



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

17th September 2021

Dear Parents,


We have had another great week in school and things are really ramping up. We have had lots of sports coaches in school working with the children as well as a girl's cricket festival and even a competitive football match against Ley Hill. It is great to be able to give the children the varied and broad education that a few years ago we took for granted.

Our induction weeks have come to an end today so the children should really be back into the routine and structure of things. I can see from walking around school that the children are working really hard which is great. In my opinion, this is the most important term of the year and the one where the children make the most rapid progress.

We also had our School Parliament elections today. It was great to see so many Year 6 children standing to be the Primary Minister. Well done to all of you as it takes real courage to put yourself forward and stand up to talk in front of all your peers. Congratulations to our new Primary Minister – Sorcha Doyle and our Deputy - Finn Simpson. We look forward to an extremely forward thinking and radical year under their leadership.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Hold 



First School Football Match

Before I talk about the actual match, I would just like to say we had a future Champions League footballer in our team, Finlay. He had a huge game by scoring a hat trick. The defence was kept solid by Michael, Massi, George and Louis and the midfield masterclass had a brilliant connection and it was passing glory by Callen, Harrison, Finlay and Massi

Our previously successful Christmas Tree formation, 1-3-2-1 worked brilliantly as we drew 3-3. Giving us lots of hope for the next match.

By Michael V Year 6

Meet The Teacher Evening

Meet the Teacher Evening will be on Wednesday 22nd September at 6.00 pm. This is an evening for parents from Year 1 to Year 6, where the teachers will explain about the routines in their children's classrooms. This meeting will be face to face. However, we won't start with a talk from me in the hall to limit the number of contacts. Please don't come if you are feeling unwell at all. Only one parent needs to attend so there is no need for any children to be in school. Each teacher will do their talk twice – 6.00pm to 6.30pm and 6.30pm to 7.00pm. This way if you have more than one child you will get the chance to hear more than one teacher.



Safeguarding

I wanted to make parents aware of a number of resources on the NSPCC website to support parents. They include support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

Please see the resources on their website: [Keeping children safe | NSPCC](#)

Beginning of the Year Mass

Our first Mass of the year will be on Monday 27th September at 10.15 am. All parents are invited, but it would be particularly nice to see the families of the Reception children and any other new children, as this will be a special Mass for them where they are received into the school.

Knife and Fork – Walk and Picnic

Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone the work we were doing with our European partnership schools. As a way of relaunching it, we are hoping to take part in a whole school walk to Chesham Bois Moor and picnic. This is also going to be on Monday 27th September – weather permitting. Parents are welcome to join us!!!!

Cafod Family Fast Day

The 1st October is Cafod's Family Fast Day and as has become our tradition St Joseph's will be supplying us with soup and a roll for our school lunch free of charge. I would like to encourage children to have a school lunch that day and we will donate the money you pay to Cafod. Not only is this a really good way to raise money but it also helps our children to show solidarity with hungry children across the world.

Traffic – Please be careful

This is just a request for parents to be really careful crossing the road outside of school. The crossing is closed officially meaning that if there is an accident there the traffic management company are going to claim that it is not their fault. I know people are using the crossing (which I clearly can't condone) but also on top of that people are getting more and more lazy around the crossing and crossing all away along the road. This morning a child was nearly knocked over right outside of school. Please be extra careful and remember that however you are crossing with your child you are their primary educator. If you cross irresponsibly, then it is likely your child will cross irresponsibly well into their teens.

Thank you

Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:



Year 1	Victoria & Harley
Year 2	Florence & Simeon
Year 3	Behtin & Zuzanna
Year 4	Bella & Lena
Year 5	Connie & Cliff
Year 6	Charlie & Massi

Well done everyone.





OPEN EVENTS

Mr Peter Sweeney, Executive Headteacher and Mr Stuart Hynes, Chair of Governors at St Joan of Arc Catholic School warmly invite all prospective students and their parents who are seeking admission in September 2022 to our Open Evening & Open Morning.

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 7th October 2021

6.00pm to 9.00pm

OPEN MORNING

Friday 8th October 2021

9.00am to 11.30am

There will be opportunities during your visit to:

- View the school facilities, meet Staff, Students, Governors & members of the PFA
- Hear about the Headteacher's vision for the future
- Share our successes

St Joan's is a very popular, highly oversubscribed Catholic School where every child matters, we have a strong system of support, care & guidance, a commitment to high standards of behaviour and academic success.



