

# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Peaks Hill Purley Surrey CR8 3YP

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Some messages for you from this week:

## Mufti Day

Sincere thanks to all of the students and parents/carers who contributed to our Mufti Day last week. We have now raised over £1,500!

This will be shared between <u>YoungMinds</u> and <u>Link to Hope</u>.

### Catering

School leaders have met with Caterlink this week to prepare a new menu. The school depends heavily on this catering provider, so parents/carers are encouraged to purchase one of the meal deal options via ParentPay for their son(s) each week (between 8:00am on a Thursday and 12:00pm on a Friday for the following week). The amount of food will be substantial and the meals will help keep the students warm, particularly as the weather starts to get colder. The energy from the food will also help support the students in their learning!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7	98%	98%	99%	99%
Year 8	94%	94%	93%	95%
Year 9	96%	95%	97%	98%
Year 10	96%	97%	92%	97%
Year 11	95%	96%	96%	96%

### Attendance: W/b Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Attendance has been excellent again this week and was higher than both London and National Averages. The figures are also amongst the highest in the Local Authority, which is extremely positive.

## Reminder: Early closure on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - training for teachers

There will be an early closure for students after their Period 4 lesson on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Our teaching staff members are being provided with new I.T. hardware to support with 'Remote Education' and will be receiving training on their new devices, to include learning to conduct a 'virtual Parents Evening'.

#### **COVID Symptoms**

If your son or someone in your household develops one of the following symptoms of coronavirus, your son must not attend school.

Symptoms:

• a high temperature – which is 37.8 or higher

• a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

#### Month of Our Lady

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary was celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> October. October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. This symbol of hope is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful, the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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