



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2022/23

Week Beginning – 19th September

Monday 19th

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 20th

YrR—Meet the Teacher 6pm

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Yr4—overnight residential trip

Friday 23rd

Yr3—Trip to Wimbledon Bookfest

Saturday 24th

Welcome Mass @ SJF School 12pm (see below)

Welcome Mass

To mark this new school year we will be holding our annual 'Welcome Mass' here *at the school on Saturday, 24th September, at 12pm.*

The mass will be celebrated by Father Matthias, our parish priest, here at St. John Fisher school.

Starting the year as a school community, gathering together and celebrating our pupils, staff and parish family is an extremely important part of our identity and our ethos.

Not only will this event provide the opportunity for new families to join us for the first time, but also for all those existing parents, carers and children to extend their welcome to new families and begin the year as a full school community.

Children will lead the prayers and singing.

Children do NOT need to wear school uniform.

The PTFA will provide tea and coffee and you will have an opportunity to meet all the other parents and carers, maybe making a few new friends on the day.

A very big thank you to all those of you who were able to join us for the 'Meet the teacher' events this week. The turnout of parents and carers was high and I hope you found the sessions useful in both giving you a flavour of the year ahead, and also in being able to meet members of the year group team that will be working with your child/children this year.

Links to the presentations shared by each year group can be found on page 2 for those who may have missed the sessions for or who would like to remind themselves of any information covered.

As a school community we have continued our own journey of remembrance for Queen Elizabeth II in assembly this morning, as we reviewed — in pictures - many events of this historic week.

We also spent time thinking ahead to Monday's funeral and how important our own memories and celebrations of the Queen's life are in helping us to balance the sadness and grief of loss with the joy and celebration of the Queens' life.

As we will not be together to mark the silence planned for the end of the funeral, we joined in observing a moment of silent reflection at the end of our assembly today.

In a marking a living legacy to our former Queen we have also started to prepare a memorial tribute - more details to be shared in the coming week.

I do hope that all children will be able to join in viewing at least part of Monday's historic event alongside our nation and many others across the world.

Enjoy a restful weekend.

Letters Home:

Reading Volunteers—whole school

Polio Vaccination—whole school

Welcome Mass—whole school

Coffee Morning & Parent Workshop—YrN/YrR/Yr1

Drop-Off & Pick-Up System Reminder—Whole School

Parents Forum Invitation—Whole school



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

Please click the link below to view the **Meet the Teacher** presentations from the meetings this week.

Link: <https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/information-sessions/meet-the-teacher-presentations/>

Please click the link below to view the **Parent Curriculum Notes** for each year group. These were discussed at the Meet The Teacher Meetings and detail the content of the curriculum that your children are covering.

Link: <https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/curriculum-notes/>

Please click the link below to view the **Transition to Secondary School Meeting** presentation from the meeting this week.

Link: <https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/information-sessions/>

If you were unable to attend the meeting, there is also a recording of the meeting from last year on this page.

Public health message for parents and carers

Parents and carers can now find their nearest polio vaccination clinic using this new webpage <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/polio/vaccination-sites/>
More information on the polio virus can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/polio/>

GREEN WALL AT ST JOHN FISHER—HELP REQUIRED!!

We are delighted to announce that we have received a grant to install a 'green wall' along the fence from the field to the road.

Green walls are vertical structures that have different types of plants or other greenery attached to them. The greenery is often planted in a growth medium consisting of soil, stone, or water. Because the walls have living plants in them, they usually feature built-in irrigation systems.

In addition to the visual benefits of all green walls, smart and active green walls can feature natural air purification and humidification thanks to the combination of enhanced air circulation, specialized growth medium, and technology. This should really help with all the air pollution from Grand Drive.

We are seeking parent volunteers to support 'CrewEnergy' to prepare the soil and install the 'green wall'.

Friday 30th September

Parents please come along to school, spade in hand, to support with the preparation for the green wall.

If you are available and keen to support with this please let the school office know as soon as possible, on an email: school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Subject: Green Wall

Thank you in advance for all your support with this. Project.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

DROP-OFF

- Gates open at 8:30am for Nursery.
- All other year groups should queue outside until a member of staff comes to the main gate (just before 8:40am).
- At this point children and accompanying adults may make their way to wait at their relative drop-off points until gate/classroom door (as appropriate) is opened.
- **Reception drop-off is at 8:45am.**
- Reception parents and carers should not start to queue inside school before 8:40am as they will become caught up with other year groups.
- From 8:40am Reception parents and carers should queue inside the school and should remain on the right hand side of the path, allowing others to pass freely.
- Reception staff will arrive at the gate at approx. 8:45am to welcome the children who may then make their way inside.
- ALL Adults should then use the one-way system to exit the school, crossing in front of the main office and using the exit gate near the caretaker's house. Please do not go back up the path and leave from the entry gate.
- At NO TIME should any parents or carers use the car park gates for pedestrian access. These are for vehicles access only.

PICK-UP

- Once you have picked your child up at the allocated time (*particularly those who pick-up from Reception/Year1/Year2 at 3:10pm*) please move swiftly off the premises.
- Please do not gather in groups in the middle of the playground as this hinders KS2 parents and carers picking up children 5 minutes later and restricts the sight of teachers who need to dismiss children safely.
- If you have picked up your Reception/Year1/Year2 child/children and are waiting for siblings in Yr3-Yr5 please make your way to the *back of the playground (by the stage)* to wait. Once again this is to ensure the safe dismissal of all children.

UNIFORM

All pupils should be wearing the full school uniform as detailed on our website:

<https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/uniform/>

Parents and carers should review the official uniform list and pay particular attention to the following:

"All coats, hats and scarves should be plain dark blue/navy or black with no patterns/logos or designs. Please note that shoes NOT boots should be worn".

We have noticed a number of children arriving in the mornings with a wide range of coloured jackets and coats which are not in line with our uniform requirements.



We have all started Nursery now and are making friends and having SO much fun! fun! fun!



Our Reception children have now all joined us. They have had a lovely time meeting new friends and enjoying their new classrooms.

BUILD BETTER LEARNING



These pupils have made a positive and happy return to school

St Scholastica – Helen M

St Aidan – Sofia C

St Ninian – Ella F

St Teresa – Isabella S

St James – Zofia Krol

St Osmund – Valentina ML

St Hugh – Harry DeF

St Nicholas – Layla De W D'O

St Francis – Hope D

St Ignatius – Naya P-D

St Susanna – Hannah C

St Helena – Erin L

St Elizabeth – Lillian McQ

St Rose – Mia L

Nursery – Isabelle C

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 18th September 2022



Jesus said, "The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the one who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

Adapted from

Luke 16:1-13 (the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)

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

"Let's not forget to trust in the Lord; this is the key to success in life." Pope Francis



Meat Free Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

School Closed

Spaghetti Bolognaise



Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise



Mixed Peppers Green Beans

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy

Vegan Mediterranean Gratin with Roast Potatoes



Roasted Carrots Peas

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station

Cheese & Tomato Pizza Bread with Potato Wedges



Vegan Burger in a Bun, Sweet Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce



Sweetcorn Rainbow Slaw

Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce

Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce

Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Chips

Peas Baked Beans

Apple, Cheese & Crackers

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily



SAT 1 OCT 2022

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Start / Finish:

The Hand in Hand,
Wimbledon Common
SW19 4RQ

Registration:

Opens at 10:30am

Walk anytime between:

10:30am - 2:30pm

Family: £30

(2 adults & 2 children)

Adult: £15

Child: £5

(age 4-16)

Dogs: FREE

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