



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 15th April

Yr4 - Swimming ALL WEEK

Monday 15th

School reopens for ALL students
Yr5/6 Tennis Trials 8am (enter via KS2 gate)

Friday 19th

Year 2 trip to AELTC
Yr5/6 Tennis Competition

Letters Home

Hampton Court Trip—Y4
Pizza Express Trip—Yr5

Happy Birthday

Robin McC, Alfie L-G, Imogen S,
Gabriel D, Cooper H, Evelyn C,
Ciara M, Oliver C, Patrick G,
Liberty T, Emilia D, Prince-Nehemie
O, Amelia R, Alicia H, Arabella W,
Corinne G, Leonardo H,
Yelyzaveta H, Charles L, Iyla-Rose
O, Ethan C, Ethan J-W, Cristina P,
Sebastian TC, Isabella H, Maria J,
Jude G.

This morning the staff and pupils of SJF joined together to mark the end of the Spring term and, of course, the continuation of Holy Week, with a very special Easter service.

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Mrs. Reuss, Mrs. Nash and the chaplaincy team, we relived the events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection through word and song and were delighted to be joined by Father Francis who, as always, was very impressed by the prayerful participation of all of the pupils.

Below are details of the Easter services taking place at St. John Fisher Church across the next few days, and I know that Fr Francis and Fr Joseph would be delighted to see as many families attend as possible.

Despite this term being a relatively short one, I am immensely proud of all that has been achieved in all areas of school life—from acquiring new learning and developing new skills, to the broader life of the school and fantastic community events such as the recent PTFA discos.

When we return after the Easter break, we hope it will be to sunnier skies and warmer days, enabling us to make the most of one of our best assets at SJF—our outdoor space.

In the meantime I would like to wish you and your families a blessed Easter and the hope and joy of the risen Christ in your hearts and your homes.

St. John Fisher Church Easter services:

Maundy Thursday 5pm Mass for families

Good Friday 11am service for children based on the sufferings of Jesus

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 6:30pm



*****LAUNCHED*****

Please follow our new school Instagram account for updates on the wonderful new play equipment over the Easter holidays. This account will be used for showcasing all the wonderful things which happens at SJF. Use the account name below to find and follow our new account.

@stjohnfisherprimary

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

Wednesday
27th March 2024



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 31st March 2024. John 20:1-9 (Easter Sunday)

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

DONS Local

Action Group

Food Bank Fridays

Dons Local Action Group supported St John Fisher throughout the pandemic by providing laptops and other items to families who needed them.

You have likely already seen Dons Local Action Group in local supermarkets collecting food and non perishable items and last year they started a community project called **Food Bank Fridays** which St John Fisher will be supporting throughout the Summer term(??).

We are therefore asking pupils to bring in an item of food (tinned or dry food) to school **on the last Friday of every month**.

Schools can be the most vital part of any community and at this time when those around us are struggling Dons Local Action Group need as much help as they can get to offer the support to those in need.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful scheme.



PTFA
Parent, Teacher,
Friends Association

THANK YOU!

THANKS TO ALL YOUR KIND DONATIONS, IN
THIS TERM, WE HAVE RAISED:

£2,500

BOOK SALE £240

SPRING DISCO £1,900

UNIFORM SALE £160

CLOTHES BIN & VOLUNTARY DONATIONS £200

COMING SOON...

MUDDER



Sat 18th May 2024

SUMMER FAIR



Sat 29th June 2024

LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION ON ANOTHER ADULT-ONLY
EVENT IN JUNE!!





Thank you to the PTFA for supplying us with some Easter goodies and, despite the weather some classes were able to have their Easter hunts outside.

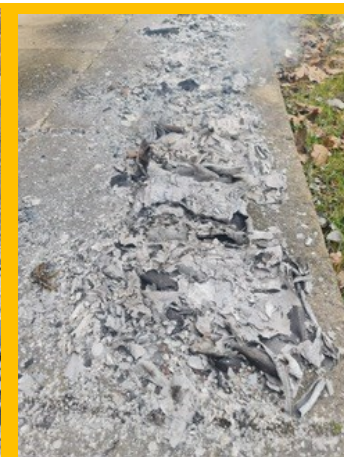
WANTED

Plants Donations are needed for the Woodland Garden and the Summer Fair plant stall

Can anyone help with any of the following:

- **Woodland Garden**: any spring and insect attracting summer colour, budlia, ferns, succulents for the rock garden.
Biomes we can plant now ready for next year.
The garden is looking very brown and we would like to bring it to life with a little colour!
- **Summer fair plant stall**: we are hoping to expand the plant stall this year after it's success last year! As you start the growing season or if you are looking for an Easter activity to keep the children busy perhaps you could plant a few extra plants for the Summer fair on 29th June. Aloes, flowers, veg, herbs anything welcome!!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents and carers who came along last Saturday to help move the wood chips which was done in record time! We even had a visit from the area manager at COOP who was able to see first hand where their fantastic donation will be used.



On Wednesday morning, Yr2 decorated cereal boxes to look like houses from 1666. We put them altogether to make a row of houses to replicate London in that time.

Mr Power then set the first building, which was 'Thomas Farriner's bakery', on fire and we watched to see how the fire spread to all of the other houses like it did in September 1666 during the Great Fire of London.



As part of our Science topic Yr1 has been learning about animals.

Some pets came to visit us and we learnt how to look after them, what they eat and we were even able to stroke them if we wanted to.



SAVE THE DATE...



Art Exhibition

Friday 10th May
3:10pm – 3:45pm
(main hall)

Thank you to the chaplains, the choir and to Mrs Reuss and Mrs Nash for arranging our wonderful Easter service today. And to Fr Francis for attending as our guest of honour!



Thank you to everyone who has returned their Lenten boxes and for the donations on 'Wear Something Purple' day.

Your amazing donations will be counted and given to the Catholic Children's Society to help with the work they do for all children and families.

If you still have your Lenten box at home please bring it to school after the Easter holidays.



Caterlink

The menu for each week can now be found on the school website using the link below:

[Click HERE for menu](#)

There is a new menu for Summer Term

Children in reception classes enjoyed learning the Haka dance this week. The Haka is the native dance of New Zealand.



BUILD BETTER LEARNING



These pupils always show mutual respect and courtesy to all members of our community

St Scholastica – Karolina K

St Aidan – Suzu K

St Ninian – Valentina P

St Teresa – Mia R-M

St James – Kirsten O

St Osmund – Sophie D

St Hugh – Hope D

St Nicholas – Benjamin C

St Francis – Emma GB

St Ignatius – Eva N

St Susanna – Finn K

St Helena – Penelope

St Elizabeth – Magdalena H

St Rose – Elijah C

Nursery – Ashton B

Attendance Percentage week beginning 18th March 2024

Class	Week commencing 18/03/24	Week commencing 11/03/24
St Rose	93.80	94.10
St Elizabeth	92.00	96.00
St Susanna	93.00	86.30
St Helena	95.30	97.70
St Francis	98.60	97.90
St Ignatius	96.30	98.70
St Nicholas	98.90	97.80
St Hugh	98.10	95.80
St James	98.50	96.50
St Osmund	94.10	90.00
St Teresa	98.30	98.70
St Ninian	97.90	93.10
St Aidan	95.60	97.40
St Scholastica	96.60	94.80
Overall	96.10	95.30

Best Class: St Nicholas

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

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WELL DONE

St Hugh

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