



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

5th September 2014

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Dates to Remember



9 th Sept	Parents Information Evening Yrs R,1,2
9 th Sept	Y6 Swimming @ 1.30pm - Autumn Term
10 th Sept	Parents Information Evening - Yr3,4,5 & 6
12 th Sept	Y3 Swimming @ 1.30pm - Autumn Term
17 th Sept	2:30 & 5:30 RE Parents Workshop
24 th Sept	Y6 Football – Hartley TBC
4 th Oct	Boys football Tournament @ Langdon
13 th Oct	World War 1 History Week

27th October to 31st October – Half Term

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

Monday 6th January Whole School Returns

Uniform Purchase/Application Forms

On Wednesdays parents may buy uniform and submit application forms between these times:

9.30 – 12.30

1.30 – 3.00



New School Morning Arrangements

Following a review of our morning arrangements from last year, it was felt that the time taken from the bell ring to the children being at their desks with lessons starting was too long. We decided that from this term all children will be able to go to class from 8.45am onwards where they will do a quiet task until 9.00am when the teacher will call the register. At 9.00am Eddy and Mrs Legg will close the school gates and all children arriving after that will need to go through the front entrance of the school. Times of children arriving late will be recorded.

We have been doing this since the children arrived back to school and it has been observed that this new procedure has not only enabled lessons to start sooner, but that children are able to come into school much calmer.

We hope this arrangement is better for parents too as this means that they can leave immediately they drop their children off at school.

From the Headmaster

Welcome back to a new school year.

It is great to be back and I know that the staff have been looking forward to seeing all the children again. All the children look so fresh and bright in their lovely new uniforms, ready to learn.

This term we warmly welcome several new members of staff to our school and hopefully parents will have an opportunity to meet them at the parents' information evening

We also welcome all the new children who will be starting at St. Joachim's over the next few weeks, particularly in our Reception Class and Nursery.

During the summer we had more new premises works carried out in the school. The most obvious of these is the football pitch and trim trail in the KS2 playground. This development was well received by the children and staff. We also had the children's toilets renovated, particularly the boys toilets. The cost of these works were approximately £32k and £50K respectively. The money collected for the governors fund last year contributed towards these costs

Next week we will be sending home our usual data collection form for all children. We will need all parents to complete this as this form ensures we have up to date emergency contact numbers, permissions to take children on local visits. The form also asks for parents email address. This year we are intending to use a new email service we have purchased along with an electronic payment system. This will enable us to email parents newsletters, letters and any other administration matter.

As always, I would like to draw your attention to our important dates and hope that many parents are able to join us for the different assemblies over the course of this school year.

We have now got all the before and after school clubs organised thanks to Miss Peace who has the enormously difficult task of organising them and allocating places as fairly as possible. There may be some vacancies left in some clubs which we will offer to those who still would like to join another club. We are still able to offer them all **FREE** except Friday Tennis and breakfast club.

Happy New School Year!

James Allen

Parents' Information Evening

Next week we will be having our annual Parents' Information Evenings where you will be given the opportunity to hear about how the school performed in tests 2014, learn about updates to school policies and plans for the year, meet your child's new class teacher and be informed about class trips, homework, the topic the children will be studying. We hope that all parents are able to attend. We will provide a crèche for those parents who need their children to be looked after during the meeting.

Tuesday 9th Sept **Yrs R,1,2**

Wednesday 10th Sept **Yr3,4,5 & 6**

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 or bacon. 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 or and even join the before school clubs also if they wish.

Apply by phone or at the school office.



Class Mass Timetable 2014

Children are given the chance to go to Mass on a Thursday morning at 9.15am with their class. Parents are warmly invited to attend the Mass. Here is the class Mass timetable:

1st half Autumn Term

11.09.14	-	Whole School Mass ~ New School Year
18.09.14	-	Y6 & YR
25.09.14	-	Y5 & Y1
02.10.14	-	Y4 & Y2 (<i>Feast of Holy Guardian Angels</i>)
09.10.12	-	Y6 & Y3 (<i>Feast of Bl. John Henry Newman</i>)
16.10.14	-	Y5 & YR (<i>Feast St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Richard Gwyn</i>)
23.10.14	-	Y4 & Y1 (<i>Feast St John of Capistrano</i>)

Half Term

2nd Half Autumn Term

06.11.14	-	Y3 & Y2 (<i>Feast All Saints of Ireland</i>)
13.11.14	-	Y6 & YR (<i>Feast Bl Artemides Zatti</i>)
20.11.14	-	Y5 & Y1
27.11.14	-	Y4 & Y2
04.12.14	-	Y3 & YR (<i>Feast St John Damascene</i>)
11.12.14	-	Y6 & Y1 (<i>Fest St Damasus</i>)
18.12.14	-	Whole School Mass – End of term



New refurbishments

Over the summer St. Joachim's refurbished two areas of the school; the boy's toilets and the equipment in the playground. We have added an Astroturf football pitch and some climbing frames.

