



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

17th October 2014



Dates to Remember



- 20th Oct Y5 & Y6 at Imperial War Museum
 - 23rd Oct Y1, Y3, Y5, Y6 @10:30am Black History and CH Poetry Assembly
 - 24th Oct YR, Y2, Y4 @2:15pm Black History and CH Poetry Assembly
- 27th October to 31st October – Half Term**

- 4th Nov 9:00am Parents' Topic Information
- 4th Nov **Whole School Dress-up day: 'Myths & Legends'**
- 4th Nov Year 5 out @ Royal Naval College
- 5th Nov Brilliant Club: Trip to university
- 5th Nov Reception @ Discover- Story Trail
- 6th Nov Hobgoblin Theatre - Greeks - Hall (4, 5, 6)
- 11th Nov Remembrance Day - School Council at Central Park Memorial
- 18th Nov 10:00am Y4 Assembly
- 18th Nov Y5 Rome Trip
- 19th Nov Year 3 and Year4 - Boys' football @ Langdon
- 16th Nov Year 3 out @ Royal Naval College Myths and Masks WS
- 26th Nov Year 1 and Year 2 - Hot potato Mixed @ St Helen's
- 27th Nov 10:00am Greek Myths Assembly - N, 1, 3, 5
- 27th Nov Brentwood diocesan Carol Concert - Y6 choir
- 28th Nov 2:00pm Greek Myths Assembly - N, R, 2, 4, 6
- 11th Dec 10:00am KS1 and Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec 1:30pm KS1 and Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
- 15th Dec 7:00pm KS2 Carol Concert/Nativity in St Anne's Church
- 17th Dec 6:00-8:00pm School Disco

Christmas Break starts 22nd December school finishes at 1:30pm

Tuesday 6th January Whole School Returns

Parent Governors

Mrs V Waysome and Miss S Nartey are the current St. Joachim's parent governors. Their role is to represent all parents; therefore if parents wish to have any issues or ideas raised at school governor meetings, they need to make contact with the governors through the school office.

Parents must not contact them directly.

Their role is to represent parents for issues that affect the whole school, not on individual issues. For individual child issues then parents should follow the schools complaint procedures which can be found under policies on our school website.

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and friends,

What a busy week we have had! This week saw the launch of our annual Black History and Choral Poetry Project; and this year the focus is World War I. As you know, it is 100 years since the fateful day that war was declared between nations. Across the UK, remembrance services, programmes and events have been organised throughout the year, and schools have been encouraged to reflect this in their curriculums.

It seemed appropriate therefore to combine our annual Choral Poetry project with a study of WW1. We launched our study on Tuesday morning with a reflective and educational assembly on the men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. The children were very engaged throughout the assembly, and learnt many things - perhaps some of which they have shared with you. Next week, we will incorporate our annual Black History project, by exploring the sacrifices made by our fellow Allies in countries across the world; but specifically those of ethnic minorities. Our project will conclude with celebration assemblies on Thursday and Friday, (please see Dates) where the children will share their learning through a performance of an original WW1 poem - centred on Black History. Please join us for what I am sure will be moving and memorable tributes.

Finally, as the half-term is drawing ever closer (how time has flown!), I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing half-term, and look forward to seeing the pupils return on Tuesday 4th November, when we will be beginning our exciting 'Myths and Legends' English Project.

James Allen

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 29th September to 10th October 2014

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of Lates
YR	100	0.67	4
Y1	98	0.83	5
Y2	99.7	0.33	2
Y3	97.6	1.03	6
Y4	97.7	0.83	5
Y5	99.5	1.19	7
Y6	98.5	0.85	5



Perfect attendance by Rec, fantastic!!!

Excellent punctuality by Y2!!!

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

Pupil Information (IMPORTANT)

Data Collection forms have been sent home. Please check all the details carefully. Make amendments if necessary and return the forms to the school.

