

St. Joseph's Convent School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Mission Statement

We are a Mercy School.

We live and work together as Jesus taught us,

spreading his loving friendship

to everyone we meet.

We have come to the end of our first half term and I am amazed at how quickly it has gone, but delighted that the weather has been so favourable. The girls and staff have all worked extremely hard and achieved pleasing outcomes. We are looking forward to half term and I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable break.

School Photos

A few parents have commented that they were disappointed with some of their proofs. Having spoken with Tempest, they have confirmed that they provided 3 different proofs, one 'traditional' and two 'contemporary'. The contemporary style, I am advised, are a more cropped and modern look and was done to give parents more choice.

Earrings

No earrings of any kind are permitted in school. I have noticed several girls wearing them. Please do not return to school with them. Thank you. If you are planning to have your daughter's ears pierced, please consider doing this in the Summer holidays only because this gives the adequate amount of healing time.

Clearly labelled uniform

Over the half term, please check your daughter's school uniform and ensure that each item is clearly labelled. Please also check that you do not have an item belonging to another child which has arrived home accidentally.

Lateness

Since the start of term, we have been monitoring lateness. Any girl showing persistent lateness will be receiving a letter regarding this after half term. It is lovely to see the girls come skipping and running into school each day ready for the day ahead. School is a very happy and vibrant place with lots of learning, fun and laughter.

Achievement Assembly

Every Friday morning, commencing Friday 9th November, at 9.15am, we will be having an Achievement Assembly. Two girls from each class will receive certificates. Parents are warmly invited to attend these assemblies.

Infant Nativity – Friday 7th December at 2pm

Please be advised that Nursery and Infants 1 will also be participating in the Infant Nativity and all parents are warmly invited into school from 1.30pm for refreshments.

Christmas Lunch

As previously advised, the children will be receiving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December. Parents are asked to make a payment of £6 on their SchoolMoney account as soon as possible. Please advise the school if your daughter requires a vegetarian meal.

Fill a Jar

As mentioned in previous newsletters, over the half term, children are tasked with decorating a jar and filling it with interesting objects. This is for the 'Fill a Jar' stall. Thank you.

Swimming lessons

Girls in Prep 3 & 4 will commence swimming lessons every Thursday after half term and letters have been circulated. The opportunity will be extended to Prep 1 & 2 children in the Summer Term.

Mass:

Unfortunately, Infants 2 & 3 were unable to attend Mass this week. Father Pat called to apologise and say that Mass was going to be at 8am in the morning, as he had other commitments that morning. He is looking forward to seeing the whole school at Mass on Thursday 1st November to celebrate All Saints.

Harvest Donation

Yesterday we had the pleasure of welcoming Zahra from the Ashiana Network who was the recipient of our Harvest donations. This charity support women's refuges in the Redbridge area. She was delighted and amazed with the outstanding variety of donations and was looking forward to distributing them.



Parent/Teacher Consultations:

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school on either Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November and you should now have received your appointment times.

Afterschool club will remain open until 6pm on these two evenings to accommodate parents who wish to use it.

Please note there will be no Dance Club on Wednesday 31st October nor an Exam Revision class or Spanish Club on Thursday 1st November.

Safety:

Please continue to note that, as a school we are supporting 100% a Nut free environment. We have some children and staff with allergies and we need to ensure their safety. Please adhere to this and continue to give due consideration with regard to your daughters' packed lunch. Thank you.

Attendance this week:

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| Nursery | 97% | Prep 1 | 99% |
| Infants 1 | 100% | Prep 2 | 95% |
| Infants 2 | 98% | Prep 3 | 99% |
| Infants 3 | 92% | Prep 4 | 95% |

Many congratulations to Infants 1 this week.

Uniform:

All girls will transfer into winter uniform after the October half term and return to school on **Tuesday 30th October wearing full winter uniform.**

PA – Christmas Bazaar:

Thank you for all your donations - we are doing very well with our donations and appreciate your generosity.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:

Charity Christmas cards are now in stock! Choose from the great selection of Christmas cards – there's something to suit everyone. All proceeds from the sale of the Christmas cards will help make a difference to the lives of the children and families who are supported. The Christmas card designs are always very popular and as supplies are limited, we would ask you to place your order as soon as possible so you can guarantee to get your first choice! Please visit their website to see their selection and order at: www.bccs.org.uk

INSET DAY

I would like to remind you that Monday 29th October 2018 will now be a staff INSET DAY and therefore school will be closed.

Jazz Band

Please note there will be no Jazz Band on Friday 9th November.

Carol Singing at OLOL on Sunday 16th December

All Preps are invited to sing in church at 7.30pm on Sunday 16th December.

May God Bless You and Your Families and have a lovely enjoyable half term. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 30th October.



**Mrs S Birtles
Headteacher**