# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter





Gospel Reading for Sunday 12th May Sixth Sunday of Easter Mark 16: 15-20



### Headteacher Message

It is with great sadness that at times I find myself having to deal with members of my staff who are upset and distressed by the way they have been spoken to or communicated with via email or another written form. Unfortunately, I have had a couple of occasions this week where this has been the case.

Being a mother myself, I am aware that dealing with anything regarding our children, quite rightly, provokes a strong reaction in us, as our first response is always to shelter, protect and defend our children. Therefore, at times we know that the first reaction of parents can be caused by being upset, distressed or worried and therefore, it is easy to make allowances for how someone has reacted.

It is much harder to understand that when teachers are asking parents to follow the polices and procedures of the school, that were all signed up for when accepting a place here—some people have been rude, aggressive and shown no regard for the fact that they are dealing with another human being, who is simply doing their job.

I ponder, that in many walks of life (such as medicine or retail for example) —we come across posters that remind us that staff will not tolerate being spoken to in a disrespectful manner. I am left here at the end of this week trying to fathom why there is a need for people to treat those (the teachers) that they entrust their most precious gift, their child, in this way. It also leaves me with some understanding of why so many young people who enter teaching are leaving the profession at the very early stages of their career and hence there is such a recruitment crisis.

I therefore request that all parents please show the staff here the courtesy and respect that they deserve, as they care for the children everyday and implement and follow the policies and procedures that are expected in this school.

## **Attendance**

Attendance—Week Ending 10th May 2024					
CLASS	%	CLASS	%		
RA	88.3	RB	87.5		
1JB	87.5	1EB	89.6		
2E	92.2	2F	89.8		
3GS	96.2	3D	94.6		
4D	96.2	4H	95.5		
5G	91.7	5C	96.5		
6W	94.4	6MT	97.0		

The highest class attendance this week was 6MT with 92.8% Well done!



The attendance goodie bag raffle will take place on Monday!

Reminder that children who have 100% attendance for the week are entered into the weekly raffle for the prize bag. Each week all the children are entered into the termly raffle for the £50 Amazon voucher.

## **House Points**

Totals for this week				
St David	St George			
65	66			
St Patrick	St Andrew			
62	84			
Running totals for this term				
St David	St George			
254	209			
St Patrick	St Andrew			
246	321			

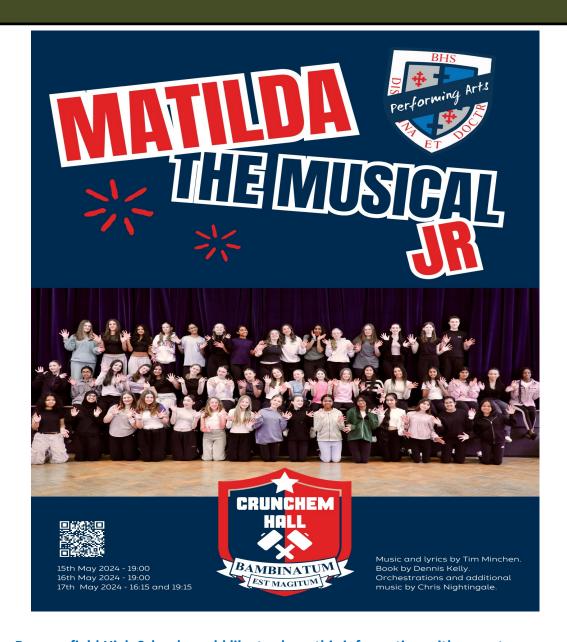
## **Water bottles**

Please can you make sure that during the hot weather the children come to school with a water bottle.

We have water dispensers in various areas of the school and the children will be able to refill their bottle at an appropriate time during the day.

Please be reminded that the bottles should only contain water—juice is not permitted.





Beaconsfield High School would like to share this information with parents....

Next week we will be putting on a production of *Matilda Jr* which will be a fantastic evening of entertainment. Featuring all of the *Matilda* classics such as 'When I grow up', 'Revolting Children' and 'Naughty' you can't help but have your toes tapping by the end of the performance! The running time is approximately 2 hours including an interval.

Please see the ticket links below.

Wednesday 15th May at 6pm <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beaconsfieldhigh/tzzdqrnz">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beaconsfieldhigh/tzzdqrnz</a>
Thursday 16th May at 6pm <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beaconsfieldhigh/tqjkqonp">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beaconsfieldhigh/tmokdg</a>
Friday 17th May at 7.15pm <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beaconsfieldhigh/teavmnr">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beaconsfieldhigh/teavmnr</a>

#### Safeguarding

Under no circumstances should parents enter the building by any entrance other than the main school office entrance.

Please do not come into the building in the morning via the playground doors. The teachers are unable to speak with parents at this time as they are settling the children in their class.

If you need to communicate with a teacher please call or email the school office. You are also welcome to avail yourself of the Wednesday evening drop-in session.

Keeping all children safe is our priority—please support us with this.

Members of the Pupil Leadership Team will be at the KS1 door to support the children in Years 1-2.

## Uniform Reminders

With the hot weather this week there has been some huge variations in uniform. Please find below some important reminders and on the next page is the full uniform requirements for school—please can you remind yourselves of these, so that the children are wearing the correct St. Joseph's uniform. Teachers duties include monitoring uniform and they will speak to children and parents where uniform is not adhered to.

