



# St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families. As we walk around the school, it is lovely to see the children settled and working very hard in this first week of term. Please make sure that your child is in school every day, unless they are poorly. Every day of learning makes a difference to your child's attainment and progress. Thank-you for your help with this Best wishes, Mrs Smith (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

## Our School Golden Rules

At our school, we value and respect each other. To make sure our school is a place where all children can learn and be safe, our pupils follow our GOLDEN RULES...

In school, we teach children our Golden Rules all of the time and give specific praise whenever we see children following the Golden Rules. Tuesday was the Feast of the Epiphany. We are called, not to follow a star in the sky, but to follow Jesus. As our school motto stays, We will...Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived. If we try to do that and follow our Golden Rules we are helping to make our school, our home and our world a better place. In every classroom, children record 'smiles' every time teachers spot them following our Golden Rules. This week we reminded the children about our Golden Rules in assemblies. Please talk to your child at home about the Golden Rules - they are useful in all areas of life, too! Many parents tell us that they find the Golden Rules useful at home. Praise and reward your child when they follow the Golden Rules :)



## The Golden Rules

1. **Do be kind, helpful and polite.**  
*Don't hurt people's feelings by being rude or unkind.*
2. **Do be gentle. Don't hurt or play fight.**
3. **Do listen to people and follow instructions.**  
*Don't ignore people or interrupt them.*
4. **Do look after our things. Don't waste or damage things.**
5. **Do be honest. Don't tell lies or cover up the truth.**
6. **Do understand its OK to make mistakes.**  
*Don't laugh at those who are brave enough to have a go.*
7. **Do work hard and try your best. Don't waste time or give up easily.**

## Catholic Social Teaching...Solidarity and Peace.

Each half term at St Eugene's, we focus on a different principle of Catholic Social Teaching. These principles are rooted in our faith and designed to help us to live a life that is just and fair for all in our world, thinking of others, not just ourselves. This half term our theme is Solidarity and Peace. We are called to love our neighbour regardless of race, ethnicity or nationality. We are always called to walk with them. "Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people ...it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all." (St. John XXIII, Mater et Magistra, 157). Ask your child; how can we love our neighbour, how can we truly show solidarity with others?



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 09.01.2026

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

please return this slip to school office and your child might win a prize:)

## Important dates for your diary...



WB 12th January after school enrichment clubs begin

Monday 12th January 2.45-3.15

parent info session: How to help your child with reading (early reading and phonics).

**Thursday 15th January: Deadline for Reception class 2026 applications. Please call the office if you would like some help with this.**

Friday 16th January 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting

Friday 30th January Non Uniform Day

Friday 30th January Movie Afternoon KS1 and Movie Night for KS2 children

**Half term break: 16th to 20th February**

WB 23rd February Keeping Safe Studies

Thursday 26th February Non Uniform Day

Thursday 26th February 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with YR parents in the hall

**Friday 27th February : Academic Review Day**

Tuesday 3rd March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y6 parents in the hall

Wednesday 4th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y5 parents in the hall

**Thursday 5th March: Word Aware Day**

Friday 6th March 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting, all welcome

Tuesday 10th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y3 parents in the hall

Thursday 12th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y4 parents in the hall

Tuesday 17th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y2 parents in the hall

**Wednesday 18th March: Ash Wednesday—start of Lent**

Thursday 19th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y1 parents in the hall

Friday 20th March PTFA Spring Disco 6-8pm

Friday 27th March Non Uniform Day

Friday 27th March last day of Spring Term

## Work of the week...



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Do come and take a look :

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Jadiel has produced a clear and accurate diagram showing the journey of blood through the heart, lungs and around the human body. The diagram is correctly labelled using appropriate scientific terminology.

Jadiel has shown a clear understanding of the functions of veins and arteries, and has clearly explained the potential effects of a blockage in either a vein or an artery.

**Well done Jadiel, super science!**



## Our Prayer...

*On Tuesday we remembered the feast of Epiphany*

*We remembered you and your families in our prayers on this holy day. We are not called to follow a star, but to follow in Jesus' footsteps.*



Lord,

The Wise Men followed the star to find the baby.

May we follow your footsteps and try to be like you in what we do and in what we say.

Help us on this journey.

Help us to grow every closer to you. Amen



## Some lovely news to share...

Miss Giorkatzi got married over the Christmas break!

We wish her and her new husband health and happiness in their marriage.



Miss Giorkatzi will continue to be called by her usual name :)

## Good attendance is very important for your child's attainment and progress.

Each week the class with the very best attendance are celebrated in our assembly.

This week our attendance champions were: **Year 1 with 98%.**

**Well done Year 1!**



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## Person of the Week!

Well done to these children for showing how we live our school values!



Reception: Aaliyah

Year 1: Eduard

Year 2: Paul

Year 3: Ellen

Year 4: Dagmawi

Year 5: Lotus

Year 6: Diana