



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 30th April 2018
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Rosary Week



This week is Rosary Week and there will be the opportunity for children to pray a decade of the Rosary in Lara's Garden during lunchtimes. In addition to this, the Spiritual Life Committee invite families to pray together before school at 8.30am every day if it is not raining. This will take place at the front of the school and be led by the children who will have rosary beads for you – but please feel free to bring your own.



Walk to School Week takes place at St. John's this week from Monday 30th April to Friday 4th May. On Wednesday we encourage children and families to ride their bike or scooter to school! When children walk to school this week they will be entered into a lucky draw.

If you live too far and cannot walk all the way, maybe you could park at Surrey Quays and walk the rest of the way?



Class Masses – Summer Term 2018 **(9.15am)**

Friday 4th May – Year 1

Friday 11th May – Year 3

Half Term

Friday 8th June – Year 5

Friday 22nd June – Year 2

Tuesday 10th July 2pm Year 6 Leavers Mass



Thursday 3rd May – Year 5 trip to The Field Studies Centre

Friday 4th May – Year 4 trip to Greenwich Peninsula Golf Range

Advance notice of upcoming events:



Tuesday 3rd July – Sports Day for KS1 and 2 (times to be confirmed)

Term Dates

Tuesday 17th April – Friday 25th May

Half term 28th May- 1st June

Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July

Parents' Spelling & Maths Games Workshop for Reception and KS1



There was a good turnout for this session and lots of positive feedback. At the end of the workshop we talked to parents about hosting a 4 week Parent Partnership Programme, whereby parents would work alongside their children to develop new skills and share strategies to support learning. Many parents gave us ideas of sessions we could run as part of this and we are currently putting together a plan for this to start just before half term so please look out for more information coming soon.

If any other parents have ideas for sessions to include please see Ms Jajechnyk or Ms Phipps. Thank you for your continued support.



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Notice regarding before school

Children are **not** permitted to play football in the school car park. This is dangerous and we ask all parents and carers to be alert to this before school.

Polling Day

The Local Authority has informed us that St. John's will **not** be a Polling Station on Thursday 3rd May.

Easter Hamper

The Easter Hamper remains unclaimed. The Friends of St. Johns are going to separate the items and put every child's name into a lucky draw. The raffle will be drawn in school on Friday.

PE Kits



Please check your child's PE kit still fits them properly, in particular their plimsolls/trainers. It would appear that many children have had a growth spurt and may have changed shoe sizes.

Celebrating Success

Whole School Writing Competition



Congratulations to the winners of the whole school writing competition. The theme was 'Caretakers of our Earth' and the children submitted some excellent writing entries, including stories and poetry. Well done to all the children who took part!

KS1



In Year 2 the children have been learning about the Great Fire of London. During the holidays they made some fantastic Tudor houses and these were used to create a model of a street during Tudor times. To help the children understand about the difficulties of putting out fires in 1066 they formed a chain of children in the playground and passed along buckets of water from the River Thames (classroom sink) to the burning street outside. This helped the children to understand how and why the fire managed to spread as it did. Well done to those who made a Tudor house, they looked fantastic.

KS2



A group from Year 5 visited Bacon's College where they competed in various sporting activities including basketball and football. The children had so much fun and were extremely pleased to receive a certificate. Some children received a medal for teamwork! The session was organised by a group of sixth formers and was a great success. What wonderful role models for our pupils.