



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

16th January 2015



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Dates to Remember



- 20th Jan 10:15am Y2 Assembly
- 20th Jan 3:30pm FOSJA Meeting
- 21st Jan Y6 @ British Library
- 23rd Jan Mini Vinnies Own Clothes Day-Children to wear Yellow & Blue**
- 26th Jan Y5 @ Tate & Lyle-Junior Citizens
- 27th Jan Rec & Y1 Dentist Survey
- 29th Jan Brilliant Club @ Oxford University
- 29th Jan Nursery AM @ Pizza Express
- 29th Jan Y3 @ City Hall
- 29th Jan Y6 Sportshall Athletics @ NLC
- 3rd Feb Nursery PM at Pizza Express
- 4th Feb Tempest Photography
- 10th Feb 10:10am Reception Assembly
- 12th Jan 9:15am Whole School Mass
- 16th February to 20th February - Half Term-School Closed**

FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association
Friendship Since 1964

Spring Meetings:

20th January @ 3:30pm FOSJA Meeting

We need as many volunteers as possible in order to arrange different projects within the school and raise much needed funds for the school. If you are interested in joining then please see Miss F. Peace or come to the meetings. Thank you.

Mini Vinnies



This week the Mini Vinnies group visited anchor house. They about all the wonderful work being done at Anchor House and even had the opportunity to talk to some of the residents about how Anchor House has changed their lives. After the visit the children are now even more keen to help others!



Goodbye Ms Adams and Good luck

Sadly today we say goodbye to Ms Adams as she leaves us today after 5 years of great service. She has done so much for the children her during her time, particularly in sports where she led the very popular karate club, built up girls' football to a very successful level and all round sports for both KS1 and 2. Thank you and Good luck.



From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

It is really good to be back at school. The children and staff certainly seem to be glad to be back.

This spring term we have lots of activities and projects taking place which are always very enjoyable. We have already started with our journalism project and Citizenship Weeks. The theme of this year's project is 'Serving and Service'. This project promises to provide the children lots of enjoyable learning experiences and the usual educational visits. During the second half term we will be doing our very popular, famous author project where we will be focussing on Jules Verne this year. Hopefully this project will lead to some fantastic writing and the usual great drama.

Miss Peace has once again got together the before and after school clubs programme which have already started. There are still a few vacancies in some of the clubs which children may apply for directly to Miss Peace.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter Fr John will be leaving our parish after over 8 years of being parish priest. He has been a governor of the school during that time and has been inspirational in guiding our school both spiritually and academically. We will be sending home an envelope for a collection for Fr. John for anyone who wishes to contribute towards a collection for him. We will also be having a farewell Mass with him on Thursday 12th February which all parents are welcome to attend.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and friends of the school for their generous wishes to the school for Christmas, and especially thank those who gave gifts to the school and members of staff. These were all very gratefully received.

Thank you.

James Allen

Advent & Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal



Thank you to the parents who have already returned the collection boxes. If you still have the box, please send it in with your child on Monday.

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 19th December 2014

| Class | Attendance % | Punctuality % | Number of lates |
|-------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| YR | 97.1 | 0.75 | 30 |
| Y1 | 97.5 | 0.46 | 20 |
| Y2 | 98.7 | 0.44 | 19 |
| Y3 | 99.2 | 0.84 | 35 |
| Y4 | 98.7 | 0.46 | 21 |
| Y5 | 99.3 | 1.00 | 43 |
| Y6 | 98.8 | 1.32 | 56 |



Amazing attendance by Y5 ~ Champions
Excellent punctuality by Y2!!!

Don't forget parents that children must be in school at 8.45am, or even earlier if they attend one of our morning clubs.

Sports News-Upcoming Events

21st Jan Y1/2 Boys, Football at Langdon
21st Jan Football Match @ Flanders
23rd Jan Match vs Winsor @ Flanders
28th Jan Years 3/4 Handball Mixed @ St Angela's
29th Jan Y6 Sportshall Athletic @ NLC Nicky and Lynn
4th Feb Years 1/2 Handball Mixed @ Vicarage
12th Feb Years 5/6 Basketball Mixed @ Brampton
13th Feb Girls' 6 a side League



Governors' Fund

Thank you very much to the many parents who have now paid their Governors fund.

A contribution of **£28 per family** for the whole school year is the amount we request, or you can pay by standing order (forms available at the school office). *We would ideally prefer parents to do standing orders.*

Please send your contribution, cheques should be made payable to **St. Joachim's Governor's Fund**, in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name, class & clearly marked **GOVERNOR'S FUND**.

School Clubs

There are still places available in the following clubs:

After School Clubs- 3.30 to 4.30pm

Monday - KS1 & KS2 Indian Dancing,

Tuesday - KS1 Arts & Crafts, KS2 Football

Wednesday - KS1 Phonics, KS1 Book Club, KS2

Girls' Sports

Thursday - KS2 Girls' Football

Friday - KS2 Athletics, KS1 Draw & Sketch

Journalism

This week sees the launch of our annual Journalism project. As usual, it runs parallel with the Citizenship project, and so all classes will be researching and writing up reports and stories on those who have served others. I look forward to seeing the outcomes! **Miss Pape**



'Newham Speech Making Competition 2015'

We are proud to announce that Kelechi and Oscar have been crowned champions of this year's 'Newham Speech Making Competition'.

Oscar, who is in year 6, followed on from last term's Choral Poetry success and delivered a dramatic and engaging performance of the opening soliloquy from William Shakespeare's RICHARD III.

Whilst Kelechi, who is a year 5 pupil, rose to the daunting challenge of writing and performing her own speech entitled 'If I were Prime Minister for the day...'

Both children fought off tough competition from schools from across the borough to win the prestigious prize. Their performances were extremely well received, wowing the Judges and impressing the audience. **Well Done!!!**



Year 6 Booster Lessons and 1to1 Tuition

For our Year 6 children we like them to have the best opportunity to achieve their best in the SAT's. We have organised for all Year 6 children daily booster lessons from Monday to Thursday each week until the SAT's. This is provided totally free of charge. Also there is some 1to1 tuition provided for children who need an additional push. These will resume next week for the selected children, which is also provided by the school free of charge.



Nursery Vacancies

We currently have 3 Nursery places available for immediate start.

We are now taking names for our Nursery for children who wish to start in September 2015. We have 26 morning and afternoon places. We also provide a limited number of fulltime places. Children who will have reached their 3rd birthday by 31st December 2014 are eligible. Please call in to the office to pick up an application form.

British Museum Y4

Yesterday, the year 4 children went to an English workshop at the British Museum. The children had an interactive workshop where they had to look for specific books in the Gallery of the British Museum. They learnt about the different styles of writing and the importance of it. Overall, the children enjoyed themselves and had a great time!

