

## Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School April 20th 2018 No 1061

**Dear parents:** .... a warm, well very warm welcome back after the Easter break. We move on to Pentecost with a short but incredibly busy half-term. First Communions for Year 3 and Sats for Year 6 and also now for Year 2. Used to be in June but changed this year. Term dates so far going out today and Monday curriculum newsletters and timetables will also be on our website. We do aim to give a much notice as possible of fixed date events such as Sports Days and Leavers Plays, Masses etc (N.B. 12/14 weeks notice). Summer term is one of the busiest and more dates will be added as time goes on. Please return your Catholic Children's Society (CCS) orange boxes as the Lenten Appeal is now over. The calendar on our website is constantly being updated. World Cup year and a long hot Summer ahead. Hope it goes well !

## School news this week ....

Monday ..... 10.15am assembly on the Road to Emmaus great story.

Tuesday ... World Malbec Day, irrelevant but interesting. Wednesday ... Surveyor for more building works visited. Thursday .. Funeral Philippa Toomey in Brighton R.I.P Friday ... Tennis lessons begin Y3 and 4 .pm **Ofsted National Conference.** 

## School news next week ....

Monday ..... 110.15 assembly. Curriculum newsletters, timetables etc all going out and on website. Tuesday ... Street Art begins for 4 days. Sponsored by PA. Wednesday ... 9.15am Year 3 assembly all parents welcome.

Thursday ..

Friday ... Freedom Day, South Africa irrelevant but interesting.

Lanyards new security system starts May 1st 2018 ... Green means Go. Yellow means checked and OK to Go. Red means OK to Go but with a member of staff. No Lanyard. Why are you in the building?

R.I.P. Philippa Toomey who died peacefully in Brighton over Easter aged 86. She was Chair of Governors here for 20 years and also served as Chair at Cardinal Pole. I will write more next week after her funeral.



Pic of the week.. music in the sun what could be nicer !! Ms Dyer and Year 5. Mount Fuji in Cherry Blossom Time is on my bucket list but who needs it when we have our own amazing cherry trees here including the Magic Cherry Tree outside Year 6. Blossoms in both white and pink flowers. Marvel at it as you leave the school via Buckingham Road gate, just look to your left. Incredibly rare sight so don't miss it. Bloomed early this year ...pure magic.

and finally ... hope Easter went well for everyone. Hard to read on holiday the daily knife crimes and shocking murders in my beloved city of London. ..... it is our major safeguarding concern as a school as gang culture seeks to recruit younger and younger pupils. Some of what we know would shock you. Please do be vigilant. ...new online safety link added to website about Rob Locks (me too never heard of it) !....useful. The Windrush came from the Caribbean to the UK in 1948 and my Irish parents came to London in 1953. I vividly remember that generation as a small child. A disgrace how some of these people have been treated recently and should be so easy to sort out and please God will be shortly. ... West Ham on 35 points so nervy few weeks ahead.... good luck if your running the London Marathon and whatever enjoy the sunshine!! Good to be alive .....