

Diary Dates:
29th October-
2nd November

**Breakfast Club Daily-
7:45-8:30
Junior School Hall-
registration required**

**After School Club Infant
School
Monday-Thursday 3-4:15**

**Junior School Homework
Club in 3:1 Daily
3:10-4:15**

**Monday 29th October
Infant: Football Club 3-4
Yoga 3:15-4:15
Junior: Football Years
4,5,6 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 30th October
Infant: Gym Club 3-4
Junior: Yoga Years 3-4
3:15-4:15
Gym Club 4-5**

**Wednesday 31st October
Infant: Dance Club 3-4
Junior: Dance Club 4-5
Computer Explorers
Year (tbc)- 3:15-4:15
Chess Cub Years 5-6 3:15-
4:15**

**Thursday 1st November
Junior: Football Year 3,
3:15-4:15
Drama Club: Years 3&4
3:15-4:15**

Friday 2nd November

**Saint Joseph's Infant School
Saint Joseph's Junior School
We Follow Christ's
Footsteps in Love**



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www.sjinf.brent.sch.uk

www.sjnr.brent.sch.uk

October Value: Democracy

SCHOOL DINNER MENU (New Menu) Week 2

Year Group Mass Saint Joseph's Church Wembley

Forward Notice- Year Group Mass Saint Joseph's Church Wembley

Wednesday 7th November Year 4

Wednesday 14th November Year 3

Reconciliation Services for parents and pupils

Year 6 Tuesday 4th December

Year 5 Wednesday 5th December

Year 4 Thursday 6th December

Forward Notice -Assemblies

Class 4:1 assembly Tuesday 27th November 9:00 am Junior School Hall

Class 6 assembly Thursday 29th November 9:10 am Infant School Hall

Forward Notice-Working Together Workshops- For parents to work alongside their child and school staff on a range of curriculum areas.

Tuesday 13th November Year 4 Reading Workshop 9-10 am

Tuesday 20th November Year 3 Reading Workshop 9-10 am

Wednesday 21st November Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9-10am

Nursery and Reception Stay and Play Days

Reception- Wednesday 28th November 9-10am

Nursery- Friday 30th November 8:30-9:30 am

Forward Notice- Parental Meetings- Pupils in Years 2-6 also attend these meetings

Monday 5th November (3.30p.m.-5. 30p.m Infant School)
(Junior School 5p.m.-7p.m)

Tuesday 6th November (3.30p.m.-5. 30p.m Junior School)
(Infant School 5p.m.-7p.m)

Parental Meetings- You should receive your appointment slot for parental meetings today.

Friday Prayer Group- The weekly Friday Prayer Group has not yet commenced. We are looking for some parents who would be happy to lead this group. If you are interested please let either School Office know.

Parent Focus Group- The first meeting will be on **Friday 16th November at 9:15 am** in the New Build. All parents who have returned a slip will receive their agenda after half term. If you have any agenda requests please send them in to either School Office by Thursday 1st November.

Saint John-Paul's feast day is during half term. They will therefore have their celebration and wear their own clothes on Friday 2nd November.

Winter Uniform will be required to be worn by all pupils after the half term holiday.

School Photographer- The children will be having their class, group and individual photographs taken on **Thursday 8th November.** A letter has been sent home with further details.

Schools Association Meeting- The next event planned will be the fancy dress disco on **Friday 2nd November** in the junior school hall from 6-8pm.

CAFOD Harvest Donation- Thank you for all of your donations of food and money for Bright Day Last Friday . We raised £161.50 in the infants and £165 in the junior school. The Prayer Leaders delivered the food to the Foodbank today it was much appreciated.

Secondary School Applications- **Please ensure that your application forms have been submitted before the closing date of the 31st October. Remember to submit to each individual school as well as the online council application.**

Attendance and Punctuality Awards

The winners for the week 15th -19th October are: 6:1 and 4:2 with an attendance of 100% 5:2 win the punctuality award with the 0 number of late marks. Well done to those classes.

Half term Holiday- We break up for half term today. We are back to school on Monday 29th October at the usual times.

All Saints Day



They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God
of their salvation. Psalm 24.5

Whole School Mass - All Saints Day Thursday 1st November 1:30 p.m.



