



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

28 MARCH 2024



PARENTS/CARERS NEWSLETTER



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MUFTI AMOUNT



JFA EVENT

'NURTURING YOUNG CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN.
ASPIRING FOR ACADEMIC, CULTURAL AND SPORTING EXCELLENCE.'



JFA QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 26 APRIL 7.30PM
PLOUGH LANE PAVILION, CR8 3QJ

£10 / TICKET WHICH INCLUDES A GRAZING BOARD + NIBBLES
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The week...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Easter we can reflect on a busy and productive term in which there has been much to celebrate. I am grateful for your support in all aspects of school life as effective cooperation between home and school makes a huge difference to the outcomes of our students.

This week is, of course, Holy Week in which we recall the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Familiarity with the events celebrated over Easter can dull our sense of awe, but we know that it was the resurrection, above all else, that the Apostles preached. It is remarkable that of those original 12 Apostles, 10 of them were put to death for their belief in the resurrection. The other two were Judas and St John.

Two years ago, our own Archbishop John Wilson, preaching during the Easter Vigil, reflected on the significance of the empty tomb: "Let me suggest to you that, at least in one sense, the tomb was not empty; that it was, in fact, full, and full to overflowing. It was full to bursting with the most powerful 'sign' of God's victory in Christ: 'Why look among the dead,' said the Angel, 'for someone who is alive?' 'He is not here; he has risen.'" The Archbishop finished his homily with a question addressed to all of us who profess faith in Christ: "How will our lives ring out to others with the fullness of Easter Joy?"

Once again, I thank you for your support over the term, and I wish you and your families every blessing in this most joyful of seasons.

The new term starts at the usual time on Monday 15 April 2024.

Best wishes,

R.F. Teague
Headteacher



Mass Times W/b 15 April 2024

Tuesday	8.00am
Thursday	8.00am
Friday	8.00am

Key Dates

Monday 15 April

Students return to school

Thursday 25 April

Epilogue

Yr8 Parent Teacher Meeting

Monday 6 May

May Bank Holiday

Thursday 23 May

Epilogue

W/b 27 May

Half term break



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CELEBRATE
Easter & Eid
AT
PURLEY BAZAAR
Saturday 30th March
10AM - 4PM
FOOD, SHOPPING &
FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES
PURLEY HIGH STREET, CR8 2AA

FREE*
KIDS' CRAFTS, GAMES &
GOODIE BAGS*
FROM 11AM - 3PM

DECORATE YOUR OWN
EASTER / EID CARD

EASTER EGG HUNT

RAMADAN QUIZ

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME
TO PARTICIPATE

***WHILE STOCKS LAST**

***PURLEY BAZAAR WILL BE**
COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR
CHOSEN CHILDREN'S CHARIT

100% DONATION POLICY



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

This week we have been focussing on the International day for the elimination of racial discrimination and World Down Syndrome Day.

Equality Diversity & Inclusion

Teaching idea of the week

Mother's day is a time to celebrate those who raised us, however for some students this can be a challenging time, a reminder of those they have lost. Below are some suggestions of what schools can do:

What Schools can do?
Preparing for loss and bereavement

Normality
For the majority of CYP whose life has been turned upside down the routine of school can give a sense of normality. Everything else may have fallen apart but school and the people within it can offer a sense of security and continuity.

Relief from Grief
Often, school can provide relief from an emotionally charged atmosphere at home. They may feel overwhelmed by a grieving family or find it hard to cope if there is a stream of visitors expressing their own grief.

An Outlet for Grief
When a parent or sibling has died, CYP can sometimes try spare their surviving parent by hiding their own grief and appearing to be ok. School is often seen as somewhere safe to express this grief.

Remember
You might feel reluctant to initiate what you perceive to be painful conversations due to a fear of making things worse. However, children and young people are clear about the benefits of support and communication around bereavement and loss in schools. Speak to your SMV regarding referral or further support.

What Schools can do?
Preparing for loss and bereavement

A Listening Ear
Family members struggling to deal with their own grief can overlook children. For a child who wishes to school staff can provide an opportunity to talk about what has happened with a familiar and trusted adult in relative peace and calm.

The Opportunity to be a Child
Even when deeply sad, children still need to be children. School offers the chance to play, laugh, sing and generally just be a child without feeling guilty.

General Support
Systems should be in place to keep in contact with home. Discuss concerns but also successes. Grieving CYP can display altered behaviour in different situations. Good communication will help provide a more realistic picture of how the child is coping.