It is important that we have the right telephone numbers for parents. Please inform the school if your number or a contact number changes. Please include your email address, if you have one as we wish to start using parent mail for all our parents.

Please return these completed forms to the school as soon as possible.

Sports News

The Year 6 boys played a Newham Cup game against Dersingham Primary on Wednesday but sadly lost 5-1. They were 2-0 down at half time but in the 2nd half they came out fighting and pushed Dersingham right back and pulled a goal back through Brogan to make it 2-1. Unfortunately, as St. Jo's were trying to get an equaliser the other team caught them on a counter attack to make it 3-1. Then in the final minutes they pulled cleared to make it 5-1.

- 21st Oct 3:30pm Boys Football Match @ Flanders vs Ranelagh School
- 22nd Oct 3:30pm Boys Football Match @ Flanders vs Vicarage School Minibus
- 23rd Oct 12:00pm Yr1/2 Handball Mixed @ Langdon
- 4th Nov 12:00pm Girls football tournament at Langdon
- 6th Nov Girl's Football Tournament - Langdon Time TBC
- 7th Nov Boys Football Y6 Vs Hartley @ Flanders



Mini Vinnies Sleepover for the Homeless

On Friday 10th November 10 children and Miss Wilson, Miss Peace and Mr Allen slept over at St. Helen's School with their pupils and staff as part of raising awareness for World Homeless Day. Children were sponsored for the De Paul Trust, a homeless charity. That evening they had a prayer service by the a camp fire and had soup and bread for their evening meal. Everyone slept in the school hall. Children enjoyed the experience and it certainly high-lighted to them the issues of homelessness.



RECEPTION 2015/2016

If your child was born between the above dates you need to complete the application forms.

There are 2 application forms to complete if you are applying to a catholic school;

the **Common Application Form for the Local Authority** and the **Supplementary Form and Priest Reference Form.**

If you are not sure, please contact the school.

Application forms must be submitted by 15th January 2015.

We advise that you submit the forms at least a week before this date for checking.

Year 6's Trip to London Zoo

Last Friday, year 6 had an absolutely fantastic visit to London Zoo. Their objective was to study different species of animals in their habitats, and explore how they have adapted to their environments; supplementing the learning in class.

Year 6 learnt so many different things on the trip, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. They saw a great deal of animals, including: giraffes, tigers and Piranhas!



Myths and Legends English Project

After half-term, we will be launching our 'Myths and Legends' project, which this year is centred around Ancient Greece. All children will be reading and studying novels and short stories of the heroes and heroines of this legendary time, and exploring the history and geography of the ancient civilisation in a cross-curricular approach, which will span 4 weeks. It will culminate in drama performances of the stories, which are always very entertaining and impressive.

As part of the project, the children are warmly invited to dress-up as their favourite character from a myth or legend for Tuesday's launch assembly, and there will be prizes awarded for the best and most imaginatively dressed. Suggestions include; Hercules, Robin Hood, Maid Marian, Thor, Perseus, Helen of Troy and Theseus, and of course any other hero or heroine you can think of!

Miss Pape

Building a Bear!

Nursery have been to 'Build a Bear' in Westfields. We stuffed our bear, put a heart in him, named him Dave and dressed him up. We had a lot of fun.



Our trip to the Royal Albert Hall

On Monday, KS1 and 2 had an exciting trip to the Royal Albert Hall, in West London, to watch and participate in 'The Primary Proms'. The famous hall was packed with children from schools across London, and there was a palpable buzz in the air.

The performers played a number of instruments and sang a mixture of contemporary and traditional songs, which the children joined in with.

The Prom's aim was to celebrate and promote music, and inspire children in their musical aspirations.

Year 6 Transition Primary to Secondary

Please check submission dates. Pan London Common Application Forms have to be returned to St Joachim's School by **Friday 24th October 2014**, or you can complete the form online (closing date 31st October 2014).

Forms for St Angela and St Bonaventure have to be submitted to the secondary school, directly.