



Headlines

'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 1st November

Week Beginning – 1st November

Monday 1st—all children return to school

St Teresa Class Mass 9:15am
(parents and carers of children in St Teresa are welcome to attend. Please wear a face covering)
4STO—Swimming lessons begin, every day for two weeks

Wednesday 3rd

Yr5 Trip—Royal Festival Hall
Parents Forum—Online Meeting 7pm

Letters Home

Social Media—Whole School
St Ninian Staffing Arrangements—5STN

Thank you to all those of you who completed and returned 'workshare weekend' proformas at the beginning of this week.

We hope that you found this exercise beneficial in allowing you the time and opportunity to engage in a more extended dialogue with your child about their learning—and certainly go beyond the response that many parents often receive when asking their child about what they have done at school that day!

This evening we will hold the second evening of parent/teacher meetings and we hope that these too prove useful in discussing how your child has settled and started their new academic year.

I am immensely proud of all that the children have achieved in a busy half term and know that there is much that we are all looking forward to in November and December (but not mentioning the 'C' word yet!).

Have a wonderful half term everyone.

We are sorry to bid a fond farewell to one of our longest serving member of the teaching support staff team, Mrs Sansum. Mrs Sansum has worked at the school for 14yrs supporting a wide range of pupils, ensuring that each of them are able to reach their full potential. We will miss her greatly but wish her well in her exciting journey ahead.

We are also saying a temporary farewell to another member of staff, Ms Cardazonne who is leaving us to start her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her new arrival—due on Christmas Eve!



REMINDER: Please note that when you report an absence either by call/email/school app you MUST state the reason for the absence and not just 'unwell'. This information is important particularly in terms of monitoring for symptoms of COVID and ensuring that parents have engaged with testing if necessary/appropriate.

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

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



We welcomed his Worshipful, the Mayor of Merton, Councillor Michael Brunt to our school this week. He enjoyed a tour of the school and met with many of our pupils.



Pupils in Air House enjoyed a great movie afternoon this week.

Who will be our first House point winners for 21/22?



Year 1 and Year 2 got to take part in some African workshops. It was really fun and exciting playing the drums. We also learned a song from Ghana and a dance called The Chicken Dance – it was interesting learning how to put the moves together and it was really fun to perform! We enjoyed asking Martin lots of questions too.

On Tuesday we had an assembly with a man called Martin who showed us African Drumming. Martin taught us how to sing African music with drums. He told us to smile so that God will always know you are happy. He made us laugh and smile and everyone enjoyed it.

Ella & Ariadne, Yr4



Required as soon as possible; **CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY**

Unfixed hours - approximately 135hrs per year (45hrs per term) school terms only

Governing Body meeting times normally taking place in the evenings

Pay arrangements negotiable either:

As employee via payroll ME6 points 7-9 (£22,995 - 23,826 pro rata to worked hours)

As contractor (£12.60 - £13.06 per hour)

If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic person with a focus on communications and administration, we are the school for you! You will provide advice to the governing body and effective meeting management administration. This post would suit a team player with a values based education. Training is available.

Application Deadline: 07/11/2021

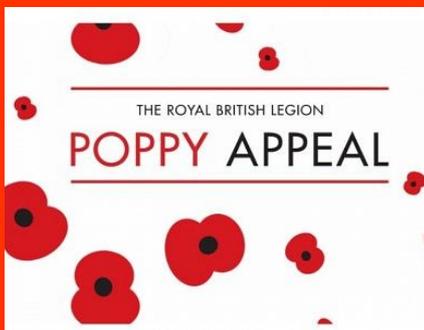
For more information please go to <https://www.eteach.com/job/clerk-to-the-governing-body-1184125>

Or contact Gabriel Toyos at sbm@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk



Our Yr6 Chaplains have led children in their Rosary prayers on a Thursday morning during October.

They have taken this time of reflection to ask God to help them to be the best that they can be as both



We will supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year.

After half term Poppies will be available for children to buy in school (suggested donation 20p) as well as other items such as Zip Pulls (50p), Reflectors (50p), Wrist bands (£1) and Snap Bands (£1.50)



Yr1 & Yr2 have been enjoying our new 'Invasion Games' after school club with Mr Coombes trying a range of invasion games including rugby, football and hockey.

We be launching our "BOXES OF LOVE" campaign in November so please remember to keep a shoe box or something similar ready to fill with items to bring joy to a elderly person in our Parish



Bring a smile to an elderly person in our Parish of St John Fisher



BOXES OF LOVE

Christmas is fast approaching and once again this year we are thinking of the elderly in our parish and local community. We want you to donate a "Box of Love".

A decorated box filled with special things can have a great impact on someone's Christmas.

Be part of changing someone's Christmas in the name of Jesus through the power of a simple "Box of Love"



What to do....

1. Find an empty medium sized box and wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper.
2. Fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person.
3. Mark if it is suitable for a lady or a gentleman.
4. Put a rubber band round it.
5. Bring to school by Thursday 6th December at the latest.
6. Remember to pray for the person who will receive your gift box



Ideas of things to put in your box;

- Soap/shower gel/bubble bath etc
- Toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush.
- Deodorant (roll-on)
- Socks/bed socks
- Scarf/wrap, hat
- Sweets/biscuits (within sell-by date)
- Handkerchiefs
- Shaving materials
- Perfume/aftershave
- A small torch
- Suitable books (wordsearch/playing cards etc)

****Don't' forget a Christmas card or note with your message. This is one of the most important ways we can show the elderly of our parish the we care.****

Wednesday
20th October

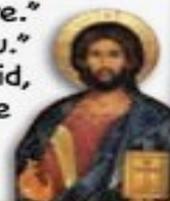


Good News
for Families

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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, there was a blind man, called Bartimaeus, sitting at the roadside begging. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus who was walking by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! Help me!" Some of the people in the crowd told him to be quiet, but he began to shout louder until Jesus heard him. Then Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they said to the blind man, "Have courage! Get up! Jesus is calling you." The man threw off his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Master, let me see again." Then Jesus said to him, "Go! Your faith has saved you." And at once the man's sight returned and he followed Jesus along the road.



From the Gospel of Sunday 24th October 2021 Cf. Mark 10:46-52 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **COURAGE**.



We were able to make a wonderful donation to Wimbledon Foodbank today who were amazed by your generosity.

Thank you for all the donations which will help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Five Bean Casserole with Rice 	Cajun Chicken with Rice 	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Lentil & Soya Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice 	Quorn Vegan Sausage with Sweet Potato Wedges 
Sweetcorn Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Cabbage Carrot & Swede Mash	Cauliflower Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Apple Strudel with Custard	5 A Day Cake with Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Oaty Cookie 	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily