



# Newsletter



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## St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

*Welcome back to*



### Welcome Back

It was lovely to see everyone arrive back to school on Monday looking refreshed and rested after the Half term break. It was equally delightful to come back noticing the brighter mornings and enjoy the unseasonably warm weather. As always school is a hive of industry with us also launching our new phonics programme.

The staff were delighted to have the opportunity to meet with you all over the two evenings to discuss your daughters progress. I have received several reports thanking the staff for the high quality and informative mid-year attainment reports they received and how it was clearly evident that they knew their daughters so well both academically and pastorally resulting in parents feeling very happy with all that is happening at St Joseph's.

### Important Reminders

Parents are reminded that, before school, children need to be supervised in the playground until the gates open at 8.45am. If you need to leave your daughter earlier, please use the Club facility the school provides to ensure the safety of your daughter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Class Photographs

Tempest will be visiting school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to take this year's class photos. You will be able to purchase these and further information will follow after Tuesday.

### World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents as you are aware Thursday is World Book Day and the School Council, which is a very important feature of the school in permitting the girls a voice, made the decision and voted to be able to wear pyjamas. The school council is an area of the curriculum where the children actively demonstrate and learn about democracy and the importance of British Values. It is imperative that we as a school foster and encourage this pupil voice and then abide by their outcomes.

Please send your daughter/s into school in their pyjamas but wearing their school shoes and school coats. The girls are very excited as I am sure you are all aware. We are looking forward to a most enjoyable day.

### Mission Statement

**We are a Mercy School  
We live and work together,  
as Jesus taught us,  
spreading his loving friendship  
to everyone we meet**

## Important online safety announcement

I am sure many of you have seen the worrying news in the press this week that suggests that numerous children are now being exposed to the 'Momo Challenge'.

We want to bring this to the attention of all our Parents.

We are aware that some nasty challenges (Momo Challenge) are hacking into children's programmes. Challenges appear midway through children's YouTube, Fortnite, Peppa Pig and Minecraft amongst others, to avoid detection by adults. Please be vigilant with your daughter using IT, because the images reported are particularly disturbing and upsetting.

For further support and information please visit the 'Internet Safety' section on our 'Parents information' page on the school website where you will find online safety tips to support your children online. In addition, please visit, [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

## Netball News

Our Prep 4 netball team travelled to Redbridge Sports Centre this week. The girls played very well beating Mossford but unfortunately losing to Nightingale. The Player of the match this week was Poppy. The girls looked very professional in their new dresses!



## This Week's Attendance

Nursery	100%
Infants 1	99%
Infants 2	97%
Infants 3	94%
Prep 1	100%
Prep 2	98%
Prep 3	95%
Prep 4	97%



## Happy St David Day

Even in Shakespeare's time there was a custom of Welsh people wearing leeks or daffodils on his feast day. The origin of the practice is unknown but many still wear them today. He is patron saint of Wales and he founded several district monasteries, the principal one being St David's in Pembrokeshire. Monks came from Ireland and all parts of Britain to study under him. He was venerated at the great monastery of Glastonbury and was Bishop of Menevia.

## Shrove Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

I hope you all enjoy making and eating pancakes. The Nursery and Infants 1 are looking forward to having them as their snack on that day. I might pop in for a snack too!



## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday and the start of the season of Lent. We will be attending a service in the church with Father Pat on Wednesday.