



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

Junior Weekly Newsletter



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Friday 15th October

Dear Parent and Carers,

This week the theme across the schools are happiness. What makes us happy and how can we make others happy. We reflected on Mark's Gospel which reminds us that if we truly want to be happy, wealth and possessions are not as important as following Christ's message of love, and caring for those around us.

Sometimes in our own search for personal happiness, we forget how our actions may impact on others, or cause the unhappiness of those around us. Does achieving personal happiness involve putting others down or being hurtful to those around us. I often say to the children, if our thoughts, words or actions (either online or face to face) cause the direct unhappiness or pain to others, then I would question if this is true happiness at all?

For our children, what does happiness mean? Foremost to be loved, valued and respected. To feel the warmth and affection of those around them both at school and at home. Happiness cannot always be bought with the latest toy or game but more so through time spent together, patience and a little understanding. If we are happy on the inside, our happiness radiates as a light for all to see. However, we cannot always be happy all of the time, life is simply not made that way and one of my favourite films 'Inside Out' perfectly shows this. What we can do is perhaps always appreciate the moments that do make us happy and strive to be a source of happiness for others. In school we discussed how we can do this by:

Thinking of others before ourselves. Not sharing information on making social media that is hurtful to others. Making sure when we achieve something, we take others with us rather than putting others down. Our children shared a simple prayer this week which perhaps you can share at home.

Dear Lord Jesus, make our school and homes rich in love and filled with the happiness which comes from serving you and others.

A little reminder to please keep your phones on once you have dropped your children at school and let us know if you have changed your contact numbers. We may need to contact you in any emergency or if your child is unwell. This will help ensure that your child is collected as soon as possible. Please support us by getting a Covid PCR test for your child if you are asked to do so. We know it is also flu and cold season but we have had three confirmed cases of Covid 19 so far this year and still need to remain vigilant.

As we approach the month of November, we especially remember those who have passed away. We invite you to list the names of any friends or family members that you would like us to remember and pray for.

A great big thank you to all the parents for your wonderful food donations this week, there is still one week left to raid your cupboards or buy an extra can of food on your next shopping trip. Please bring any final donations to either school on Monday 18th October.

God bless and have a restful weekend,

Mrs D'Souza and all the staff at St. Joseph's.

Upcoming Dates

Terms Dates as follows:-

Half Term 2021

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Schools Closes for Christmas Holiday

Friday December 17th 2021

(Staggered finish times)

Reception – 1pm

Nursery pm 1:30pm

Year 1&2 – 1:15pm

Year 3&4 – 1:30pm

Year 5&6 – 1:45pm

Year 6

Applying for Secondary School place online

1st September 2021 to 31st October 2021

The Big Draw

1st October to 31st October 2021

Lammas School – Open Evening

12th October 2021 6pm to 8pm

Kelmscott School Open Evening

Wednesday 13th October 2021

5.30pm – 8.00pm

Higham Park School Open Evening

Thursday 14th October 2021

5.30pm – 8.30pm

Black History Month

October 1st – 31st October

African Dance Workshop

21st October 2021

Diwali – 4th November

Festival of Light

Non Uniform Days

Friday 23rd October - £ 2 donation

Friday November 26th - £2 donation Friday 17th

December - £2 donation

Flu Jab

Thursday 4th November 2021

Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements

22nd November 2021

PE Days

Year 3&6 Wednesday & Friday

Year 4&5 Tuesday & Friday

Inset Day

Tuesday 4th January 2022 (No school)

School Re-Opens

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Recent Updates

Harvest Festival Food Donations

In preparation for the Harvest Festival we kindly ask you to donate any dried food or tinned items which will be distributed to local food banks and those in need. Donated food can include packets of fried pasta, rice or noodles, tinned soups and canned vegetables. Cereals, crackers, canned tomatoes and baked beans would also be very helpful. Thank you for your ongoing support. Last year we were able to help many families and hope to do the same again this year.

Registration

All new parents will have received log-in details to register for the [shop \(Pay+\)](#). If you have not already registered please do so as soon as possible. Once registered, you will be able to book for the planned trips and clubs that are coming up. Places will be limited so don't delay in registering.

Meal Changes

Those who have registered will also be able to pay for the excellent school meals their children are enjoying. You can read about them and see the current menu here <https://walthamforestcatering.co.uk/our-menus> please be aware if you want to change between Packed Lunch and School Meals, you will need to give 2 weeks written notice.

Parents Consultations

We will be holding our Parent's Consultations after the half term. This will be a 10-minute phone conversation with your child's teacher about their progress so far this term. (classteachers will ring you). Invitations to book will be sent out by email shortly. Please ensure that you book your child's slot and that a parent will be available to speak to the class teacher.

Year3 Class 3RC: Wednesday 10th November 2021

Year 4 Class 4K: Thursday 11th November 2021

Year 4 Class 4T: Friday 12th November 2021

Year 5 Class 5S: Friday 5th November 2021

Year 5 Class 5: Tuesday 9th November 2021

Year 6 Class 6H: Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Year 6 Class 6T: Thursday 4th November 2021

Star Pupils

3RC: Daniel, Gioia.

4K: D'Andre, Samanta.

4T: Mirabel, Jake.

5A:Naomi,Etinosa

5S: Mia, Aleksander.

6M: Acacia, Ronan.

6T: Kacper,Michaela.

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 and Juniors School are:

Mrs D'Souza	Headteacher
Mrs Subebe	Asst. Headteacher.
Mrs Carmody	Year 6 teacher
Mrs Le	Year 6 Teacher
Ms Poku	Year 5 class Teacher

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

Telephone: 020 8496 2310

Email:MASHrequests@walthamforest.gov.uk

Recent Updates

Start and Finish to School Day

It is important your child arrives promptly at their allocated start time in order to maximise their learning time, receive additional intervention and support as well as settle themselves in readiness to start the school day. A reminder start times are:

Year 3 and 4 – 8:45 – 3.10

Year 5 and 6 – 8:40 – 3.15

Gate closes: 8:55

Please kindly do not enter the playground before your time slot and leave promptly once you have collected your child. Please also remember to wear a mask to help keep our community safe. We thank you for your support with these new procedure.

Sickness and Absence

Please make sure that you call the school office **every day** that your child is sick or absent from school. Messages can be left on the answer machine which should make the procedure much easier. If you do not contact the school when your child is absent, you will receive a phone call from the school office in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Late Pick-Ups

Please be aware that both the Infants and Juniors schools will enforce charges to parents and carers if their children are repeatedly late collecting their child from school. We understand there may be emergency situations and we ask you to call ahead and inform us in such instances. However, where parents and carers are repeatedly late to collect their children, charges are as follows:

15minutes - £5

30 minutes and thereafter - £10

The school does offer afterschool club provision if you are unable to collect your child on time. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the junior school for an application pack or alternatively, forms can be downloaded from our schools website.

Testing

We kindly ask parents that if their child has been sent home or is absent for any of the following: high temperatures, new persistent cough, change in taste or smell, diarrhoea or vomiting, we advise taking a Covid test before they return to school. We thank all parents who continue to get their children tested regularly and do so when asked to. Thank you for continuing to keep our community safe.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to

Nel 4T

Victor 4K

Jakub 4K

Ravinder 6H



Office Hours

Please be aware that school office opening hours are now from

8:00 to 8:30 am

9:00 to 3:30 pm

If you need to report an absence, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Well done to Class 6M for having the highest attendance this week- 99%. Keep it up!



“Jesus Christ is the unseen but ever present teacher in our school, our model and inspiration for all who work here.”