



# Headlines

*'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'*  
**Week beginning 20th September**

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***  
**SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**  
**Welcome Mass @ School – 12pm**

## Week Beginning – 20th September

### **Tuesday 21st**

First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass  
YrR—Meet the Teacher 6pm

### **Thursday 23rd**

Yr5—Residential trip to Walton Firs

### **Friday 24th**

Yr5—Return from Walton Firs

## Letters Home

First Holy Communion Mass—Yr4  
Welcome Mass—Whole School  
PTFA Welcome Letter—Whole School  
Bikeability On Road—Yr6  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee—Whole School  
Walton Firs—Yr5  
Merton Covid Survey—Yr5 & Yr6  
Merton EWP—Whole School

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you back INSIDE school this week for the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for years 1-6.

Unsurprisingly, the attendance at these events was very good. Not only did this reflect the commitment so many of you have to supporting your child/children, but also a keen eagerness to see the inside of a classroom after such a long period of time!

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Reception at 6pm on Tuesday next week (21st).

I do hope that you found these sessions useful in understanding more about the relevant year groups your child/children have entered and, of course, in getting to know the staff who will be leading, guiding and supporting the year ahead.

The community commitment was of course also reflected in the HUGE numbers of you that attended the first mass in our parish church last week to celebrate Education Sunday. Thank you for such a clear demonstration that the strength of our community, despite all the challenges we have faced, has never been stronger.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

## **WELCOME MASS—TOMORROW 12pm at SCHOOL**

I am very much looking forward to opening the school doors to parents and carers tomorrow for our very first Mass on the school premises in a long time!

This informal event is an opportunity to offer thanks for a successful beginning to a new school year, reconnect with friends and, of course, welcome new families to our school community.

12pm at the school. Children DO NOT NEED to wear uniform.

PTFA will provide refreshments after Mass.

We politely request that all adults wear a mask whilst on the premises.



**Ms J Kenna**

*DSL*

**Mrs C Ellerker**

*Deputy DSL*

**Miss C Higgins**

*Deputy DSL*

*If you have any concerns about a child please contact:*  
**[school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)**

## Designated Safeguarding Leaders



	Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌾	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes/ New Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Mexican Beef Chilli with Rice/ Jacket 🌍🌾	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Devil's Kitchen Burger with Potato Wedges 🌿	Soya Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread 🌿	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Devils Kitchen Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges 🌿	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Chips 🌾
Vegetables	Peppers Baked Beans	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Cabbage	Vegetable Medley	Peas Sweetcorn
Dessert	Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard 🌾	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Orange Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Cookie 🌿

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily

## **REMINDER:**

Changes to lunch options can **only be made** on a weekly basis each Monday. Children will remain on either packed lunches or school meals for the week.



*We are making so many new friends and we are having SO much fun together in SJF Nursery!*



*All our Reception children have now joined us in St Rose & St Elizabeth classes. They have enjoyed making lots of new friends and having lots of fun.*



Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011.

It is additional funding allocated to schools to support pupils who have been registered for free school meals, for children who have been "looked after" continuously for more than six months and for children of service personnel.

This funding is given to schools to help raise achievement of children who require additional support with their learning and or emotional development and who fulfil any of the above criteria.

SJF use the funding in many ways which includes additional 1:1 support, booster sessions, funding trips, additional lunchtime clubs and emotional literacy support. These initiatives regularly benefit all pupils not just those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

This year some of the additional funding streams that will be available to school linked to post pandemic plans, will be linked to the number of pupils eligible under Pupil Premium. Therefore it is more important than ever we work to ensure that ALL those entitled are aware and that much needed funding is secured.

We would ask **ALL** families to use the link below to check your eligibility as this brings vital funds to the school:

**[CLICK HERE: To check if you are eligible for Pupil Premium](#)**

### **School Communications:**

- Please ensure that your child brings everything they need for the day to school with them in the morning to reduce the number of items which are dropped off to the school office.
- If you need to pass on information regarding day to day matters or have any queries about ParentPay, school lunches or extra curricular clubs please telephone main office: 020 85402637 (leave message before 8.30am and after 4pm) or email: [school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)
- Queries about learning/information regarding a child linked to learning/class/request a call with class teacher should be sent to your specific year group email address (circulated in September).
- Queries regarding extended services (Early Birds Breakfast club and Fisher Fun Club after school club) email: [wraparound@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk) FOR URGENT MESSAGES call FFC mobile: 07366463929 OR main office 020 8540 2637.
- Queries regarding admissions email admissions officer: [admin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:admin.officer@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

## PARENTS' FORUM

As you may be aware our school is fortunate to have a well-established 'Parents' Forum' made up of parents who have a child at the school.

The Forum meets\* termly (7-8pm) and is a useful way for parents to communicate with the school.

Class rep positions are self-nominated and open to anyone who is able to spare the time to attend meetings and is willing to make themselves known to parents from the rest of their child/children's class.

The role of a 'rep' is to help to foster friendly, welcoming and helpful relationships between the parents and carers of children in that particular class/year group; to liaise with school regarding support and help at fundraising events – and in doing so support the work of the PTFA.

As a school community we rely on the help and support of all our parents and carers. Becoming a parent rep is one way of ensuring that we work together to achieve the very best for all members of our school community.

A letter will be sent home shortly inviting you to be a rep for your child/ren's class.

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021



After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him; he said, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But the disciples did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. Later, Jesus said to them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all."

Adapted from Mark 9:30-37  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church – all are warmly invited.

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

Pope Francis



Please can we ask for further donations of *antibacterial cleaning wipes* and *boxes of tissues*.

Your continued generosity with these donations is **MUCH** appreciated.

With the autumn/winter months approaching the tissues especially will most certainly be appreciated in classrooms.