

# Queen Elizabeth II 1926—2022



Alongside the nation St John Fisher school joined together in prayer this morning to remember the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II.

As the country enters this time of mourning children and staff will spend time next week reflecting on and celebrating her life and her service to us all.

**Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.**



# Headlines

*'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'*  
**Week beginning 12th September**

## Week Beginning – 12th September

**Sunday 11th September**  
**EDUCATION SUNDAY**

**Mass 9:30am @ SJF Church—children to wear school uniform**

### **Tuesday 13th**

School tour—9:30am

for prospective families

**Yr5** Meet the Teacher—6pm

**Yr6** Meet the Teacher—6:30pm

**Yr5 & Yr6** Transition to High School Information Meeting—7pm

### **Wednesday 14th**

**Yr3** Meet the Teacher—6pm

**Yr4** Meet the Teacher—6:30pm

### **Thursday 15th**

**Yr1** Meet the Teacher—6pm

**Yr2** Meet the Teacher—6:30pm

Parents meeting at SJF CHURCH for First Holy Communion programme 2022/23—8pm

Welcome back to a new school year and a very special welcome to our newest members of the SJF family who have joined us in the Nursery and Reception this week.

It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school in such a happy and positive manner—looking refreshed after the summer break.

As in previous years, we are looking forward to marking the beginning of the school year this Sunday, when we join with churches across the country to celebrate 'Education Sunday' in our parish church at the 9.30am mass.

Education Sunday is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the unique and distinctive nature of Catholic education and those who work so hard to ensure the very best for all of our pupils.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all (school uniform for pupils please!) on Sunday to celebrate and give thanks for our wonderful school together with the SJF community.

If you have any **curriculum based** queries please use the relevant year group email below:

[nursery@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[reception@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:reception@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[year1@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:year1@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[year2@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:year2@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[year3@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:year3@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[year4@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:year4@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[year5@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:year5@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

[year6@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:year6@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

**Absence notifications and ALL other queries should be directed to the school office:**

[school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

## **Letters Home:**

Meet the Teacher sessions - YrR—Yr6  
Education Sunday - Whole school  
Stationery 22/23 - Yr1-Yr6  
Parent Governor Vacancy - Whole school  
Bookfest trip - Yr3

## **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](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)**

## **Keeping healthy in the new school year**

As we return to school and what we hope will be a happy and healthy year, a few reminders about keeping fit and healthy in the new academic year.

**COVID:** Although we very much hope that this year will see far less interruptions to learning for pupils and staff due to Covid, public health in Merton have asked schools to circulate the 'Living safely with Covid' guidance (attached to this newsletter).

*Please ensure that you read this simple guidance so that we can continue to promote good health and outstanding school attendance for everyone in our school community.*

### **Polio vaccine booster programme:**

In August, the NHS launched an urgent polio vaccine booster campaign for 1-9 year olds in response to detection of poliovirus in sewage. The NHS will contact children when it is their turn to have the vaccine. Children aged 1-4 years will be vaccinated at their GP surgery and those aged 5-9 years will be vaccinated at the mass vaccination sites. Polio vaccine will be offered to those children who are unvaccinated (no/incomplete polio vaccination) and a booster will be offered to those who are fully vaccinated.

Parents and guardians can check their child's red book if they are unsure if their child has received this vaccine. More information and a short video clip on polio can be found here: 1) <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/polio/> 2) [IPV booster campaign video](#)

### **Infectious diseases:**

Please remember to inform the school office [school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk) if your child is suffering with other childhood infectious diseases such as chickenpox, scarlet fever, impetigo, hand foot & mouth, headlice etc... so that they can ensure you have the correct information regarding absence period from school as part of infection control measures.

## Meet the Teacher Sessions

Reminder that these sessions will take place as shown below.

If possible we would ask you not to bring any children to the sessions however a crèche facility will be available if necessary on the evening for the ***Meet the Teacher sessions only*** (*there will be no crèche available for the Transition to High School Yr5/6 meeting from 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>*).

