



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 18th October 2021
Next newsletter: Monday 1st November



Rosary for Families



As part of our celebrations for the Month of Mary, Mr. Burns, Miss Pienkowska and the Catholic Life Committee will be leading a decade of the Rosary for families. This will take place each morning from Tuesday to Friday (weather permitting) at 8.30am outside the school. Please note this is for families – children must remain with their parents/carers at all times.



KS2 Parent drop in session

On Wednesday 20th October 2021 we are holding a parent drop in session for those children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The class teachers will be available from 9am until 9.20am. This session has been arranged to give parents the chance to say hello to the teacher and look at your child's work.

Report Cards

At the end of this week, your child (Year 1 to Year 6) will bring home a 'report card'. This card will give you information about where your child is academically. If you have any questions regarding this report, we will have opportunities next half term for follow ups at the usual 'Parents Evening' event.

Welcome to Reception



Open Event for Reception Class 2022

If your child is due to start school in September 2022 please join us for our open event on Wednesday 20th October at 2pm.

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Please see the link below for the Wednesday word holiday booklet:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=41.5>

School Attendance

At the end of this week every child will be bringing home their current attendance record. Our overall aim as a school is for children's attendance to be above 97%. Any child with a percentage lower than 93% is classed, at this school, as a 'Persistent Absentee'. If your attendance report is on **green** paper then please congratulate yourself on your child's good attendance which is **over 96%**. **Orange** paper means that your child is in the danger zone of between 93-96%. However, if your child's attendance is on **red** paper they are below the 93% mark and are considered a Persistent Absentee and will be on a monitoring list. If their attendance does not improve, referrals will be made to the Local Authority's Early Help Team.



The school nursing service will be visiting the school on Wednesday 1st December to immunise children with the nasal flu vaccine. Please complete the consent/decline form on the link below.

If you wish to decline, please indicate this on the system so that the nursing service does not keep trying to contact you. The school office can not decline on your behalf.

Please note, the system will close one day before our scheduled flu vaccination session.

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/southwark>

Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second-hand uniform sale in the school carpark at 3.30pm on Thursday 21st October and Tuesday 2nd November.



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Year 5 Judaism Week

Play and learn

After the half term, Reception Class parents are being invited into school for a 'Play and Learn' session.

The purpose of this special event is to give parents an insight into how the children learn in the Reception Class setting as well as the chance to meet with Ms Pienkowska and ask any questions you may have. This event will replace Parents' Evening.

It is valuable for the children to have the opportunity to share their learning with parents at school. A letter will be sent later this week with more details.



Yoga sessions Years 1 - 6

The children in Years 1 – 6 will be taking part in a course of weekly yoga sessions during the school day for three weeks. Please send your child to school in their PE kit or sportswear on Thursday 21st October, Thursday 4th & 11th November.

Celebrating Success

Year 6



We are delighted that some of our Year 6 students have taken up the opportunity of an intensive course of swimming lessons during the half term break, which is being funded by St. John's from our Sports Premium Funding.

Roof Works Complete



We are pleased that the roof works are now completed. It has taken six months but we are delighted with the results.



As part of Judaism Week, Year 5 made unleavened bread which was part of the food the Israelites would have eaten on their way to freedom. When it was cooked, they enjoyed a meal which celebrated the fulfilment of God's promise to His people. The children shared their meal with Ms Babb!



RE Lessons – Family Topic



As part of their RE topic, Family, Year Five have been identifying the qualities they feel God has given them. They designed tiles to represent these qualities and last week used clay to make them. This week, they have enjoyed painting their tiles.