



*We show our love for God, in the way we treat each other.
Together we follow Jesus, by learning, and sharing our gifts.*

SS Peter & Paul's Catholic Primary School



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UNICEF article of the month: Article 38

Every child has the right not to have to take part in war or join the armed forces.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have mentioned the serious concerns about congestion outside the school in many newsletters over many months. On 1st February I shared information about my meetings with the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jas Atwall and the Highways departments. I am now in a position to be able to share the finalised plan with you.

"In a scheme launched by Redbridge Council, roads leading to SSPP school and Gordon Primary School will be closed to traffic at the start and end of the school day.

Anyone that enters the "closed street" during the peak times will be identified by automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras and issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). Redbridge Council said more than 70% of school-aged children live within one mile of their school, based on pupil postcode at the point of school registration (2018). Councillor John Howard, cabinet member for civic pride, said London's toxic air is having a hugely detrimental effect on the lungs of children and young people and the initiative is an "important project" that will enable the council to tackle air pollution by cutting down on congestion during the school run and encourage pupils and parents to walk and cycle."

SSPP are very excited to be involved in this project, we care about the environment and the health of our children. We are hopeful this initiative will allow the children to ride their bikes to school safely and breathe cleaner air. The roads will certainly be much safer outside the school. The push for safer roads outside SSPP has been driven by many factors over the years. As Headteacher, I am regularly outside the school in the mornings, witnessing near misses, children dropped in the middle of the road into the path of oncoming traffic, parents reversing towards children, irresponsible parking etc. You are all aware that one of our Y6 pupils was seriously injured by a car in the nearby roads, she is still not back at school fulltime. We cannot afford to put our children at risk, and many parents are fully supportive of this intervention, knowing their children will be safer outside school in the mornings. Although it may not be convenient for some parents, we may see those who live closer, walking and riding to school which will inevitably free up parking spaces elsewhere. Should you have any questions regarding this scheme, please contact the local authority, the school office are unable to provide further information, other than the letters which will be sent out shortly. You will be given notice as to when this initiative goes live.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in the best interests of the children's safety.

Wishing you all a happy and Holy Easter holiday.

Mrs S Johnson

Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please refer to the school uniform policy on the school website. Summer uniform is to be worn after Easter (weather permitting). Summer dresses are **navy blue** gingham, we often see different variations of blue, this is not SSPP uniform. We have some sample dresses on manikins in the school office. The summer dresses can be purchased from Rupens, Marks and Spencer and Sainsbury, which appears to be the most reasonably priced (two for £9.00). The girls wear white socks with the dresses, not tights, leggings or cycling shorts. The Governors were presented with the option of allowing the girls to wear the playsuit type dresses, with shorts, the Governors have not agreed this proposal; therefore playsuits are not acceptable.

ANCIENT GREEK TOPIC SHARING

This term 5B have been studying the Athenians and 5R have been studying the Spartans. This week they shared their learning with each other and then invited parents to view all their work from the topic. This included: Greek pots, jewellery, sandals, temples and their Greek myths.



ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS TOPIC SHARING

Year 6 have also been studying ancient civilisations. 6P have been studying the Benin and 6R the Mayan. This week they also took time out to share their learning with each other and compare these ancient civilisations.



SCHOOL COUNCIL'S AIR POLLUTION CAMPAIGN

SSPP School Councillors met with Leader of Redbridge Council, Cllr Jas Atwall and Cllr John Howard from Civic Pride to launch the 'closed street' campaign to help improve the air quality outside the school. In February this year pupils throughout the school conducted air quality investigations in and around the school and discovered that the quality of the air outside the main entrance was poor. They then leafletted the local area to inform residents about the effects of air pollution. They also launched a competition to create a slogan to use in their air pollution campaign. The winner was Subhiksha in Year 6 with "The smarter you commute the less you pollute!"



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke 22:14

Sunday is a special day, when we hear two readings from St Luke's Gospel. The second gospel reading is called the Passion and tells the story of how Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified and buried. But we also hear another gospel story at the beginning of Mass.

We will hear how Jesus sent the disciples off to borrow a donkey, and to say that, "The Master needs it", if they were asked where they were taking it. Then Jesus entered into Jerusalem on this donkey, while the people shouted their praises to God. At this point, we wonder how Jesus must have felt to hear the people shouting his praises and welcoming him into the city.

Jesus is in all of us, so every time we meet someone and welcome them, we are welcoming Jesus. We are asked by God to treat all people as we would like to be treated.

As we approach the fifth week of Lent, and Palm Sunday, we should try to welcome all people as we would welcome Jesus, with love, kindness and respect.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Eternal God, may we always welcome Jesus into our hearts with joy.
Help us to see Christ in all people and to make them feel welcome.
Christ Jesus, open our hearts so we may sing your praise, through
Christ our Lord, Amen



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 23 rd April	New term begins
Thursday 25 th April 11am	New term mass
Wednesday 1 st May	Procession to Our Lady- Flowers needed.

ASSEMBLY AND MASS TIMETABLE

Refreshments will be available before class assemblies from 8.55am. Volunteers always needed to help escort the children to church, please give your name to the office if available.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance last week was: 95.44%.

The class winner for the best attendance last week was: 4S with 99.63%.

The class which needs to improve most: 5R for attendance of 89%

The class with best punctuality: 2S with 0 late marks. The class which needs to improve their punctuality: 1K with 10 late marks.



If your child is sick please phone the office by 9.30am or the absence will be unauthorised, also remember to send in a letter to the class teacher to explain the nature of the absence. Please avoid taking your child to medical appointments in school time, unless it is an emergency, in which case you must provide a copy of the appointment letter or card.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS



EYFS		KS1		KS2	
Nam	David	1B	Chidi	3D	Jaagjot
Npm	Tommy	1K	Shenuki	3I	Elias
RA	Noah	2B	Aryan	4M	Ariq
RS	Krishith	2S	Janelle	4S	Natalia
				5B	Naomi
				5R	Liam
				6P	Savannah
				6R	Francesca

Congratulations to all our Star Pupils