



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking all of our parents and carers for the many kind and thoughtful comments that I have received recently regarding the hard work of my staff. It has been truly heartening to read, hear and share these messages, which reflect the strong sense of support and the wonderfully caring community that I am so proud to be part of. I have of course, shared these with the individual staff members and thank you for taking the time to share these with us.



Lent



A sincere thank you to Fr Robert for leading our Lent Reflection this morning. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and reflect on the events of Holy Week, and the importance of Good Friday and Easter. The children sang beautifully, and we will be uploading a snapshot on Facebook soon.

Catholic Social Teaching in action! (Preferential option for the poor)

A huge well done to the Chaplaincy Team for raising an amazing £670.60 through their Lent raffle and cake sale. All proceeds will be donated to CAFOD.

A big thank you also to the Parliament Team for supporting me in developing a new school project and to our Sports Leaders who, without fail, organise sporting challenges and events every Friday, rain or shine, for the younger classes. You are all fantastic ambassadors for the school.



I wanted to share an email I received this morning from the Children's Commissioner's office

You may have seen in the news this morning that the government has just published their [Screen time guidance for under 5s](#). I wanted to reach out and thank you again for your help with our research that underpins this guidance (the full independent report is available [here](#)). This wouldn't have been possible without input from children and parents from your school and we really hope the guidance is a useful resource for them and others.

A huge thank you to those parents and children met and contributed their thoughts and ideas. You have really made a difference.

Thank you!

Rachel De Souza Children's Commissioner



New Project

Over the past few years, we have continued to enhance the opportunities available to our children. This has included the development of a new Early Years and KS1 library, as well as upgrades to the KS2 book stock and seating areas. Most recently, we have completed our EYFS outdoor learning area, which has already had a positive impact on our youngest learners.

These developments would not have been possible without the continued support and hard work of the Friends of St Vincent, formerly known as the PSA. We are incredibly grateful for their efforts and ongoing commitment to the school.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to share that the School Parliament team and Senior Leadership Team are working together on an exciting new project to transform lunchtimes. Our aim is to create an environment where all children can be creative, collaborative and active within our wonderful school grounds. As with all such projects, this will require careful research, planning, time and funding, and I will keep you updated as plans progress.

We anticipate that this project will involve support from our wider school community. During the summer term, we will be reaching out for specific resources, as well as any parent skills or talents, particularly in areas such as digging, building or repurposing materials. Any donations, large or small, will also be greatly appreciated. We hope to begin this project in the summer term, but this will only be possible through our shared efforts, so please do keep an eye out for further information.

Colour Run – Save the date!

Back by popular demand, our Colour Run will take place after school on 22nd May! Please look out for further information on how to volunteer, purchase tickets, or simply come along to cheer and enjoy the atmosphere. It's always a fantastic community event and we hope to see many of you there.



Transition Afternoon

This summer, we would like to trial a transition afternoon for both parents and children.

This will take place on the children's transition day 9th July, when pupils spend time in their new classrooms and get to know their new teacher. To build on this important experience, we would like to extend the opportunity to parents and their child at the end of the school day, from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. This will be a valuable opportunity for you to visit your child's new classroom, look at examples of work and, of course, your child will be able to introduce you to their new class teacher.

We do hope you will be able to join us and share in this important step in your child's school journey.

Uniform

A polite reminder that children should attend school in the correct uniform. This includes a green school jumper or cardigan with the school logo, navy trousers or shorts, and a white polo shirt. In the summer, pupils may choose to wear a green and white checked dress. Children should also wear plain white or black socks and black

school shoes. All long hair MUST be tied back. Small silver or gold stud earrings, NO hoops or other jewellery. A watch can be worn. (not a Smart Watch).
PE uniform is navy blue sports shorts (NOT cycling shorts) or jogging bottoms, plain white t shirt and the school jumper or cardigan. YEAR 6 ONLY may wear their leaver's jumper on PE days.
All items can be purchased from supermarkets, except for the school jumper or cardigan, which carries the school logo.

