

Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



### Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for your donations for non-uniform day last Friday. Through your continued generosity, we raised £224.79 for Plan International, which goes towards our ongoing donations to sponsor Francisca in Brazil and Zeddy in Kenya. Your donations ensure that Francisca and Zeddy receive the health care and education they deserve. :-)

With best wishes Mrs. O'Reilly and Mrs. Jackson



# St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 31st March 2021

## Easter opening hours

Over Easter our libraries will be closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> April for Good Friday and 5<sup>th</sup> April for Easter Monday.

Our libraries will be open as normal on other dates.



For Easter we have lots of [children's activities](#) planned including virtual story times with Amina, a YouTube video craft session, and our new regular virtual sessions for children including Rhyme Time with Bianca, and free access to the Hopster TV app. We also have a limited number of craft packs available from Kentish Town, Queen's Crescent, Pancras Square and Kilburn Library Centre from the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



For [adults activities](#) we have our new virtual groups which include poetry group with Nuala, knitting with the Kentish Town Library knitting group and our regular Local Studies and Archives talks. We have also launched a series of YouTube videos for adults including our book review panel.

All the children received an Easter egg today as a gift from school as we approach Easter Sunday at the end of Holy Week.

We wish all of our families a happy and joyous Easter and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th April.



## VIRTUAL SCHOOL LIBRARY



Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust have joined together to create a Virtual School Library.

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide access to free e-books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

You can access the virtual school library at <https://www.thenational.academy/>

## Testing Positive for Covid-19 during the Easter Holidays...

The school remains part of Test and Trace over the Easter Holidays.

Therefore, if your child - or someone in your household - test positive for Covid-19 over the Easter Holidays, please send us an e-mail to [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk) to let us know.

This is really important, so that we can notify and support our school community as soon as we are aware of a positive case. We can then assist Test and Trace with identifying close contacts and advising about self-isolation. Thank you for your help with this.

**NHS**  
Test and Trace

Our school website address is [www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs.camden.sch.uk)

I have received and read the St Joseph's Primary School newsletter of 31.03.2021

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

## Important dates for your diary...

**Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April - Easter Holidays**

**Monday 19th April** - Pupils return to school

**Monday 3rd May** - Bank Holiday - school closed

**Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June** - half term

**Monday 7th June - Inset day** - School closed **NEW!**

**Friday 9th July - Academic Review Day** - Reports are given to parents on this day at a teacher parent meeting

**Friday 23rd July at 3.30pm** - Last day of term

**Thursday 2nd September** - Children return to school



**Inset Day... Monday 7th June is now an inset day. This means school is closed for pupils. Staff take part in training on that day.**

## School lunches...

Lunches served by our kitchen staff are healthy, tasty and nutritious. They are cooked on site by our school chef. From the beginning of April, the cost of school lunch is going up by 2p per day. Your child's lunch will cost £2.24 per day or £11.20 per week. Lunches are paid for in advance via ParentPay. Lunch for all children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 remain free. If you think that your child in Year 3 to Year 6 may be eligible for a free school dinner please phone the office who will be happy to help you to apply.

If you would like your child to change from a packed lunch to a school lunch or vice versa after Easter please phone the office or email

[admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk) so that we can organise that for you. You can find the three week menu for school lunches on our website.



*Covent Garden Community Centre and Dragon Hall are operating a FOOD BANK, which supplies food parcels and locally cooked ready meals, for all of those in our area. To receive either a food parcel or the ready meals, you need to register to apply - the food bank is done through collection appointments. Parcels are picked up from CGCC @ SEVEN DIALS CLUB, 42 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LA by appointment ONLY.*

To register for this service please email [Keeley@Dragonhall.org.uk](mailto:Keeley@Dragonhall.org.uk) or head to [www.Dragonhall.org.uk](http://www.Dragonhall.org.uk)



## Our Prayer...

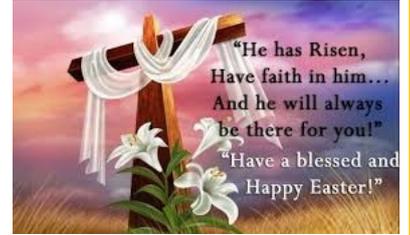
**Jesus is alive.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Jesus,  
we thank you for the joy of the resurrection,  
when you rose from the dead and were filled with new life.

Help us to remember that you suffered and died on the cross for us, so that one day we too will share with you the joy of everlasting life.

**Amen**



## First Holy Communion Classes at St Anselm's and St Cecilia's Parish

Father David will be commencing classes for **children in Year 3 on Wednesday 21st April** (Feast of St Anselm).

If you would like more information please contact the parish office on **020 7405 0376** or email [lincolnsinnfields@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lincolnsinnfields@rcdow.org.uk)



## Wellbeing Tip of the Week - Gaining a sense of control

In this time of uncertainty, where we can't predict what is going to happen next, it can feel like we have little control. This can be damaging for our mental wellbeing. So, what can we do to regain that sense of control amongst the chaos? Try to create structure in your day by establishing a routine, find things around the house that you can tidy up or re-organise, take on a project that you can do at home, e.g. growing some vegetables. Having control over our life circumstances can reduce chronic stress and improve our physical health.



The children's A&E at University College Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on **Thursday 8 April** and the children's A&E at the Royal Free Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on **Monday 12 April**

If your child is under 18 years old and needs urgent healthcare, call NHS 111 or visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk) to find your nearest children's A&E.

For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 immediately.