Have a lovely half term holiday
Mrs Whelan
Executive Head Teacher

Safeguarding- A regular safeguarding update will be provided with this newsletter to ensure that you have access to current useful information and guidance.

9 ways the internet can be good for your children



We hear a lot about the negative effects on children of using the internet but it can also be a positive thing. Here's our guide for parents on helping your child thrive online.

A lot of what we hear about technology's effects on children is negative – speculation that it's decreasing attention spans, for instance, or fuelling eating disorders. So it may come as a relief to hear that there are lots of positives to using technology as well. Here are nine of our favourites.

1. Staying in touch

For families who can't always be together – separated parents or far-away grandparents, for instance – the internet lets you stay closer than ever before. Checking in with regular video chats or sharing photos with each other online is a great way to stay connected when you can't be together in person.

2. Making friends

Young people who have trouble dealing with social situations may find that online interaction makes them feel less isolated. YouTube star Zoella, for instance, has frequently spoken about her struggles with anxiety. She now has over 12 million subscribers to her channel and is an ambassador for the mental health charity Mind. Interacting successfully online could even give some children more confidence to take into their offline relationships.

3. Being creative

Young people who are interested in music, writing or art can find loads of useful resources and ways to practise online. From starting a blog to following your favourite artists on Instagram, the internet can be a great way for young aspiring creatives to get started.

4. Finding help

Some experts are wondering if the internet is contributing to an increase in mental health problems. There isn't enough evidence yet to say whether this is the case, but we do know that it can also have a positive effect. Young people who are dealing with an issue often find essential support online. Forums like The Mix (a 'guide to the real world' and online community for teens and young adults), can help them access information and speak to a supportive community from the privacy of their own homes, often anonymously, which makes them feel more able to share.

5. Getting ahead

Going forward, many – if not most – jobs will require some degree of technical skill.

'Getting comfortable with technology and the online world will be an advantage when it comes to learning about computing.' Schools now teach computing as a discipline, just like maths or English. Some of it can be studied offline, of course, but getting comfortable with technology and the online world will be an advantage when it comes to learning about computing.

6. Learning

When it comes to using devices in the classroom, results have been mixed, but there are lots of other tech improvements that are helping young people learn. Your child can use programmes like Mathletics to practise their maths, for example.

7. Staying organised

Lots of schools now post homework assignments online, giving you and your child another way to keep on top of their schedule. And there are lots of apps designed to help kids and families get organised – have a look together and see if any might work for you.

8. Special needs and disability

There's lots of useful tech being developed to support people with disabilities and special educational needs. And even tech that wasn't developed specifically for young people with disabilities can have real benefits. Some parents of children with autism, for example, say playing Minecraft with other young people has improved their communication and teamwork abilities.

9. Fun!

People of all ages love the internet for lots of reasons, and we shouldn't ignore the fact that it's just plain fun. When used responsibly and in moderation, the online world can be a great source of engaging, creative entertainment for kids.

Further Reading:

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/safer-internet-day-2017-positive>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3tsyrd>

<https://parentinfo.org/article/9-ways-the-internet-can-be-good-for-your-children>

 **Safeguarding**  **Saint Joseph's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools**

At Saint Joseph's we are committed to the safety and happiness of all our children and adults in our school family. If you are concerned about a child, please talk to our designated safeguarding lead, Mrs A. Whelan, or any of our safeguarding officers, Mr. Betts, Miss K. Gaynor, Mr. Nicklin or Mrs. Jeeves.

 Mrs. A. Whelan Executive Head Teacher DSL	 Miss K. Gaynor Assistant Head Teacher Senior Lecturer SLT DSO SENCO	 Councillor Kieran Walsh Safeguarding Governor	 Barbara Anagnostou Head Safeguarding Governor	 Mr H. Betts Assistant Head Teacher Junior School DSL	 Mr S. Nicklin Senior Teacher Junior School SLT DSO YEAR 6 TEACHER	 Mrs B. Jeeves JSD JUNIOR ADMIN TEAM
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Copies of our safeguarding policies can be found on the school website along with links to the latest update of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (DfE Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.) Hard copies may be found in the school office upon request.