Remember
Take care of yourself

Talking to a child or young person about the death of someone close may be among the hardest things a teacher will ever have to do. Do what you can to support the child, without expecting too much from yourself and speak to someone if you need support.

Further Reading: In the Tutor resources folder.

This week in EDI:
Ramadan Continues
21st March Int. Day for the elimination of racial discrimination, World Down Syndrome day

Joel and Kirabo (year 13) have put together an excellent presentation on the black student's experience of education.

Canadian Down Syndrome have developed a video for their 2024 campaign about how assumptions can have negative effects.

Resources can be found in: Z drive> 2. Tutor time resources> Equality and Diversity

Can you find a way to include this in your lessons/curriculum?

Mufti Day: Friday 22 March

Thank you to all who have donated to last week's mufti day.

The total raised was: **£910.05**

This will be split between the two charities which the school is supporting:

- The Charlie Waller Foundation <https://www.charliewaller.org/>
- The Catholic Children's Society <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

Thank you to all who have donated to this and our previous mufti days.

This academic year, we have raised nearly £6,000 for charity as a school community.



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CREATE DRAMA

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

NEW Youth Theatre Company 13 - 18 Year olds

4 Day course 9 - 12 April 3 - 7pm

Weekly Youth Theatre Wednesdays 6 - 7.30pm

Wallington Library

Come and work with professional actors and directors to learn and develop your acting skills and make theatre.

Its NOT about singing and dancing! Its all about the DRAMA.

You will learn acting for stage & film and improvisation. As together we will become makers of new theatre and films. Create Drama Course gives young people a chance to be creative ,make new friends, build confidence and to develop their acting and drama skills under our expert guidance.

We have a theatre trip to see 'Wicked' in London and meal out on Thursday 11 April .

Cost: £150 4 day course or £45 per day.. Includes a hot meal each day

Weekly Youth Theatre £14 a week (payable by term). **Trial class available**

To Book:



[4 day
Easter Course](#)



[Weekly
Youth Theatre](#)

Chat: info@dramabuds.co.uk or 07789 722 687

Supported by:



FREE places
available
for children on
Free school
Meals

JFA St. Patrick's Six Nations Event

Thank you to all the supporters who came out to celebrate St Patrick's Day and watch the final Six Nations games. We had a fantastic turnout with plenty of food, Guinness and, of course, rugby throughout the day. A huge thanks to the JFA members and the South Africa tour families who helped organise, facilitate and volunteer to make this event a success.



World Book Day Competition

Thank you to Tutor Doctor www.tutordocor.co.uk for sponsoring our World Book Day competition which raised over £200 for the Children's Book Project.

Winner, Dom. S, received a number of new books, an Amazon voucher and the coveted JFS Beanie hat!



Videographer Visits JFS



This week we welcomed John Cooper Videos onsite to help shoot a new school film which captures all of the fantastic opportunities, facilities and achievements here at John Fisher.

We are looking forward to receiving the finished product when we return after the Easter holidays.

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Reception Opening Hours:

Please note that Main Reception is open **from 7.30am until 4.00pm,** Monday to Friday during term time only.

REMINDER

Parents and carers are asked to check that their contact details are up to date on Edulink. Changes can be made directly via Edulink or by contacting your Key Stage Administrator.



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Face-to-face Routes into STEM 2023/24

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.

What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

London dates & locations

- Tuesday 28th May 2024 - STEM educational provider or STEM company Day - TBC
- Wednesday 29th May 2024 - University Day - University of Westminster, W1W 6UW
- Thursday 30th May 2024 - STEM company Day - Murphy Group, DA5 2AW

Cost / Funding

This course is fully funded for students from your school. (Normally £175 for all 3 days).

How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!
Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!

What do our students say:

"I enjoyed being able to engage in big projects in a comfortable environment"

"The tours gave me a better idea of the environment I would be working in"

100% felt confident about the STEM career opportunities available to them after completing the course

100% of students would recommend the course to a friend or family member



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**WE NEED
YOU!**

Email: thejohnfisherassoc@gmail.com

Social and fundraising events
raising vital funds for JFS



Over £30,000 has been raised
towards I.T, the Sports Hall
floor, Sixth Form Centre refurb
and Library in the last 3 years.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 16 April, 7.30pm

Plough Lane Pavilion (CR8 3QJ)





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