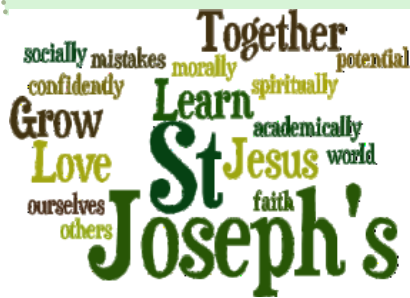


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 26th May

The Holy Trinity Solemnity

Matthew 28: 16-20



Headteacher Message

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another very busy half term—where has the year gone? The weather is getting warmer and the days longer, giving us all opportunities to get out and about, and enjoy the world. It was so wonderful to see all the happy faces enter the building this morning, dressed in their summer outfits and ready for the half term. I hope the vision of SLT in sombreros lifted the mood of anyone feeling a little dreary!

The children have worked so hard this term and all pupils have completed their end of year assessments. I am looking forward to meeting their class teachers at our Pupil Progress Meetings and hearing about all their learning and the fantastic progress they have made throughout the year.

You will note, further on in the newsletter, that we have made slight changes to our uniform policy. We understand that things are increasingly challenging for parents and that the cost of school uniform is high. Therefore, pupils can now wear a plain white polo top and a plain green cap these do not need to be logoed. We hope that this will support parents in ensuring their child has the correct school uniform.

Finally, please ensure that you check the school diary as there are many exciting events coming up after the half term. I look forward to seeing you all at these. Have a great half term!

Attendance

Attendance—Week Ending 24th May 2024

| CLASS | % | CLASS | % |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| RA | 84.7 | RB | 94.3 |
| 1JB | 90.4 | 1EB | 93.3 |
| 2E | 91.7 | 2F | 97.4 |
| 3GS | 96.2 | 3D | 79.1 |
| 4D | 88.5 | 4H | 93.6 |
| 5G | 92.6 | 5C | 97.6 |
| 6W | 89.7 | 6MT | 92 |

Collecting children at the end of the school day.

Please be reminded to make contact with the class teacher at the end of the school day when collecting your child. As you can appreciate, the children are excited and keen to rush off to their parents. However, the class teacher must be confident that the child has been released to the correct parent. If another adult is picking up your child they must have the password that you have provided. Our safeguarding assumes that if this adult has the password, you have given them permission to collect your child.

We remind you again that we will not release children to anyone under the age of 16.

School Information

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 must 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.

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.

Water bottles

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



School Information—Year 4 Visit



Year 4 visited Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha on Thursday and learnt so much about Sikhism. The children were able to visit the Langar to see the food being prepared and try some. Nirmal Singh told us all about the 5 Ks and how they are important. We also went to the prayer room and saw the Guru Granth Sahib. We were delighted that the members of the Gurdwara commented on how respectful the children were. Please ask the children



School Information—Year 1 Assembly



Great Explorers of the World—Marco Polo, Ibn Battuta, Vasco Da Gama, Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan, Captain



Year 1 had their class assembly this week—‘The Great Explorers’.

They showed confidence and great presentation skills as they shared their learning about these fantastic people. We are still unsure who was the “greatest” explorer! They enjoyed performing, singing, and dancing to songs for their family and friends who were able to attend. Year 1 really enjoyed displaying their homework and answering questions about their work.

Thank you to everyone for coming and thank you Year 1 for a super class assembly!

Uniform Reminders

Uniform Shop

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

Summer Hats are currently in stock in the Uniform Shop—please purchase directly—open every Wednesday from 3pm.

Hats should be the school logo caps available via [Earth Uniform](#)

With the warmer 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.
- **Pupils can wear a logoed school polo shirt or a plain polo shirt—Polo shirts no longer need to have the school logo.**
- The option of a summer dress does not include culottes or gingham shorts and top set.
- Summer hats can be either a school caps available at Earth Uniform, **or a plain green cap.**

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.

If we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.

