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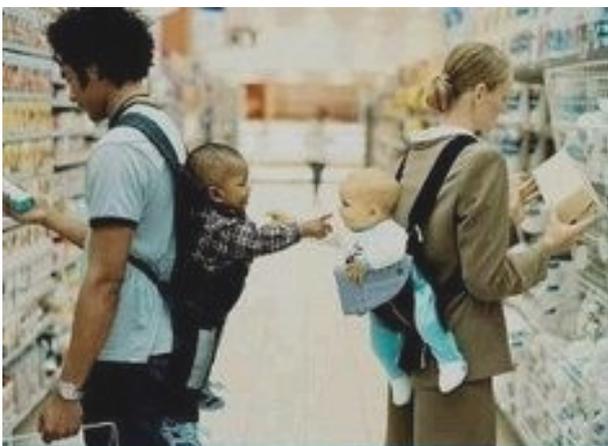
5th June 2020

Dear Parents

I am sure you have been watching the news and the distressful events in America surrounding the death of George Floyd. We as adults, find this upsetting and I know children will be aware of what is happening and will have many questions. In normal circumstances, we would focus on current affairs in school and encourage our children to discuss events. Please do talk to your child about why the death of George Floyd has had a major impact on everyone. BBC Newsround is a good source of information to use with children <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673>

It is important for children to know why people all round the world are protesting and the impact it has on all our lives. At St Joseph's we are fortunate to have a diverse cultural community and celebrate our differences. We have a duty to stand up against injustice and racism and help our children to understand that everyone is equal, created in God's image and loved by him. We always encourage our children to express their opinions in a respectful way and to know their opinion matters. The tragic death of George Floyd and the injustice and racism many people face on a regular basis must be discussed. We need to support our children by addressing their questions and helping them to know that we all need to make a stand against racism and do whatever we can to make our community and world a better place for everyone.

If they would like to make posters, write letters or leaflets about making a stand against racism, I will be happy to put them up on our school website and display them in school. We can all make a difference and all have a duty to try!



*No one is born with
hatred or intolerance*

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Nelson Mandela, "Long Walk to Freedom"

LEARNING AT HOME

You should have received a letter from Miss Chrusciak with information about Google Classrooms, due to be launched on the 15th June 2020. A letter will be sent to you next week with details on how your child can login and send a message to their class teacher. This will give us an idea of who can and cannot login, enabling us to support you with any problems you may experience. Tasks will then be uploaded on Monday, 15th June and further work folders will be added over the term. We are confident that this new learning platform will support home learning, not just during the COVID-19 crisis but for the future.



Google form questionnaire. Please use the following link to complete a questionnaire relating to online learning and technology. <https://forms.gle/ARZcwZDEGHrNSozh6>

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

We look forward to welcoming back some of our year 6 pupils on Monday, 8th June 2020. Year 1 will come in the following week from Monday, 15th June and Reception from Wednesday, 17th June. It has been a difficult decision for some parents and I appreciate you working with us to ensure the best outcomes for everyone. I would like to thank staff, who have been working hard this week to prepare for the phased return and for helping to keep school open to key worker children since we went into lockdown in March. I look forward to the day we all return to school and get back to normality. Keep safe and do stay in touch, feel free to contact me at anytime on head@st-josephs-ju.croydon.sch.uk

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

*Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle;
the strength to be forgiving;
the patience to be understanding;
and the endurance to accept the consequences
of holding to what we believe to be right.*

*May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil
and the power of love to overcome hatred.*

*We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe
in a world emancipated from violence,
a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice,
nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.*

*Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy
to the task of making peace*



Daily Prayers for Home

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