Find out more about our school and download application forms at:

www.joa.herts.sch.uk

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Diary Dates 2021-2022

Please note:

- These dates are published to help parents and children attend as many events as possible. Although we will make every effort to stick to them, we may need to change the times or dates of some. When we do so, we will attempt to give as much warning as possible.

Date	Event	Concerning
17 th Sep	Year 4 First Swimming Session (10 weeks)	Year 4
19 th Sep	PTA Barbeque – New Parents Welcome 1pm to 4pm	New Parents
22 nd Sep	Meet The Teacher Evening – 6.00pm	Y1 – Y6 Parents
	Individual School Photos	All Children
27 th Sep	Beginning of Year Mass	Reception Parents
27 th Sep	Walk to Chesham Bois Moor and Picnic	Whole School
1 st Oct	Family Fast Day – Soup Day	Everyone
11 th Oct	Diocesan Schools' Mass	Year 6
15 th Oct	PTA Parent Coffee Morning	9.00pm – 11.00pm
17 th Oct	Children's Disco	KS1 3pm – 4.30pm KS2 5pm – 6.30pm
Wk beginning 18 th Oct	Assessment Week	All Children
22 nd Oct	School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25 pm	Whole School
1 st Nov	Return to School	Whole School
1 st Nov	All Saints Mass	Whole School
Wk beg 1st Nov	Pupil -Teacher Meetings	All Classes
10 th Nov	Parent consultation evening (Late)	All Classes
11 th Nov	Parent consultation evening (Early)	All Classes
15 th – 19 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	All Classes
20 th Nov	PTA Family Bingo	6 pm-8.30pm
23 rd Nov	PTA AGM	7.00pm-9pm
29 th Nov	Advent Liturgy / Crib Blessing	Whole School
3 rd Dec	PTA Secret Gift Room	During school hours
8 th Dec	Immaculate Conception Mass – Our Lady's School Feast Day	All Invited

10th Dec	Hollyberry Fayre	.30pm – 5pm
11th Dec	School Christmas Lunch	Whole School
14th Dec	Year R Nativity Play – morning	Year R Parents
15th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance - afternoon	KS1 Parents
16th Dec	KS2 Carol Service	
17th Dec	School closes at 1.30 pm	
4th Jan	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	Teaching Staff
5th Jan	School Re-opens	Whole School
6th Jan	Epiphany - Mass and Blessing of the School and Classrooms	Whole School
16th Jan	STCAT Review	Staff
31st Jan	Candlemas Mass	All Invited
Wk beg 14th Feb	Assessment Week	Whole School
18th Feb	School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25pm	All Classes
28th Feb	School Re-opens	All Classes
Wk beg 28th Feb	Pupil -Teacher Meetings	All Classes
1st March	Shrove Tuesday - Carnivale	Whole School
2nd March	Ash Wednesday Service	All Invited
9th March	Parent consultation evening (Late)	All Classes
10th March	Parent consultation evening (Early)	All Classes
8th April	School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 pm	
25th April	School Re-opens	All Classes
27th April	Easter Mass	All Invited
2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	
5th May	International Day and Evening	
Wk beg 9th May	SATS WEEK – Y6	Year 6
Wk beg 23rd May	End of Year Assessments	Year 1 to Year 5

26th May	May Procession	All Classes
	Year 6 Residential	Year 6
27th May	School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25pm	Whole School
6th June	INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL	Teaching Staff
7th June	School Re-opens	All Classes
8th June	Pentecost Liturgy	
7th to 10th June	Year 1 Phonics test	Year 1
13th to 17th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4
15th June	Meeting for new Reception children & parents 6.00 pm (children starting September 2022)	New Reception Parents
29th June	St Peter and St Pauls Mass	
1st July	Mass – Year 3 First Holy Communicants	All Invited
3rd July	Sports Day (am – Foundation and KS1; pm – KS2)	All Invited
8th & 9th July	Year 6 Production	Year 6 Families
15th July	Reports to Parents	All Classes except Y6
19th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.30 am	All Invited
20th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 9.30 am	All Invited
20th July	School closes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30 pm	