



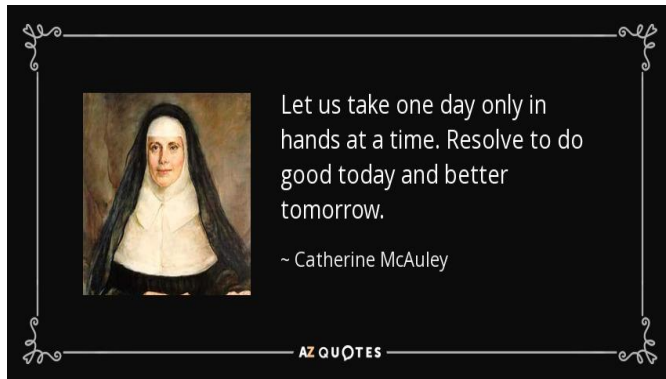
# Newsletter



Newsletter 4  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

### Sisters of Mercy Feast Day



On Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of the Sisters of Mercy, remembering Catherine McAuley the Foundress, in a whole school Assembly. We also shared some gifts with the Sisters of Mercy in the Convent next door to add to their day of celebration. Sister Joan, Governor and Trustee, also sent her good wishes and prayers.



### Forthcoming Open Days for Prep 4 girls

New Hall - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9-12pm  
New Hall Taster Day - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9-3



### Global Languages Week Around the world in five days!!

We have had a fantastic week celebrating Global Languages Week. We sampled Spanish Foods and dressed up in a whole host of traditional dress, celebrating and enjoying our oasis of diversity. Treasure hunts and quizzes were part of the learning as well as finding the right flags, working collaboratively along with learning different language phrases including: German, French, Japanese, Spanish to finally a taster of Mandarin, courtesy of Mandarin teacher Mrs Wang.

Here is some feedback from the girls .....

*I loved chorizo Mia I2*  
*I now want to visit Japan Sophie I3*  
*The treasure hunt was amazing Prep 2*  
*I loved the quiz Isabella P1*  
*I came in Maori clothes so I could share culture from my family. Felicity Prep 4*

**Further photos available in the Photo Gallery on the school website**





I am delighted to have received such positive comments about the introduction of our school dinner provision that starts on Tuesday and to see that so many of you have embraced the new booking system to place your orders! I look forward to sharing with you our first experience of school dinners in next week's newsletter.

### Recycling



If you have any batteries at home that need recycling, please donate them to the school as we are registered with [batteryback.org](http://batteryback.org). There is a collection box in the school office. Thank you



### Polite Reminder - Harvest Festival Items

On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, Infants 2 & 3 will be celebrating with a Harvest Assembly at 9.40am. All parents are warmly invited. Each class has been allocated a particular item to support our Harvest donation to a charity the School Council are currently considering. You may recall that last year we donated to a Woman's Refuge.

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| <b>Nursery and Infants 1</b> | packets of biscuits;            |
| <b>Infants 2</b>             | Tins;                           |
| <b>Infants 3</b>             | Dried foods (pasta/rice);       |
| <b>Prep 1</b>                | Tea/coffee/sugar/hot chocolate; |
| <b>Prep 2</b>                | Toiletry items                  |
| <b>Prep 3</b>                | Washing powders/conditioners    |
| <b>Prep 4</b>                | Jars (jams/marmalade/marmite).  |
| <b>Staff</b>                 | Sanitary items/baby items       |

Please make all your donations by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Important Announcement about changes to the booking system for breakfast club and afterschool clubs.

After half term, you will need to book a place at breakfast club and/or afterschool club via your SchoolMoney account in the way that has been introduced for School Dinners. A specific tab for the breakfast and afterschool club is being added. Further details will follow next week. **Please remember that Hockey and Netball Club have swapped days next week, Hockey on Tuesday afternoon and Netball on Wednesday.**

### PA News

The P.A will hold a meeting on Thursday 3rd October at 8.00 p.m. in the Cuckfield Pub (Wanstead High Street). End of year accounts will be discussed and future events planned. New members and especially new parents are invited to attend and will be most welcome. By having a child at St Joseph's you are automatically a member of the PA. Thank you for all you do for the school your daughters benefit greatly from your events.

**Design a Christmas card/mug** has been circulated today. Please return these to the school office with the correct money/cheque no later than 28th October.

**Christmas Bazaar** - please see attached letter from Mrs Mansi-Kennedy providing all the information for the lead up to the big event.



### Year of the God who Speaks

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Bishop Alan Williams will open the 'Year of the God who Speaks' at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park at 10.30am. For further information, please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/)