**PLEASE NOTE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RETURN LOST PROPERTY IF IT IS UN-NAMED
UN-NAMED UNIFORM IS RECYCLED OR GIVEN TO THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform

| | Reception – Year 6 | Available from |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Winter | Dark green V-necked jumper with school crest | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe | Earth Uniform Website |
| | 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 (no branded logos) | 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 or without school crest (worn without school tie) | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Dark green and white full gingham dress | Any stockist |
| | Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| | Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest | Earth Uniform Website |
| | Black shoes (no branded logos) | Any stockist |
| 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 Bag | 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

Behaviour in school

We are delighted to let parents know that on several occasions this week our children have been commended for their wonderful behaviour.

The coach from the Elms, Mr Parker, met with Mrs Lovegrove and informed her that he works with several schools and by far the respectful attitude and maturity of our children stands out.

The staff who are working with our Reception on the bikeability programme also commented to the Early Years Staff about the confidence, politeness and wonderful manners of our Reception children.

We had visitors from the NSPCC this week and again they expressed how impressed they were with the behaviour of the children they worked with in Year 2 and Year 5.

Mrs Davies and Mrs Hearnden reported back after the Year 4 trip to the Gurdwara—the staff there felt our children showed so much respect whilst visiting and learning about their place of worship.

We recognise that this only comes about through our joint working as parents and school staff and we wanted to share this with you and congratulate the children on being such wonderful ambassadors for the school.

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 hosting an exhibition here at school on the 5th June, 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.

Our local history exhibition afternoon is on Wednesday 5th June 2.00pm. Please come and see the wonderful work the children have produced, find out about our local area and enjoy a cup of tea with other parents and local residents.

Information



ADHD course: Bucks 2024

Online on 6th, 13th & 20th June

A course for parents of children & young people pre & post assessment for ADHD

Time

7pm to 9pm

Week 1: Introduction to ADHD

- What is ADHD?
- Challenges & concerns
- Strengths and opportunities
- Signposting to support

To book

[Click here](#) or scan code



Week 2: ADHD and anxiety

- What is anxiety?
- What is the relationship between ADHD and anxiety?
- Coping strategies for children/young people and parents/carers

Venue

Online via Zoom

Cost*

£50.00 (+ £4.88
Eventbrite fee)

Week 3: ADHD and behaviour

- Attention deficit behaviours
- Hyperactive behaviours
- Impulsive behaviours
- Behaviour management strategies

Contact

hello@brighterfutures
together.org.uk

Websites

[https://www.parentingspecial
children.co.uk/](https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/)

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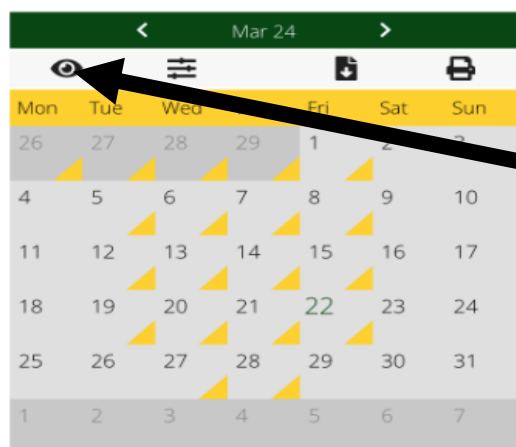
Course will also include:

- Question & answer sessions
- Opportunities to talk to other parents and carers
- Facilitators with lived experience of ADHD
- Face-to-face networking session in Marlow - July

* If you are in receipt of low-income benefits, tax credits, free school meals or similar, ask about our Financial Assistance Fund for help towards meeting the cost of this course

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Calendar



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

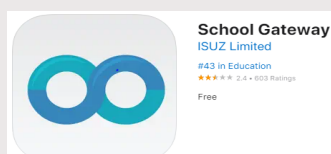
Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

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

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) 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.

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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.

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Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing half term.