading and comprehension strategies each day. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we know that when children read daily– at school and at home- they thrive.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

At St Joseph's we teach children about the importance of demonstrating **excellence** in all that we do. This includes being on time every day, wearing the correct school uniform (looking smart) and of course, working hard in lessons. We celebrated lots of examples of excellence in our Friday Celebration Assembly today. Below are some moments of excellence captured from across the curriculum so far this term.

With best wishes, Ms O'Donovan (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Demonstrating Excellence across our Broad and Balanced Curriculum



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **18.10.24**

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

We are keeping Fr David in our hearts and in our prayers



Heavenly Father,

We lift up your faithful servant, who has dedicated his life to serving You and our community.

As he walks through this time of illness, grant him strength, peace and the comfort of Your abiding presence. Surround him with the love of those he has served so faithfully.

Amen

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Important Dates for your Diary...

Thursday 24th October

Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 3

Friday 25th October

Non uniform day– bring in £1 for charity

Monday 28th October– Friday 1st November

Half Term

Monday 4th November

The start of 'Equality Studies' week

Thursday 7th November

Year 2 Parents Working Alongside Children

Friday 8th November

Flu vaccines for those who have signed up for this with the nursing team

Family Fancy Dress Disco: 6.00-7.30pm– tickets go on sale on Monday 4th November

Thursday 14th November

Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 1

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 3** who were celebrated in assembly and received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance in the school this week**. The class attendance was **98.4%**



Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are very unwell.

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Caden in Year 5**. Caden has won a £10 gift voucher to spend at **Waterstones**.



BBC 500 words competition...

Does your child love to write?

Why not enter the 500 words story competition run by the BBC?

"Write a story you would love to read"

The BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11. The competition is now open and the closing date for entries is **Friday 8th November**.

What a great activity for the upcoming half-term!

For details go to: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



Work of the Week...

Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by **Hector** in Year 1.

In Year 1, children have been learning about "Families" in Religious Education. They have considered ways in which families show love and care for each other and how God loves and cares for us. God sent us his son Jesus to show how much he loves us and to teach us how to live with compassion.

Hector has written a fantastic piece about Jesus growing up as a young child in Nazareth within a loving family. Please do come and see it for yourselves.

Fantastic work Hector!



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Stewart or Ms O'Donovan.





Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to let you know that we are extending our service to include collection from St Joseph's primary school starting after October half term.

Our staff will collect children from school at the end of the day and bring them back to Coram's fields.

Once on-site children will have a light snack, then there will be opportunities to play and socialise with friends and make new ones! Activities include arts/crafts, sports, access to the park, face painting, cooking, homework club and much more!

The cost for this service is £13 per child per day, a subsidy rate is available for Camden residents who are working with a household income lower than 35K or full-time students. Applications need to be made directly to Camden please get in touch for more information.

Working parents are also able to take advantage of the tax free credit scheme and working parents/carers may be eligible to claim up to 85% of their fees back via universal credit.

If you wish to book a space, please follow steps below:

Register an account and complete child registration details - <https://coramsfieldsosc.ipalbookings.com/>

1. Select Book sessions and choose after school club
2. On the payment page select voucher/other payment and complete the details.

Booking should be created.

All fees are payable at least two weeks in advance inline with our cancellation policy. Visits to our centre are welcome, if you wish to visit please do pop by any time after 4PM, Monday – Friday or contact oscbookings@coramsfields.org.uk to arrange a more convenient time.

Yours sincerely

Kate Humphrey
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