



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

19th December 2014



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Dates to Remember



5th January-Staff Inset - School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 6th January Whole School Returns

- 7th Jan Rec. Parents' Phonics Meeting @9am and 2pm
- 13th Jan Mini Vinnies to visit Anchor House
- 13th Jan Y5 at British Library
- 13th Jan 3:30pm FOSJA Meeting
- 14th Jan Y5 at Stratford Theatre
- 15th Jan Y4 at British Library
- 15th Jan Y1 & 2, Rec & Nurs at Theatre Royal Stratford
- 20th Jan 10:15am Y2 Assembly
- 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 Y3 @ City Hall
- 3rd Feb Nursery PM at Pizza Express
- 4th Feb **Tempest Photography**
- 10th Feb 10:10am Reception Assembly



FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association

Meeting – Tuesday 13th January 2015

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.

Christmas Raffle

The raffle was drawn at the disco and the winner of the tablet was Isabelle. Well done!

Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies have had a very successful term with the sleepover raising £146.51 for St Vincent de Paul.



Mini Vinnies also organised the movie night and carol singing which jointly raised approximately £800. The money raised will go CAFOD.

The Meeting of Two Chess Giants!

Oscar the current chess champion of St. Joachim's had a special invitation from Lord Harrington to come over to the House of Lords for a friendly game of chess against Gary Kasparov, the former world number one chess player.



Oscar was not intimidated by the great man's reputation and prepared himself well before the game. Oscar, a formidable player himself, felt confident he could really test Kasparov's mettle. This Oscar achieved, and as a result it took a while for Kasparov to get the upper hand. Oscar's teacher Miss Pape said, "We are so proud of Oscar! We know he has a great talent at chess, and a great belief in his own ability. This shows what St. Joachim's children can achieve."

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

Christmas is once again almost here. As our usual custom, we have prepared for this special season in so many ways. We had a reconciliation assembly at the beginning of Advent. KS2 pupils have all received the sacrament of confession during this period. We have raised money for charity; held carol services; nativity plays, been carol singing and even had a staff pantomime. It has been very busy season for everyone but also very special. I felt that our KS1 and Early Years children performed superbly at their Nativity services and in their own way they set the tone for Christmas as a time of joy and happiness. Our KS2 Carol service was a beautiful occasion also which was very spiritual.

I would like to thank FOSJA (Our parents association) for all they have done this term. They have organised film nights, carol singing, raffles among other things and raised in total over £1000 for the school. We are getting nearer towards the required total to purchase a minibus. Particular thanks goes to Claudia Sharpe who works tirelessly planning activities and Miss Peace as the staff member who supports Claudia

It was sad news for us this week as we learnt about the forthcoming departure in the new year of Fr John. He has been a fantastic and inspirational priest for our children and parish community and we have been very lucky to have had him here at St Joachim's for the past eight years. He has been a fantastic ambassador for our school as Vicar General and also governor. We hope to give him a befitting send off before he leaves early next year.

Finally, on behalf of the whole school, I would just like to extend a happy and holy Christmas. Fr John hopes to see all the children at Mass over Christmas as a sure sign that they really do understand what Christmas is all about. Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. **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 right after the Christmas holiday.

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 12th December 2014

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of lates
YR	97.2	0.77	28
Y1	97.3	0.48	19
Y2	98.7	0.47	19
Y3	99.3	0.88	34
Y4	98.5	0.52	21
Y5	99.3	1.03	41
Y6	98.6	1.32	52



**Amazing attendance by Y3 & Y5 ~ Champions
Excellent punctuality by Y1 & 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



7 th Jan	Y3 & Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ UEL
14 th Jan	Y6 Athletics @ UEL
21 st Jan	Y1/2 Boys, Football at Langdon
28 th Jan	Years 3/4 Handball Mixed @ St Angela's
29 th Jan	Y6 Sportshall Athletic @ NLC Nicky and Lynn
4 th Feb	Years 1/2 Handball Mixed @ Vicarage
12 th Feb	Years 5/6 Basketball Mixed @ Brampton



Christmas Concert/Performance DVD Sale Early Years/KS1 and KS2 £5 Per DVD

We already have quite a number of orders for DVDs of the KS1/FS Nativity and KS2 Concert. If you would like to order, please inform the office staff as soon as possible. All proceeds will go to FOSJA. Thank you for your support.



Old St. Joachim's Angels

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the 'Parish Pensioners Christmas Lunch'. I think I mistakenly got taken for a pensioner because I ended up sitting down with the pensioners having lunch! Surely I don't look that old? Anyhow, I sat on a table with some very lively and lovely female pensioners. I started to tell them about the school and the Christmas nativities, which had taken place, and they told me that they were both angels in the St. Joachim's school nativity back in 1934. These two ladies, Kathy Miller and Eileen Murphy, have been friends since they joined St. Joachim's. 'When did you join St. Joachim's?' I enquired. In ... 1931 ..., 83 years ago! My goodness, that's before World War II started, before Winston Churchill became Prime Minister, before television was invented. It was in the reign of King George V. Well, I didn't ask them their age, as that would be rude. Instead I just looked at them in awe. This is like looking at our Reception children in the year 2097. The ladies are remarkable ex-pupils who have lived through so much change, all except that we still have a Nativity at St. Joachim's and we still have beautiful angels like them.

Mr Allen



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**.

Christmas Events

KS2 Carol Service



Early Year's Nativity



RECEPTION 2015/2016

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011
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.



Staff Panto