A few points to highlight:

- Children MUST have school shoes, trainers are not part of the uniform and should only be worn for PE lessons or Forest School.
- The school fleece is an outdoor jacket—it does not replace the school jumper.
- If children are wearing a shirt they should also wear a school tie—this is not required if they are wearing the school polo shirt.
- The option of a summer dress does not include culottes or gingham shorts and top set.
- Summer hats should be the logoed caps available at Earth Uniform.

Please be reminded about acceptable hair cuts below:

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer hair should be tied back neatly using bands in the school colours (white, dark green or black only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn.

Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair (even under top layer of longer hair - undercut) and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair.

Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number two.

The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed.

## Uniform

	Reception – Year 6				
	Item	Available			
Winter	Dark green V-necked jumper with school crest	Earth Uniform			
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth Uniform			
	White cotton shirt	Any stockist			
	Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A -line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist			
	Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights	Any stockist			
Summer	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist			
	Dark grey knee length school shorts / Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist			
	White cotton shirt (worn with school tie)	Any stockist			
	School tie (if wearing a cotton shirt)	Earth Uniform Website			
	White polo shirt with school crest (worn without school tie)	Earth Uniform			
	Dark green and white full gingham <b>dress</b>	Website			
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist			
	Baseball cap / Kepi cap with school crest	Earth Uniform			
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Website			
Outdoor Wear	Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist			
	Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth Uniform Website			
PE & Games	Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth Uniform Website			
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist			
	Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth Website			
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist			
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist			
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist			
School	Dark green book bag with school crest (Infants)	Earth Uniform Website			
	Dark green rucksack (small or large) with school crest (Juniors)	Earth Uniform Website			

## **School Information**

# Uniform Shop Please note that FOSJS Uniform shop will open each Wednesday from 3pm.

#### Drop off in the morning

Just a reminder to please ensure that the children are ready to exit the cars on the turning circle. Adults should not be getting out of the car. It is vital that we keep the traffic moving on Priory Road and the surrounding area.

Please note that the main gate shuts at 8.50am—no cars should enter the grounds after this time. Please do not try to slip in as a car exits. If you arrive after this time you should park on the road and accompany your child to the school office to sign in.

If the school adults have left the turning circle—children must not enter the KS1 playground (as adults leave), as the main doors leading to the playground from the building are locked when we come in.

#### Collection in the evening

The school car park is not available for parking and collecting children at the end of the school day or from clubs. Please do not buzz the intercom and request entrance to the car park unless you are collecting from Busy Living.

## **May—Local History Month**

The aim of the month is to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate.

Miss Minoli, our History leader, has put together our curriculum map for the month and has started to allocate different topics to different year groups.

We are aiming to host an exhibition here at school at the end of May, where parents and local residents can come and find out all about the history of Chalfont St Peter and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake.

If you have any old photographs or information relating to the area or have an older family member who has any memorabilia we would warmly welcome this being shared with us during the month.

If you know anyone who is knowledgeable about local history and would be willing to come in and give a talk to the children please let Miss Minoli know so that she can make contact and arrange a visit. Miss Minoli can be contacted via the school office either by phone or the office email.

## The Railway Children Performance

We had a fantastic afternoon today. M&M theatrical productions visited us and our KS2 Hall was transformed for a theatre play of the Railway Children.

Every emotion was provoked by the production and the children all agreed that we should have M&M Productions back for another performance.

We have booked them to return next March so that we can have a whole school approach to Book Week, which will finish with a theatre show of our chosen book.

The children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon treat.







## **School Information**

## Key Stage 2 SATs

The children in Year 6 are invited in from 8.15am Monday to Thursday for breakfast, prior to taking their SATs tests next week.

We wish them all the very best!

## **RSE Workshop**

The powerpoint from this weeks parent workshop (Year 5 & 6 Relationships and Sex Education) is available on the school website, under the parent tab, in the section entitled parent workshop.



Congratulations to Tia on her performance with the Chalfont Park Football Club (CPFC) U10 Girls on winning the Bucks League Cup Final on

Saturday May 4th.

## **Playground equipment**

Reminder to all parents—the children and any siblings are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment on KS1 or KS2 play areas out of school time.

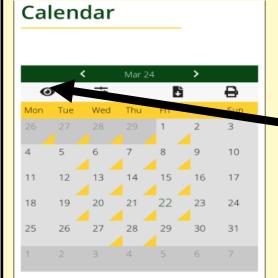
The children are not allowed on this equipment at the end of the day.

Please also be aware that the Forest School area should not be entered by the children out of school hours.

Please make sure that you keep your children with you at the end of the day.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that the children are safe.

#### SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION



Following feedback regarding the calendar view on the School App, we have adjusted the capability to view events.

Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

Please be aware that the calendar is being constantly updated—so keep an eye on it for events.

### **Reminder to parents**

Parent Workshop—Internet Safety -

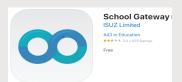
Friday 17th May 9.00am, Key Stage 1 Hall.



#### Email communications are sent to you via

## **Schoolcomms**

To ensure text messages are received, please visit the <a href="App Store">App Store</a> to download



Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

## **Social Media**

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to

facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

