




St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

19th September 2014



Dates to Remember



- 23rd Sep 9:15am Rec Parents Reading Meeting
- 24th Sep Y1 & 2 Mixed Football @ Vicarage
- 24th Sep Y6 Football – Hartley TBC
- 30th Sept 10:10am Y6 Assembly 
- 2nd Oct 2:15pm Nursery to Reception meeting
- 3rd Oct 2:15pm Harvest Festival
- 4th Oct Boys football Tournament @ Langdon
- 7th & 9th Oct 3:30pm-6:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
- 13th Oct World War 1 History Week; All classes from Y1 to Y6 @ Royal Albert Hall.
- 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

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

Monday 6th January Whole School Returns

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and friends,

All the new children have now settled in well into the new routines. The new procedure of children coming straight into class from 8.45am seems to have worked really well. Why didn't we think of it before?

I would like to thank all those parents that attended the parent's information evenings. I am always pleased to be able to share with parents the outcomes of the parents and children surveys. It is reassuring that all children and parents endorsed that the children like coming to school at St. Joachim's. Each year we take the view points given of the children survey and the parent survey and the governors, school leadership team and school councillors all look at these and use them to work towards making the school even better. We will also need to know the names of the people who are permitted to collect the children.

I would like to thank Miss Peace for organising all the before and after school clubs. It appears that we have around 40 clubs a week taking place before and after school. Most children have 3 clubs each to attend. There may be a few vacancies left in some of the clubs. If children are interested then they should enquire with Miss Peace.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the data collection forms. Please return these forms as soon as possible as this is extremely important so that we may update our records and ensure all our emergency contact numbers are up to date.

James Allen

School Council 2014-2015

Head Boy and Head Girl!



Aaron Lardi & Suzy Dukaj

Junior Safety Road Officers



Cian, Ella & Robert

School Council



Kiara, Nathan, Moseray Andreia, Darren, Victor, Ebuka, Kalech, Ugne Aaron A, Nneka & Chiziterem

School Prefects



Aaron L, Victoria, Rebecca, David, Tega, Annabelle, Rachel Nneka, Aaron. A, Keran, Zara, Suzy, Leah, Gabrielle, Gabriel, Simeon, Emmanuel.M, Shannel, Emmanuel K, Cheron, Chiziterem, Oscar & Tiffany

Congratulations to all in this year's school council!

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 12th September 2014

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of Lates
YR	90	0	0
Y1	97.7	0	0
Y2	99.2	0.42	2
Y3	100	1.72	8
Y4	98.1	0.83	4
Y5	99.2	1.4	5
Y6	98.8	1.4	5



Perfect attendance by Y3 what a fantastic start!!!

Excellent punctuality 'Perfect' by Reception and Y1!!!

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.

Forthcoming Parent Workshops

R.E. Parent Workshop - Tuesday
30th September 2:30 and 5:30pm led by Mr Allen ~
'Come and See'



Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 8th October at 3:30pm and
Thursday 10th October at 3:30pm

The school gate is closed promptly at 9am.
If your child arrives after 9am please report to the school office.

St. Joachim's Breakfast Club **Vacancies**



We currently have a few places available for our popular breakfast club.

Cost - £2 per day starts – 7.45am

Breakfast is cereal, toast and something cooked such as scrambled eggs or beans. They can also have juice to drink as well as fruit and yogurts.

Children from Breakfast club will be able to participate in a range of activities and even join the before school clubs also if they wish.

Apply by phone or at the school office.

Harvest Festival/CAFOD/Africa Appeal

On Friday 3rd October at 2:15pm we will be celebrating Harvest Festival here in St Joachim's. As is customary we ask the children to please bring in tins, bottles tea, coffee, dried foods, biscuits to the school by Thursday 2nd October. **Please check the expiry date of the products to ensure they are in date.**

Once again we will be donating the food to a local charity called Refugee and Migrant Project based in Forest Gate. Also classes will be raising money in various ways in order to donate money to CAFOD towards their African appeal. Please help support your children in their efforts to help others.

Thanks in advance for your kind donations.



Governors' Fund

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

As you are aware as a Voluntary Aided school the governors and school community are responsible for contributing 10% towards building costs. This year the contributions were used towards the cost of the playground development (£32,000) and the children's toilets (£50,000). For 2013-14 we collected from parents £3,336.

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, cash or cheques (payable to **St. Joachim's Governor's Fund**, in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name & clearly marked **GOVERNOR'S FUND**).



RECEPTION 2015/2016 **MEETING 2ND OCTOBER @ 2.15pm**

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.

FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's
Association
FOSJA logo

Parents we need you!

Please come along to the annual general FOSJA meeting on **Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 3.30pm**. We are really keen to recruit new parent members.

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.

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.