

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Oxford

*"Let us protect with love all that God has given us"*  
(Pope Francis 19.03.2013)



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*He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:  
'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners,  
be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'*  
Luke 24:6-7

Dear Families,

Can I start by wishing you all a very Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families. Welcome back for the summer term. It will be busy!

We have started immediately – This week the leadership team met to monitor pupil progress and we are ready for the final push of the summer term. The curriculum overviews for each class will be uploaded onto the website by the end of today. There is a lot going on with performances, residential trips, sports day, PTA and family events. Dates can be found at the end of the newsletter – please do take a look and record them in your dairies.

Just a reminder about school uniform. We ask that families follow the guidance on the next page. Where our guidance is not being followed, we will be speaking to families.

Next Friday, families are invited to join us for the 'Crowning of the Holy Family'. This will take place at the end of the school day. It is a lovely, whole school event and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Warm wishes  
Jess Tweedie  
**Headteacher**

### Stations of the Cross

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Canon Mervyn led two Stations of the Cross assemblies, one for each Key Stage. We are so fortunate to have beautiful pictures depicting the various stations displayed in our school hall. These were created some years ago by our school children in collaboration with a local artist. The children were able to share their knowledge of Holy Week and of Jesus's journey to His crucifixion.

Mrs Hanlon

### Crowning of The Holy Family

May is the month of Mary and traditionally the pupils of our school have brought in flowers to crown our statues of the Holy Family. This year we plan to hold this lovely service on the field at 2pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Gates will open at 2:25pm in preparation for the procession at 2:30pm. **(Please note the change of time).** Please could each child bring in a few simple flowers for this service and give them to their class teacher on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> May. We would like to invite families and members of the community to join us for this service. If you would like to join us, please use the below link to register. Registration will close at 3pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. <https://forms.office.com/e/SsBxvYWAcC>

### Uniform

We have been quite lenient about school uniform over the last couple of years as we know it has been hard to get hold of and people's budgets are stretched. However, we are noticing an increasing number of children coming to school in non-school uniform attire including wearing coloured fleeces, large and distracting hair accessories and wearing shoes which are not following our dress code. I have included below a list of our agreed uniform which is on our website. There will be a renewed focus on uniform this term. Uniform slips will be sent home with children wearing non-uniform items so that parents are made aware.

Jess Tweedie, Headteacher

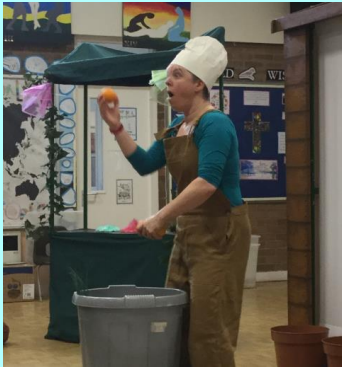
<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>
<b>Winter</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green or grey pinafore, dress, skirt, trousers or shorts</li><li>• White or grey blouse/polo shirt</li><li>• School sweatshirt/bottle green or grey cardigan/pullover</li><li>• White/black/green socks or tights</li><li>• Sensible shoes or trainers (with no logo) in dark colours (no boots)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grey trousers/shorts (not tracksuit bottoms)</li><li>• White or grey shirt</li><li>• White or green polo shirt</li><li>• School sweatshirt/bottle green or grey pullover</li><li>• White/black/green socks</li><li>• Sensible shoes or trainers (no logo) in dark colours (no boots)</li></ul>
<b>Summer</b>	
As above with the addition of the option of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green and white gingham dress</li></ul>	As above with the addition of the option of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grey shorts</li></ul>
<b>Footwear</b> must be <b>safe, sensible and suitable</b> for a day in school. NB: plain white or dark coloured sandals are permissible with socks, in the summer term	
<b>Hair Accessories</b> should be green or gold and of a reasonable size.	
<b>PE kit</b> consists of green shorts, white t-shirt (with or without the school logo) and plimsolls	

### Curriculum Overviews on our Website

The Curriculum Overviews for each year group can be found on our school website. These mean that families see what is being covered in each curriculum area during the term. The documents for the summer term will be uploaded by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and can be found [here](#).

