



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 19th February

Fairtrade Fortnight—Week 1

Inclusion Meetings—all week

Monday 19th

School reopens for ALL pupils

Tuesday 20th

St James Class Mass—9am

(parents and carers of pupils in 4STJ are welcome to attend)

Parents Forum—7pm (online)

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Guiding and Scouting 'Thinking Day' - see P2

Friday 23rd

Yr5—Rehearsals for RAH at West Wimbledon

Yr5/6—Netball Borough Championship

Sunday 25th

Woodland garden Volunteering Day

(see SJF PTFA Update)

After a fast but furious half term I am sure that we are all ready to take a breather and enjoy next weeks' half term holiday. The children have made a fantastic start to 2024 and as we reach the halfway point hint the academic year they should be very proud of their achievement to date.

I hope you found this weeks TP meetings useful and informative and enjoyed spending time with your child's work last weekend. We also look forward to updating parents and carers who have inclusion appointments in the fortnight after our return.

During the half term week the season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, a day of prayer and fasting during which Catholics and many other Christians may receive the ashes on their foreheads. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Sometimes the ashes are gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Christians often fast on Ash Wednesday and should abstain from eating meat on this day.

When we return to school after the half term break we will prepare both as individuals and as a school community for our journey throughout the Lenten season.

Enjoy a wonderful half term everyone.
See you all on Monday 19th.

Letters Home

Parents Evening Arrangements—YrN-Yr5

Book Week—Whole School

Pre-Concert Information—Yr5

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help in school with some cutting out, stamping and sorting books or laminating at home (just a few sheets if you have your own laminator).

Please email the school if you are able to help at all. THANK YOU

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The menu for each week can now be found on the school website using the link below and scrolling to the bottom of the page:

[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

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we've been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was My Voice Matters and we've been playing games, creating artwork and making videos to help us share our important opinions with others. We've thought about all the things that matter to us, whether its in our own private life or out in the big, wide world. Today we've come 'Dressed to Express' in an outfit that makes us feel great, because every one of us matters, and we all deserve to feel amazing!



On Friday 2nd February SJF hosted the pilot 'parent and child' Zones of Regulation workshop with Josh Eldridge from Merton's Emotional Wellbeing Team. It was a chance for parents to gain further understanding into emotions and the use of Zones of Regulation to support themselves and their family. Then for the last 30 minutes their children joined to take part in some fun, engaging activities and work together to build their own personalised toolkit for home. It was a very popular session!

Parent – Brilliant session thank you! So helpful to have the parent discussion and practice time with the children. Well done on an excellent tangible session with lots of take-aways!

Pupil – I enjoyed it a lot it made me calmer and now I know what to do when I am angry, sad, worried and hyper.

Parent - Very practical, great tips I'll try to incorporate into family life to regulate us all!

Pupil – It made me feel happy and helped me calm down.

Parent – I liked talking it through together with my child and coming up with ideas to regulate.

Keep an eye out we hope to offer more like this throughout the year! If you would like more information about the Wellbeing Team or to get in contact below is their YouTube channel and email address.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrRKV84lb8Jr69Z7ZhjSjCg>
wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



Sutton and Merton are running a series of clinics to vaccinate all school age children who are missing one, or both doses of the MMR vaccine:

MERTON:

Thursday 29 February 2024, 15:00 – 18:00

St. Saviour's Church Hall, Church Walk, Grand Drive, Raynes Park, SW20 9DL

Thursday 7 March 2024, 15:00 – 18:00

St. Saviour's Church Hall, Church Walk, Grand Drive, Raynes Park, SW20 9DL

SUTTON:

Thursday 15 February 2024, 11:00 – 15:00

Trinity Church, Cheam Road, Sutton, SM1 1DZ

Saturday 9 March 2024, 09:45 - 14:00

Sutton Life Centre, 24 Alcorn Close, Sutton SM3 9PX

More information can be found here: [HRCH Children's Immunisations webpage](#)



Measles cases are rising

NHS
Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

Is your child fully protected?

Your child needs two doses of the MMR vaccine to be fully vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella.