Please note that the Yr5 and Yr6 sessions will lead into the **Transition to High Schools** meeting that is scheduled for **7pm on the same evening**. Whilst I understand that this will be an extended evening for those parents wishing to attend it reduces the need to ask you to attend school on two evenings in close succession.

	6pm – 6:30pm	6:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5	Year 6
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3	Year 4
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception	NOT APPLICABLE

## Donations please!

With the Autumn term upon us, we can expect coughs and colds to be returning before too long. This will of course bring about an sharp increase in tissue consumption too!

We would be very grateful for **donations of boxes of tissues for classrooms**. If your child does have a cough or cold then where possible and practical we also ask that you supply them with an individual packet of tissues that can be slipped into their pocket/left in their pencil case/chair bag as appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your support.

# Vacancies



## **Extended Services Assistants - Choice of shifts available**

**Breakfast: 7:15am to 8:45am (1hour 30 minutes)**

**Monday to Friday – school term days only**

**And/or**

**After School: 3pm to 5.30pm (2 hours 30 minutes)**

**Monday to Thursday – school term days only**

**Starting as soon as possible**

**Scale: ME4 –point scale 3-4 - £21,783 pro-rata**

**Permanent position**

We are a popular Catholic Primary school with caring, courteous children and a friendly committed staff team. We are seeking to appoint **Extended Services Assistants** who are enthusiastic, cheerful with a good sense of humour, and prepared to work as part of a team to offer the very best standards in extended care on the school site. You will be supporting the children in both our classroom and playground.

The successful candidate should be in sympathy with the ethos of the Catholic Church.

You will work under the direction of the **Extended Services Manager**.

To apply please go on Eteach by clicking the link below for a job description and an application pack. The deadline for applicants is 19th September 2022

<https://www.eteach.com/job/extended-services-assistant-1268768>

## **Casual Midday Supervisors**

**St John Fisher (RC) Primary School - West Wimbledon**

**Starting as soon as possible**

**Scale: ME4 - Point 3 (approx. £21,783 p.a. pro-rata of hours worked)**

**Equivalent approximate hourly rate: £11.94**

**Hours of work: 11:15am to 12:30pm or 12:00pm to 1:30pm**

We are a popular Catholic Primary school with caring, courteous children and a friendly committed staff team. We are seeking to appoint Casual Midday Supervisors who are enthusiastic and cheerful with a good sense of humour and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be supporting the children in both in the dining room and playground.

Your work pattern is casual and is determined by the team workload.

To apply please go on Eteach by clicking the link below for a job description and an application pack. The deadline for applicants is set for Sunday 25th September 2022

<https://www.eteach.com/job/casual-midday-supervisor-1268775>



## REMINDER

### Education Sunday

We will join together as a school community this Sunday at the 9:30am Mass (STJ Church).

We would like to see all pupils and their families at the church to join the celebration.

Pupils should wear their school uniform and should arrive at the church by 9:20am.

*Happy Birthday*

Alexander McC,  
Daniel H, Owen C,  
Clara K, Charlotte B,  
Tao L-D, Sonia R,  
Lucas PM.

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022



The scribes and the Pharisees were complaining about Jesus. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them: "What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? 'Rejoice with me,' he would say. 'I have found my sheep that was lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous people who have no need of repentance."

*Adapted from  
Luke 15:1-32 (the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)*

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

**"Take care of God's creation. But above all, take care of people in need. Let us care for one another." Pope Francis**



Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Diced Quorn Pasta	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sweet Potato and Spinach Tart with Potato Wedges	Cheese and Bean Puff with Chips
Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Roasted Summer Vegetables	Carrots Broccoli	Sweetcorn Carrot & Beetroot Slaw	Peas Baked Beans
Lemon & Mixed Berry Cake	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Pineapple Loaf with Ice Cream or Yoghurt	Chocolate Shortbread
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				