



# Headlines

**St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24**  
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## **Week Beginning – 18th March**

### **FIRST AID WEEK**

#### **Monday 18th**

Yr6—Workshare Books MUST be returned to school  
NFL Flag Football Event

#### **Tuesday 19th**

Spring Instrumental Concert—9am  
*(parents and carers of pupils performing in the concert are welcome to attend)*

Yr2—Quality Circles—parent and carer session 6:30pm at SJF

#### **Wednesday 20th**

Yr6—Parents Evening

#### **Thursday 21st**

PTFA collecting pre-loved uniform at drop-off  
Yr6—Parents Evening

#### **Friday 22nd**

PTFA collecting pre-loved uniform at drop-off  
St Susanna Collective Worship—9am  
*(parents and carers of pupils in 1STS are welcome to attend)*  
Yr2 Mass *(pupils and staff only)*  
PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale—3pm

This week started with an event that our Yr5 pupils (and staff) will never forget.

On Monday evening, as part of the Merton Music Foundation's music extravaganza 'Change is Coming', Yr5 pupils from SJF performed at the Royal Albert Hall alongside pupils and staff from other Merton schools and a range of talented musicians. As you will see from the pictures on Pg4, the event was truly spectacular and the children certainly rose to the occasion. Whilst it was a long day for all involved the memories created will last a lifetime.

As we journey towards the fifth Sunday in Lent our preparations for Easter in school continue to centre around the three pillars of Fasting, Alms Giving and Prayer. To support the third of these, and as you will see on pg4, the children will bring home CAFOD prayer cards which also support this year's 'Year of Prayer.'

It was fantastic to see a small number of parents join Mrs Davis for our parent/carers Lenten prayer group on Tuesday this week and with two weeks of term remaining, we hope that this prayer group will continue to grow.

After a busy week in school I am sure that many of our pupil community will be looking forward to letting off some steam at the PTFA Spring discos this evening which I am sure will be a huge success.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

## **Letters Home**

Summer Term Clubs—YrR-Yr6  
Music Makers Invitation—existing members  
Instrumental Concert Invitation—parents/carers of performers  
Oscar Romero Feast Day Mass—Chaplains  
Quality Circles Parent & Carer Session—Yr2

## ***Caterlink***

The menu for each week can be found on the school website using this link [Click HERE for menu](#)



## **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)*

On Wednesday 27th March we are joining together with other Catholic schools to show our support for the work of the Catholic Children's Society.

Pupils and staff can come to school with an item of **purple** clothing or a **purple** accessory.

We ask for a contribution of £1 per pupil or family to increase the funds we are already raising to help the Catholic Children's Society support even more disadvantaged children and families.

**CASH ONLY!**



# SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Friday 22nd March  
From 3pm

We will be collecting uniforms that no longer fit your children at **drop off on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March.**

Please ensure donations are clean and in good condition.

It has been brought to our attention by Merton Traffic Enforcement, that at drop-off and pick-up some parents/carers are parking their vehicles without regard to parking restrictions, including yellow lines, blocking the access of driveways for local residents and parking on the edge of corners which means that it is not always possible for other drivers to see children crossing which puts our pupils at risk. I would ask **everyone** to be considerate when parking, to not block access for local residents or put others in danger.



In Computing, Yr4 have been exploring how to build websites. We have enjoyed creating different pages, adding photos and lots of information. We have made websites on a range of topics from Harry Potter to Chelsea FC.

The Year 5/6 Basketball team competed against 20 other schools in Merton for the Borough Championships. They worked hard as a team and showed respect to the coaches and their opponents.





Year 5 enjoyed the most AMAZING experience at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday when their weeks of preparation and rehearsals came to their climax in the Merton Music Foundation's music extravaganza 'Change is Coming'.

The children certainly rose to occasion delivering an outstanding performance and raising the roof with their voices. HUGE congratulations to them all and huge thanks to Mrs Reuss and the year 5 team for all their hard work in ensuring SJF's participation in the event was such a success.



Water house enjoyed a relaxed and chilled out movie afternoon today in recognition of their winning house status last half term.

They were joined by 101 dotty, spotty companions on the big screen!!



## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Jesus said, "Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves their life loses it; anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. Whoever serves me, must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour them. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself." By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

*Adapted from John 12: 20-33*  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited.



**This week Reception continued 'Travelling the Globe!'.**

**We have been focusing on countries in Africa. The children have enjoyed learning about South Africa and Nigeria.**

**Many thanks to Mrs Bailao, Miss Jones and Mrs Gbemi for sharing their experiences.**

**“Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity.”**

**Pope Francis**

**In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year “Pilgrims of Hope”, 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. He asks us all to join in a great “symphony” of prayer, “to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him”.**



**CAFOD has produced this special prayer card to accompany the Church's Year of Prayer. Each pupil has been given one of these to take home. For more Year of Prayer resources, please [click here](#).**



## DAILY PRAYER DURING LENT



### REMINDER:

It was lovely to have some parents and carers at the prayer group this week. This will take place again on Tuesday at 8:40am in St Cecilia's classroom.

Please see the [school website](#) for more details.

Everybody is welcome and we hope to see as many of you there to share in this time.

### Attendance Percentage week beginning 26th February 2024

Class	Week commencing 04/03/24	Week commencing 26/02/24
St Rose	95.90	96.60
St Elizabeth	93.70	97.30
St Susanna	98.00	98.00
St Helena	98.30	93.70
St Francis	97.90	95.40
St Ignatius	97.00	94.00
St Nicholas	98.10	95.60
St Hugh	93.10	98.80
St James	95.80	98.50
St Osmund	<b>99.30</b>	90.70
St Teresa	95.70	98.00
St Ninian	94.50	92.80
St Aidan	97.00	94.80
St Scholastica	91.70	92.10
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.10</b>	<b>95.40</b>

**Best Class: St Osmund**

This week's overall  
winner of Ms Kenna's  
BIG PENCIL.....

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**WELL DONE**

**St Aidan**

**for being on time, in  
class and ready to learn  
every morning.**