



## St. Joseph's Primary

### NEWSLETTER

Feb 2010

Dear all,

Welcome once again to our monthly newsletter. As ever I hope this issue will keep you informed of the many and varied events that have been happening in the school recently and also give you some detail about forthcoming dates for your diary.

Happy reading

Carlyn Hill

# Catholic Education Week

On Sunday 7th February we celebrate the beginning of Catholic Education week. The purpose of Catholic Education Week is to highlight the significance of education, not only for young people but for society as a whole. Students, parents, teachers and others are asked to reflect on their own roles in the education process - at home, in school, in the local parish and in other educational settings.

The theme for 2010 is *Shining the Light of Christ* and in St Joseph's we are proud that our staff and pupils take many opportunities to shine the light of Christ to others. At Mass, our young people are often heavily involved in the liturgy and can be seen reading at Mass, serving the priest or offering the gifts at the offertory. Our school prides itself in upholding the gospel values and some of the ways that we have recently been articulating these values are:

- During Advent, the various collections we made for The Homeless, Mary's Meals and other charities helped us consider those less fortunate than ourselves.
- Our prayer group meets weekly and prays for all our intentions
- The pastoral group have been working on communicating our school values in child friendly language and have created a very innovative display of these values written on small stones in our front foyer area.

As ever we should like to thank Fr Jim for the time and support he gives to the school as we know how busy he is trying to run the parish whilst still Chancellor to the Bishop. May I also take this opportunity to thank Fr Douglas from St Bridget's who is also a very welcome visitor to the school, it is marvellous to have 2 such dedicated priests working with our staff and pupils. Hopefully over this weekend a number of our children will be taking part in the liturgy by reading or serving at Mass, or offering the gifts.

## Class Photos

The Eastwood Mercury a new local newspaper had taken class pictures of all the children. You can get a copy of these pictures for free by logging on to [www.eastwoodmercury.co.uk](http://www.eastwoodmercury.co.uk). You cannot access these pictures until you have been sent a password by the Eastwood Mercury.

# Mobile phones



Recently it has come to my attention that an ever-growing number of children have been bringing their mobile phone into school with them. Our policy has always been that mobile phones should **not** be brought into school however if you have decided that for some reason your child needs to bring a phone with them to school, the phone should be switched off and handed to the teacher at the beginning of the lesson then collected at the end of the day. Once again may I state the school will assume no responsibility for lost or damaged phones and would ask that you co-operate with us in this matter.



## Action for Haiti.

Thank you so much for your wonderful response to our 'Come as you Please Day' which raised the staggering amount of £710 for Haiti. We have sent a cheque to SCIAF and I'm sure due to your tremendous generosity the rescue and aid operations will be able to help even more people, we will of course keep all those affected in our prayers.

# D i a r y D a t e s

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> February	The beginning of Catholic Education Week
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Additional in-service day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid term Holiday
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid term Holiday
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school –
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Mass of enrolment for P4 at any Mass
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Fair Trade Assembly for the whole school
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Gladiator programme all day P1-4
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Wee Gee Bus in school for all classes
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Social Committee @ 6:30pm in school
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Wee Gee Bus in school for all classes
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Wee Gee Bus in school for all classes
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Council @ 7:00pm in Williamwood HS
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Sacrament of reconciliation for P4 7pm in St Joseph's
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March	P5,6,7 – Bible world exhibition
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of St Joseph – Mass @: 9:30am and a talent show in the afternoon?
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Night
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Night

As we expect our HMle report to be published at some point in March, we might also manage to squeeze in a wee party for the children during March however details have yet to be confirmed so watch this space!!!!

Complaints: As ever, we hope you are happy with the work we do in St Joseph's however if there are any comments or concerns you wish to make to us please feel free to contact the school office (Tel: 570 7380, fax 570 7381) email [HeadTeacher@st-josephs.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:HeadTeacher@st-josephs.e-renfrew.sch.uk)) or fill in a complaints form which can be found in the main foyer or at the office. Naturally we would also be delighted to hear if there is anything you are particularly happy with, we'd love to know that too.