**To book an appointment,
call 020 8487 1730**

On Friday our Yr3/4 gymnastics team put in a great performance at the MSSP Yr 3/4 RISE Gymnastics Competition.

After putting 100% effort into the three disciplines of: core skills (floor), a working together paired routine and the vault, the team came away with a bronze medal and were delighted to be the REFspectrum award winners!



This half term Yr5 have been learning about the Ancient Mayan Civilization. We have explored their culture and discovered they were a very sophisticated civilization with their own number system, writing and calendars. The main source of the Mayan peoples' diet was corn. They also used cocoa bean to drink chilli hot chocolate. During the last lesson, we tried some chilli hot chocolate. It was spicy which some of us loved and some of us did not. It was fun to try!



Today a group of Yr5 girls were invited to Ursuline High School to take part in a Ball Girl Experience event. At the event we had the opportunity to speak to girls who have already been chosen to be Ball Girls at the Wimbledon Tennis Championship 2024. They have been training for a long time already and still are expected to attend more training before the championship.

There were different activity stations where we learnt new skills. We had a great time and will definitely be looking out for the girls on the television when the tournament starts.

Thank you very much to the Ursuline for inviting us.



THANK YOU!

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED
AND SUPPORTED OUR PTFA EVENTS.
YOU DID IT!**

Thanks to all your amazing donations over the last two years, the PTFA has been able to raise over £40,000 to enable St John Fisher to purchase this brand new playground equipment for all our children to enjoy! Without all of your help this would not be possible!



*Installation date TBC- This will take place over the summer months due to weather and access required.

This morning St Francis class launched Children's Mental Health week with the theme "My Voice Matters". They remind everyone that we all have voices and should use them to talk to those who trust. We can also talk to God at anytime and anywhere.



To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, Yr6 created artwork to show all of the things that are important to us.

I included some of my most favourite things in my artwork. Firstly, I included three different flags because it represented where my best friend was from, where I was from and where I currently live. Also, I included some of my hobbies and some of the extracurricular activities I do inside and outside school as well as including the fact that I like being active and fit. In addition, I included my family and the SJF community because they are what makes me feel safe and protected in my life. By Vedha.



World Thinking Day—22nd February

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship. The 22nd February was chosen as it was the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and Olave Baden-Powell, who was World Chief Guide.



In recognition of this special day any pupils who are members of the Scouting or Guiding movement are invited to wear those uniforms to school on Thursday 22nd February.



ST OSMUND: On Tuesday, we took part in a competition to make the funniest potato family. At first, we thought Miss Powell had gone crazy asking us all for a potato! We quickly realised that this lesson was going to teach us all about team work. We had a loads of fun and even had a special judge (Mrs Aldred) who was blown away by our creativity!



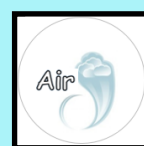
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Congratulations to **WATER** house for winning the first House Point competition of 2024!

Children have worked extremely hard to achieve their tokens and Water House have managed to climb up the table to first place!! The prize for WATER House members will be announced after the half term break.

BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have
been shining their
light on others.

St Scholastica – Laura A

St Aidan – Arturo V

St Ninian – Rinojan J

St Teresa – Alicia H

St James – Clara K

St Osmund – Evie O

St Hugh – Adira K

St Nicholas – Daniel H

St Francis – Eloise D

St Ignatius – Dylan C

St Susanna – Lexi H

St Helena – Ilya Rose O

St Elizabeth – Georgie L

St Rose – Florence B

Nursery – Heloisa P

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
29th January 2024

Class	Week commencing 29/01/24	Week commencing 22/01/24
St Rose	91.70	97.60
St Elizabeth	96.70	93.30
St Susanna	91.00	94.30
St Helena	87.00	92.70
St Francis	98.20	98.20
St Ignatius	96.00	94.70
St Nicholas	91.10	98.90
St Hugh	98.80	98.80
St James	92.60	100.00
St Osmund	94.80	87.00
St Teresa	97.00	94.70
St Ninian	96.20	88.70
St Aidan	97.00	97.80
St Scholastica	97.20	95.20
Overall	94.60	95.10

Best Class: St Hugh

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

**** Alexander R ****



WELL DONE
St Elizabeth

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