Wrap around care EY /KS1

DoWAT (Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust) has asked us to share the following link with our EY/KS1 parents. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire.
[Supporting your family - early years questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

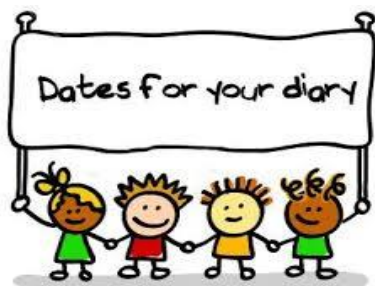
Reading



I would like to highlight the importance of reading. Reading is fundamental to academic success, helping to develop vocabulary, concentration, critical thinking and empathy, while also supporting children's wellbeing and understanding of the wider world. The Easter holidays provide a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love of reading at home. A visit to your local library is a great place to start, or you may wish to explore events available at: <https://nextpagebooks.co.uk/events/>

*Lord Jesus,
I humbly come before You this Holy Week,
reflecting on Your great sacrifice.
Fill my heart with deep gratitude for the love that held You to the cross.
Help me to understand Your suffering, embrace humility, and live a life that
glorifies Your name.
Strengthen my faith and guide my actions to reflect
Your compassion and mercy.
May my heart always remember Your sacrifice
and share Your love with others.
Amen*





Please note, there may be times where dates and times are subject to change. Additional events and dates will be announced in due course.

14th April	Start of Summer Term
14 th April	Y1 Commonwealth Championships PE Workshops
22 nd April	Earth Day
23 rd April	Y5 Viking Workshops
24 th April	Y1 Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
28 th April	Y1 Commonwealth Championships PE Workshops
29 th April	New Nursery Parent Meeting 2:15pm
30 th April	Y5 Maths competition (Maths Team only)
1 st May	Y1 Class trip- Herrings Farm
1 st May	Y6 Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
1 st May	Year 3 Assembly, 2:30pm
8 th May	Year 3 class trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum
8 th May	Local sculptor working with Y4 and Y2 (TBC)
8 th May	Year 5 Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
8 th May	Reception Assembly, 2:30pm
11 th -15 th May	SATS Week (Yr6)
13 th May	Book Fair (14 th – 19 th May)
15 th May	Y4 Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
18 th May	Reception class trip to Standalone Farm
19 th May	Reception NHS Height and weight screening
20 th May	Year 3 Yvaneh school visiting
20 th May	Year 6 Fitz Kidz Rowing
20 th May	Year 4 Ultimate Frisbee Competition (Team only)
21 st May	Mary Procession 9am – Parents welcome
22 nd May	Year 3 at St Joseph's 9:30am
22 nd May	Year 2 More, Assembly 2:30pm
22 nd May	Friends of SVdP Colour Run
1 st June	Yr4 Multiplication checks (Statutory)
2 nd June	Y5 Miss Rawlings, Visit JHN
3 rd June	Y5 Miss Price, Visit JHN
3 rd June	Y6 Team building Workshop, to support transition
4 th June	Y3/4 Quidditch competition (Team event only)
5 th June	Year 2 Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
5 th June	Reception New Parent Meeting 2pm
8 th June	KS1 Phonics screening (8 th -12 th)
9 th June	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
9 th June	Cricket competition (Team only)
12 th June	Year 1 Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
16 th June	Y3-6 School's Athletics Ridlins (Team only)
19 th June	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 9:30 (TBC)

23rd June	Class Photographs
24 th June	Year 2 class trip Knebworth House
24th June	Nursery Sports Morning 10:30am (all Nursery children)
25 th June	Y5 Sporting Event at JHN time tbc (in school time)
26 th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
29 th June	KS1 Rounders Competition (Team only)
3 rd July	Year 4 Community Mass at JHN
3 rd July	Year 6 and Reception Mass at St Joseph's 9:30am
7 th July	Year 6 End of year play, afternoon performance (time tbc)
8 th July	Year 6 End of year play, performance 4pm
9 th July	Moving up day- children spend time in their new class
9 th July	Parent and Child Transition Afternoon 3:30 -4:00pm. An opportunity for your Child(ren) to take you to see their new classroom and introduce you to their new teacher.
10th July	Reports to parents
13 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 11am
17 th July	Leavers' Assembly
17 th July	Leavers' Parade
17th July	End of term 2pm

