



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

3rd October 2014



Dates to Remember



- 7th & 9th Oct 3:30pm-6:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
- 10th Oct Mini Vinnies Sleepover at St Helen's
- 10th Oct Year 6 Trip to London Zoo 9am-3pm
- 13th Oct World War I History Week; All classes from **Y1 to Y6 visit to the Royal Albert Hall.**
- 17th Oct Boys Football Match @Flanders @3pm-4pm
- 21st Oct Boys Football Match @Flanders @3:30pm-5pm
- 22nd Oct Boys Football Match @Flanders @3:30pm-5:30pm
- 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 to 9:15am Parents' Topic Information
- 5th Nov Rec at Discover-Story Trial
- 6th Nov Y4, 5, 6 Hobgoblin Theatre-Greeks
- 11th Nov Remembrance Day-School Council at Central Park
- 18th-21st Nov Y5 Rome Trip

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



Monday 6th January Whole School Returns

**Priest Reference Forms for Secondary School
Fr John will be signing on the following days:
At St Anne's Church**
Friday 10th October – 6:00 to 7:00pm
Monday 13th October - 5:00 to 6:00pm
Saturday 18th October – 10:00 to 11:00am

Parent/Teacher Consultation

Letters have already gone home to parents. Please return the slip back to the class teacher stating your preferred time for meeting.
If you would like to meet with Mrs Rees the SENCO or Mrs Hamilton then please indicate on the reply slip.

Tuesday 7th October or Thursday 9th October. At 3:30 to 6:30pm

FOSJA



Parents we need you!

This is an invitation to **all** parents. FOSJA is our school **Parents and Teacher Association**. 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.

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and friends,

All the new children in Nursery and Reception have joined us and are settling in very well.

I would firstly like to remind you that we need all the data collection sheets returned to us as this form provides us emergency contact details, names of people who can collect the children for school and permissions for local educational visits. As mentioned previously, we are hoping to get set up parent email service so that parents may receive all letters by email as well as paper.

Recently Miss Wilson ran a parent workshop on computing which informed parents about the new computing curriculum and some very important e-safety information. As it wasn't very well attended by parents Miss Wilson will run it again in the near future.

I would like to draw your attention to two very important events coming up, the first being the parent consultation meetings where I hope to see all children's parents. The other is the FOSJA meeting which I hope will be well supported this year.

Finally, next Friday myself along with Miss Wilson, Miss Peace and a number of children (Mini Vinnies) will be joining pupils and staff at St. Helen's for the Big Sleepout at their school in aid of World Homeless day. We are doing this in aid of the homeless charity the De Paul trust. We are looking for people to sponsor us.

James Allen

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 15th September to 27th September 2014

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of late
YR	99.6	0	0
Y1	96.3	0.5	3
Y2	98.8	0.33	2
Y3	100	0.34	2
Y4	99.0	0.64	4
Y5	100	1.33	8
Y6	98.9	1.33	8



Perfect attendance by Y3 and Year 5. What a fantastic effort!

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

Wednesday Word Homework

Children are to complete the work on the Wednesday Word RE Newsletter with their parents.



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

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.

Key Stage 1 Football Champs

Quarter-Finals					
St Helen's	1	V	0	Shaftesbury	Aldersbrook *
St Joachim's *	1	V	1	St Edward's	St Antony's *
Vicarage	1	V	1	Thomas Arnold	0
Semi-Finals					
St Joachim's	1	V	0	St Helen's	Aldersbrook
The Final	3	V	1	3rd & 4th Place	
St Joachim's	0	V	1	Aldersbrook	St Helen's
The * indicates that the team won the sudden death shoot out.					

Our KS1 pupils started the new season off very well by ending up as runners up at the first Langdon Sports Tournament.



The boys and girls only lost in the final against Aldersbrook. Their successes included beating St. Helen's and St. Edward's on route to the final. Ms Adam's said that she was so proud of all the children. The children did win the fair play trophy for the tournament

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, class & clearly marked **GOVERNOR'S FUND**).

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone, children and parents who so generously donated food to the harvest festival. There was quite a collection and on Monday Mr Allen will take it all to the Refugee and Migrant Project in Forest Gate, who are extremely grateful to receive such a large amount of food. The food will be used to make food parcels for those who are in great need. Thank you again.



Royal Albert Hall Trip

All classes (Year 1 to Year 6) are going to The Royal Albert Hall on Monday 13th October 2014.

Mini Vinnies Sleep Over St. Helen's World Homeless Day. 10th October



We have recently agreed that St Joachim's Mini Vinnies will participate in a forthcoming sponsored Sleep Out/Sleep In to raise crucial funds for youth homeless charity Depaul UK.

The event takes place on Friday 10th October at St Helen's Primary School, Canning Town. Pupils will be able to 'Sleep In' the school's main hall. The event will have a designated leader which is Miss Wilson who will be supported by teachers and teaching assistants.

Please return parent consent forms to the school.

Sainsbury's School Games Mark



On Wednesday the school was awarded the gold level from the Sainsbury's School Games Mark. This is a Government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work.

World War I History Week

As this year is the 100th anniversary of World War One, we will be studying the War as part of a special 2 week history project. Years 1 and 2 will be exploring what life was like for children in Britain during the war, years 3 and 4 will be studying how the Allies prepared for war, whilst years 5 and 6 will be focussing on life on the frontline. As part of the project, and as a cross-curricular link, the children will also be studying the War Poets of 1914-1918, and performing their own version of a war poem for our annual Choral and Performance Poetry assembly.

During the 2nd week of the project, we will be incorporating our annual Black History project, and focussing on the contribution and involvement of Allied peoples around the world.

The project will begin on Tuesday 14th October.

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 2**

4th 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