



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 27th March 2017
Next newsletter: Monday 24th April 2017

The last day of term is Friday 31st March: school will finish at 2pm.
Please make a note of this early finishing time.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

As we move into the last two weeks of Lent we need to remember to ask God for his blessing and thank him for the gift of friendship.

During Holy week in particular, we should rejoice in the gift of love given by Jesus dying on the cross. This was so beautifully shared by the children who led our worship of the Stations of the Cross.



This week we encourage you to travel to school by bicycle or scooter! Every day we will count how many children travel in this way. Parents - we can include you too so please join in! The JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) will be collecting this information every day - and there will be some lucky dip prizes!

A note from the Green Team

We are running a 'Recycling Easter holiday Competition.' We would like to see evidence of the recycling St. John's School pupils do at home.

During the holiday the challenge is to make something from recycled materials – it could be an item of clothing, a model, a plant pot, a toywhatever you like!

You can bring the item in – or bring in a photograph of it after Easter. The Green Team will collect them and there will be prizes for children from each class.

Easter Hat Parade

This will take place on the final day of term (**Friday March 31st**). The theme for this year links in with our fundraising appeal for Lent.

The theme is 'My wish for the world.' Some suggestions include a wish for world peace, a wish for all children to have an education, a wish for an eco friendly world.....

We look forward to seeing how creative and imaginative the Easter Hats are this year!

Judging will take place at Surrey Quays Shopping Centre and all are welcome. We are grateful to Tescos for their support in making this such a special annual event!

Framed Picture Sale



To raise money for the Starlight Charity the children of the Spiritual Life Committee, School Council and Green Team have organised for children to create pictures of 'Wishes and Dreams'. **These pictures will be framed to sell to parents. This will take place on Monday March 27th from 3pm.** The Gates will open earlier and they will be sold at the back of each classroom. **The cost of these is £3** and each child from Nursery through to Year 6 will have a picture for sale.

Remember – all of the profits go to the charity the children have chosen for Lent.



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Hair-styles

Children should have their hair tied back during the school day, as a matter of health and safety. Please ensure that if your daughter or son has long hair that it is either tied back or kept back by a hair band.

There appears to be a new trend of 'extreme' hair cuts for boys – please can you ensure that your child's hair remains within the guidelines that children should look smart and presentable.



Tuesday 28th March – Year 3 trip to The London Metropolitan Archives

Tuesday 28th March – Reception trip to the Unicorn Theatre, leaving at 12.30pm and returning at 4.15pm

Friday 31st March – Easter Hat Parade, school finishes at 2pm

Term Dates

Summer Term 2016:

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May 2017

Half-Term: 29th May – 2nd June 2017

*Inset day Monday 5th June 2017 **Please note this additional closure day***

Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July 2017

Celebrating Success

EYFS



Reception children enjoyed watering the plants in their Spring Garden and looking for minibeasts.

KS1

Year 2 enjoyed a walk around London, looking at famous landmarks and sketching along the River Thames. This walk was part of their 'London' topic, it was really useful for them to see some of the landmarks that the class have been researching in their English lessons. It was also an opportunity to observe how the River Thames has changed since the times of The Great Fire of London, which they are also learning about in History.

Mrs O'Connor was very pleased with how well the children behaved - well done Year 2!



KS2

On Wednesday 22nd March a group from Year 6 were chosen to attend 'WE DAY' at Wembley Arena in light of their willingness to always help with a range of jobs around the school. It was a high energy and eventful day including inspirational speeches from celebrities such as Kate Winslet and fantastic performances from the likes of Jessie J!

Tilly said, "I loved doing the WE dance and there were powerful messages about making the world a better place."

Ciara commented, "This was the best trip ever! We had so much fun seeing lots of famous people and one of the highlights was seeing Justin Bieber's dancers! Jessie J was telling us all about the songs she had written 12 years ago."