### **The Grow Show 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Just before the end of term, Reception and Key Stage 1 and Year 3 children were treated to the fantastic Grow Show from Wild Boor Ideas. The show followed the life of a puppet garden, the children wriggled with the worms and sang-along with the singing vegetables. The performance featured shadow puppets and glove puppets and some very catchy songs!



### **BMX Assembly**

Year 4- Year 6 children have also got an exciting treat coming up on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The BMX Academy will be delivering a growth mindset assembly and trick display. This will be followed by a riding workshop for Year 5, who will get to experience the thrill of learning BMX tricks in the school playground. We look forward to sharing the pictures with you later in May.

### **iRock Concert 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Our iRockers performed to their classmates and family members, it was great to see and hear how much they have learnt since their Christmas concert!



### **Upcoming PTA Events**

We are looking forward to our Sportsfest event on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please see your Class rep or a member of the PTA Committee in the playground if you are able to volunteer any time to prepare for the event or to help on the day itself. Please see the posters around school for more information about the event. International Day will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July and we hope to be able to hold our food-sharing celebration that evening, more information to follow!

**PTA Committee**



### **Sports day – including family picnic**

We have put our Sports Day in the calendar for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (with a reserve weather contingency date of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July). We plan for the day to follow a similar format to last year. EYFS & Key Stage 1 will have their Sports Day events in the morning, there will then be a family picnic for the whole school with parents and children eating together on the school field. Key Stage 2 will then do their Sports Day events in the afternoon. We are looking forward to this opportunity to come together as a school community for this popular event.

Mr Ingram and Mrs Montes

### **CAFOD – Big Lent Walk**

We would like to congratulate the children across our school for completing the Big Lent Walk. We completed our challenge to run 200km in 40 days. We would like to thank all parents for their kind donations. The total we have raised is £155. There is still time to make last-minute contributions using the link below:

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stjosephsprimaryheadington>

Mr Dillon

### **St Joseph's Pupil Profile**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been **Curious** and **Active** this past fortnight

RO – Mrs Oates	<b>Ermioni and Neerav</b>	RSM – Mrs Sekulic/Mrs McLachlan	
1MA – Miss May	<b>Isaac and Guto</b>	1ML – Miss Mleczko	<b>Brielha and Albert</b>
2C – Miss Cook	<b>Maria</b>	2S – Mrs Smith	
3D – Mr Dillon	<b>Janella</b>	3M – Mrs Montes	<b>Scarlett, Arad and Aron</b>
4D/H – Mrs Dandy/Mrs Hunter		4R – Mrs Ravenhill	<b>Jerome, Dora and Dinis</b>
5I – Mr Ingram	<b>Queira, Patrick and Jamie</b>	5R – Mrs Rashleigh	<b>Niko, Zachary and Joanna</b>
6H – Mrs Haines/Mrs Hanlon	<b>Jemima, Carlos and Angharad</b>	6T – Mr Turner	<b>Nimit, David and Nisha</b>

### **Learning Charter Champions**

Congratulations to the following pupils, our **Learning Charter Champions** this past fortnight

RO – Mrs Oates	<b>Fatima and Harley</b>	RSM – Mrs Sekulic/Mrs McLachlan	
1MA – Miss May	<b>Eleora and Iraklis</b>	1ML – Miss Mleczko	<b>Robert and Cameron</b>
2C – Miss Cook	<b>Rosanna and Aahil</b>	2S – Mrs Smith	
3D – Mr Dillon	<b>Elissa</b>	3M – Mrs Montes	<b>Dilan, Sofia and Mason</b>
4D/H – Mrs Dandy/Mrs Hunter	<b>Lionel, Edward, Hector, Irene and Edel</b>	4R – Mrs Ravenhill	<b>Grace P, Edwin and Jake M</b>
5I – Mr Ingram	<b>Alex, Joash and Marysia</b>	5R – Mrs Rashleigh	<b>Nina, William and John</b>
6H – Mrs Haines/Mrs Hanlon	<b>Raphael, Abel and Basel</b>	6T – Mr Turner	<b>Jaime, Ale and Omarion</b>

### **Practical Help and Signposting**

Sadly, things at the moment are difficult for many of our families. Bills all seem to be rising, and everything is getting more expensive. We want to make sure that all our families have support in place if it is needed. Even if your child is not eligible for Free School Meals, we may be able to help with uniform from our vast stock of good-quality second-hand items, we are able to refer to local Food Banks and signpost families to other sources of help, advice and support.

