



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

13th February 2015



13th Feb Girls' 6 a side League
16th February to 20th February - Half Term-School Closed

- 3rd Feb Freshwater Theatre - KS2 - all day
- 3rd Feb FOSJA meeting @ 3.30pm
- 23rd Feb 9:00am Topic Information Morning
- 26th Feb Y1 Hot Potato Tournament @ Central
- 3rd Mar 3:30pm FOSJA Meeting
- 4th Mar Y1 & 2 Handball @ Langdon
- 10th Mar Reception @ Pizza Express
- 10th Mar FOSJA SALE
- 11th Mar Y5 & 6 Football @ UEL
- 19th Mar 10am Jules Verne Celebration Assembly
NurAM,Y1,3,5, 6
- 20th Mar 2pm Jules Verne Celebration Assembly
NurPM,Rec,Y2,4, 6
- 24th Mar 10:15am Y3 Assembly
- 24th Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parents Consultation Evening
- 25th Mar Y1 & 2 Boy's Handball @ St Angela
- 26th Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parents Consultation Evening
- 1st Apr 9:15am Whole School Lenten Mass
- 1st Apr 10:00am Easter Story Drama Club
- 1st April- End of Term-School Finishes at 3:15pm



Thursday 2nd of April to Wednesday 15th April-Easter

Holidays

Thursday 16th April - Pupils Return to School

16th Apr 9am Topic Information Morning

FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association
Teaching Staff

Meeting on 3rd March @ 3:30pm. FOSJA Sale on 10th March
 If you have new gifts left over from Christmas and you want to donate them to the school, it will be appreciated. Please come to the meeting or see Miss Peace

Admissions

If you know anyone who has a child that would like to send their child to a catholic school, please let them know that they need to apply in order for them to have a chance for a place.

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 19th January to 6th February 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of lates
YR	96.8	0.72	39
Y1	99.2	0.52	30
Y2	96.6	0.42	24
Y3	94.6	0.77	43
Y4	98.7	0.43	25
Y5	97.9	1.01	58
Y6	98.9	1.07	60



**Excellent attendance by Y1
Great 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.

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Friends,

Yesterday we had a wonderful Mass with Fr. John to celebrate his 8 years as our parish priest and to pray for his future ministry. The children sang all his favourite hymns including Salve Regina in Latin. At the end of the Mass there was a small drama to bid Fr. John farewell with an adapted famous sea chantey called 'What shall we do without Fr. John?' It was very touching. Then we presented class cards and a selection of presents bought by the parents and staff of the school. As Fr. John is moving to the country where it can have a cold north east wind, we decided to buy him a Barbour coat, hat, gloves, jumpers and socks all from John Lewis. At least he will be warm and well wrapped up! Thank you to all who donated. We collected around £450 for his presents. After half term we will be studying Jules Verne as part of our annual famous author project. The children always enjoy this project and getting the chance to discover new exciting books. During the half term holiday it will be Ash Wednesday and so on our return to school Lent will have begun. We wish the children a good half term break.

James Allen

E-Safety for All Children



This week has been national E-safety week.

Children and young people spend a lot of time online - it can be a great way for them to socialise, explore and have fun.

But children also face risks such as cyber bullying or seeing content that's inappropriate.

That's why it's important for them to know how to stay safe online. Here are some links below to help you and your child about safety on the internet:

1. NSPCC Online safety
<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
2. Childnet
<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics>
3. iKeepSafe
<http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>

Child Protection E-safety at St. Joachim's

It was brought to our attention just recently that a number of our children are being exposed to unsafe and inappropriate material, mostly through the use of mobile phones and tablet PCs. Parents often don't believe their child could be involved. However, children can get involved without even being aware. Therefore parents need to protect their children. This advice applies to any electrical device that can link to the internet including smart televisions:

1. Electronic devices should be taken away from children before bedtime - Curfew 8pm
2. Parents must regularly monitor usage by looking at what apps have been downloaded and also review their content and the history of the internet use.
3. Child control settings should be set on all devices
4. Parents must have all passwords to everything on the device; if not they should delete them
5. Parents should view photo galleries

Sports News

Upcoming Events:

- 13th Feb Girls' 6 a side League
- 26th Feb Hot Potato Tournament
- 4th March Y1/2 Mixed Handball at Langdon
- 11th March Y5/6 Boys Football at UEL
- 25th March Y1/2 Boys Handball at St. Angela's

Results:

Handball: Year 1 and 2



Semi-Finals				
St Helen's	3	V	2	St Edward's
Aldersbrook	4	V	2	St Joachim's
3rd & 4th Place				
St Edward's	2	V	4	St Joachim's
The Final				
Aldersbrook	5	V	6	St Helen's

Fortune Favours the Brave

Well done to the children to in the Handball competition!

The Jules Verne Project

Next half-term sees the launch of a **brand new** English project; 'Jules Verne'. The children will be reading and studying three of his most famous novels: 'Around the World in Eighty Days', 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' and '20,000 Leagues Under the Sea'.

Jules Verne was a French author, who is known as the father of Science-fiction, and his novels, though written in the Victorian Era, are read today the world over - recognised for their imaginative and exciting narratives. As part of the project, we will be linking geography, science and history - studying geographical features, locations, the Earth, exhibitions and explorers.

It promises to be a thrilling project!



Paris Trip 2015



Once again, we are organising our very popular Paris Trip. This year the school is taking 40 children from year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Paris on 5th June 2015. The purpose of the trip is to give our children the chance to use French, the language they have been learning, whilst at the same time gain a valuable cultural experience.

Cost: £40

Father John's Final Assembly Our Lady of Walsingham



On Monday Fr. John came into school to lead an extra special assembly. He brought in a very special statue of our Our Lady into school. This statue comes from the oldest shrine to Mary in the whole world, Walsingham in Norfolk. Fr. John brought it for a very important reason, which was because the churches of St. Anne's, St. Mark's and Ss. Mary & Edward are going to be named collectively as the parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks. Fr. John's new role is to be the national director of the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham; so he took the opportunity to bring to East London the statue from the shrine. Fr. John told the children that we are very privileged as this very old statue had only left Walsingham twice in its history; once when Pope John Paul II visited England and the other time for the ordination of our new bishop, who was the former director of the shrine.

We had a wonderful Marion procession with traditional hymns to Our Lady. At the end we had a whole school photograph of the children with the statue. What a fantastic and memorable assembly last assembly with Fr. John.



School Uniform

This is a reminder that children should wear shoes for school. If for any reason children need to wear boots, they will have to change into shoes when they arrive at school. Thank you for your support.



Nursery at Pizza Express!

On the 3rd February children from nursery visited Pizza Express and made their own pizzas. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day!

