

# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Peaks Hill Purley Surrey CR8 3YP

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Remote Learning**

The school's first day of remote lessons took place today for some year groups and have gone well. It was thought it might be useful to remind parents/carers of students who have remote lessons later in the week of the following:

- 'Virtual' lesson **log** in **details** will **be uploaded onto Show My Homework (SMH)** the morning of the lesson and will appear red on students' dashboards. The log in details will be added as a locked file in SMH. Under no circumstances should these details be shared with anyone else.
- All lessons will be password protected and **students will enter a virtual waiting room** where they will be admitted into the lesson one at a time by the teacher.
- A register of attendance will be taken via Edulink.
- Students may wish to use an appropriate virtual background.
- Students must **sign in with their correct name and form** (e.g. John Fisher 9F).
- Students must enter meetings with the microphone muted.
- Students should listen carefully to all ground rules at the start of each lesson and follow the lesson protocol for asking questions.
- The use of the chat function should <u>only</u> be used to communicate with the teacher running the lesson.
- Students are not permitted to record any meeting in any format.

## **Mufti Days**

Mufti Days will now take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December for Yr. 7, Yr. 8 & Yr. 9** when these year groups are in school, and on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December for Yr. 10 & Yr. 11** when they are in school. Students can wear their own clothes to school on the relevant day in exchange for a <u>minimum donation of £2</u>, which can be paid via ParentPay. Students who are offsite, such as Sixth Form students, are also able to make a contribution via ParentPay.

We would encourage students to wear their Christmas jumpers/accessories on their Mufti day.

Money raised will be split between the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal (<a href="https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk">https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk</a>), the Catholic Children's Society (<a href="https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk">https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk</a>), the Book Trust Christmas Appeal (<a href="https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk">https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk</a>) and the 'Jumpers for Jimmy' appeal (<a href="https://mizenfoundation.org">https://mizenfoundation.org</a>)

#### **Christmas Tree Sale**

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who purchased one of our Christmas trees on Saturday and to the parents/carers in the The JFA who organised this fundraising event. Over 110 trees were sold!

#### **Ambitious for SEND Newsletter**

Please see the most recent Ambitious for SEND Newsletter from Sutton Local Authority at the following link: Ambitious for SEND - November 2021 (mailchi.mp)

# **Feedback from Parents/Carers**

Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. The school received the following emails over the last few days, which are much appreciated:

'Good morning Mrs Cody,

I just wanted to pass on my thanks for the way we have been kept informed and for the plans in place for the next two weeks. Though home schooling isn't ideal for anyone, the plan is clear and well managed. Also, it is clear to me that everyone involved in running school at every level has done their very best to keep the boys in school for as long as possible and for that we, as a family, are grateful. So, thank you all for everything you have done over the past couple of years.

Wishing you all Peace this Christmas'

(Mother of a Yr. 10 student)

'First of all, merci to you and your team for your efforts and commitment at (yet again...) a challenging time. We wanted to let you know how grateful we are. Best regards' (Parents of a Sixth Form student)

'Mrs Maynard, thank you.

I keep being so impressed with John Fisher and very grateful he goes to such a caring school. I hope you are keeping well. Thank you'
(Mother of a Yr. 8 student)

# **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, so it is timely to finish with the following prayer:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of love for God and mankind, and of compassion for sinners, I consecrate myself to you. I entrust to you the salvation of my soul.

May my heart be ever united with yours, so that I may hate sin, love God and my neighbour, and reach eternal life with those whom I love.

May I experience the kindness of your motherly heart and the power of your intercession with Jesus during my life and at the hour of my death.

# Amen

Yours sincerely,

P E McCullagh

Headteacher