If you are struggling, please contact our home/school link worker, Mrs Kate Stratford. Her contact details are below. Mrs Stratford will be happy to talk to you in confidence to see what support we can offer.

Mrs Kate Stratford

Home/School Link Worker and Deputy DSL

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## Dairy Dates

Date	Year Group/Class	Event
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>All year groups</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils and staff</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Affected classes have been informed	Strike Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5	BMX assembly and activities
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May <b>2:30pm</b>	All year groups	Crowning of the Holy Family – note change of time
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>All year groups</b>	<b>Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils and staff</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	KS2 SATs
w/c Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Cycling Proficiency
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Retreat Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS	Vision Screening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	All year groups	Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Liturgy group	Good Shepherd Appeal Mass
w/c Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6	Cycling Proficiency
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4	Play performances
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3	Play performance
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Year 6 trip to Paultons Park
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>All year groups</b>	<b>Half term break, school closed to pupils and staff</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>All year groups</b>	<b>INSET day – school closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	All year groups	Internet Safety Week
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	All year groups	PTA Sportsfest event
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Key Stage 2	Empathy Week Assembly
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3	Camping residential
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6	Stone Farm residential
29 <sup>th</sup> June	All year groups	Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 6H	IMPS trip
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 6T	IMPS trip
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	All year groups	International Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Play performances
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July (TBC)	All year groups	Sports Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (TBC)	All year groups	Sports Day (weather reserve date)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Leavers Mass
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>All year groups</b>	<b>School finishes for all pupils at 1pm</b>

## Flyers and Information

Through CAP Life Skills I learned about budgeting and changed my habits. Because I'm spending differently now, I save so much money. Last year I was able to go on holiday with my kids.  
**Beverley | CAP Life Skills member**

This has been the best thing I have ever done! I've made friends and have gained loads of confidence.  
**Jenny | CAP Life Skills member**

CAP are serious, highly professional, deeply committed and, above all, they will treat you as a human being of infinite value, who just needs some help to find your own way forward.  
**Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and CAP's patron**

**New ways to live for a brighter future**  
Join our friendly community group and gain skills to lift the pressure of life on a low income

I'm a huge fan of CAP. Why not invest in learning how to budget and put in place a simple system? There's nothing better to start you on the path to having more money in your pocket.  
**Martin Lewis  
Money Saving Expert**

**Book your free place by contacting**

**Course info**

8 week course starts:  
Tues 9th May 2023, 10:30 am  
at:  
The Venue, Cowley  
To book contact:  
Helen on 07926 596225  
or hgallagher@caplifeskills.org

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Find your nearest course  
[caplifeskills.org](http://caplifeskills.org)

**CAP**  
Community Action Partnership

Oxford's next **CAP Life Skills** Course is starting in Cowley in May 2023.

Life Skills is a safe, welcoming place where group members can discover new ways to lift the pressure of life on a low income. The course is free of charge, and includes sessions on budgeting, shopping on a shoe-string, eating healthily, staying on top of your home energy bills, and maintaining good relationships during stressful times.

The first session will start on May 9th at 10.30 am, and will run for 8 weeks each Tuesday until July 4th, with a break for half-term. The course will be held at The Venue, 242b Barns Road, Oxford, OX4 3RQ. A free lunch will be provided each week.

To join the group, text Helen Gallagher on 07926 596225 or email [hgallagher@caplifeskills.org](mailto:hgallagher@caplifeskills.org)

## **Join Girlguiding - we help all girls know they can do anything!**

We have groups meeting across north Oxford and have spaces in 3<sup>rd</sup> Marston Brownies for girls aged 7-10 to start after Easter or in September 2023. If your daughter wants to have adventures, make friends, get creative and explore the outdoors, then contact Hannah via [northoxfordandmarstondistrict@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northoxfordandmarstondistrict@hotmail.co.uk) for more information!