



Dates to Remember

- 9th Dec Mini Vinnies Movie Night 3:30-5pm
- 10th Dec Mini Vinnies singing @ Canary Wharf Waitrose 1pm-4:30pm
- 10th Dec Year 3 @ Saatchi Gallery all day
- 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 Christmas Lunch
- 17th Dec 6:00-8:00pm School Disco
- 18th Dec 9:15am End of Term Mass
- 19th December last day of school**
- School finishes at 1:30pm**
- Christmas Break starts 22nd December**
- 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
- 14th Jan Y5 at Stratford Theatre
- 14th Jan Y5/6 Athletics @ UEL
- 15th Jan Y4 at British Library
- 15th Jan Y1 & 2, Rec & Nurs at Theatre Royal Stratford
- 20th Jan 10:15am Y2 Assembly

From the Headteacher



We had a wonderful pilgrimage to Rome where we managed to get very close to the Pope at the Papal Audience. We also visited the tombs of St. Peter and Paul and many other saints too. The children said it was a wonderful experience and something to be treasured.

This week we held a parent consultation meeting regarding the school governors desire to convert St. Joachim's into an academy school jointly with St. Helen's. Despite having around 40 reply slips from parents saying that they would attend the meeting, only around 20 turned up. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the vision and purpose of the proposed change to academy status and then answer any questions parents may have. We then sent a further reminder to parents on Wednesday to remind them of the closing date of the consultation period, which ends today. Thank you to all those parents that have taken part in this consultation and the governors or myself will respond directly to any questions emailed. The next stage is now for the governors to consider all the consultation responses before making a final decision of whether to proceed with the conversion. Ultimately the decision lies with the DfE accepting the school's application and the Bishop approving the conversion. We will keep you informed. On our school website there is a set of FAQ's for parents to refer to.

It's that time of year again when we will be holding our annual nativity plays for KS1 and Early Years in school and of course our evening Carol Service with KS2 at St. Anne's Church next Monday. Of course all our KS2 children are expected to attend and support the school. We hope too that there will be lots of parents to join us at these special events. **James Allen**

FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association
"Friendship Before"

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 Ticket Sale – Next Week

Next week the raffle tickets will be on sale. 5 tickets for £1. Prizes include dinner for four at a top hotel and a children's tablet. Winners will be announced at the school disco on 17th December.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to all those children who attended the successful FOSJA film nights over the last two weeks. A 100 children attended in total, raising approximately £200 for FOSJA. Well done to all. The children's behaviour was brilliant. Films, food and drinks were enjoyed and both nights ended with a spontaneous yet energetic sing along! Thank you for the support from all parents and staff who were there and we look forward to seeing you at the next exciting event!

Reminder - Updating Children's Data

Thank you to the parents who have updated contact details. It is important the school is informed immediately of any change in phone numbers. Information should be given to the school office.

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 17th November to 29th November 2014

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of lates
YR	97	0.50	3
Y1	97.8	0.34	2
Y2	98.8	0.17	1
Y3	99.3	1.03	6
Y4	99.2	0.17	1
Y5	98.2	0.67	4
Y6	97.4	1.90	11



Very Good attendance by Y3
Good punctuality by Y2 and Y4!!!

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

Choral Poetry Performance

We are proud to announce that this week 120 children from Elmhurst Primary visited our school to watch our choral speaking champions perform their winning piece 'Lest We Forget Never Forget'. Elmhurst had been so impressed with our entry in the competition back in November, that they requested another performance for their year 3 children! The visit proved a great opportunity for the children to revisit their work and appreciate their achievements. Elmhurst was an excellent audience and described the piece as 'Inspirational'. Congratulations to all who were involved.



Disco

Wednesday 17th December 2014 - 6-8pm
School Disco

All children are welcome ~ A paying adult must accompany the children and stay.
Tuck Shop ~ Sweets, drinks, hotdogs sold
Parents' Room Provided with FREE tea and coffee and biscuits.

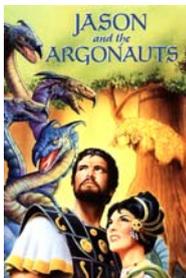
Cost of tickets - £2 each.

Tickets are available from the school office

Y3 & Y4 Greek Mythology Workshop

On Monday Year 3 and 4 visited The Picture House in Stratford. We attended a workshop about Ancient Greek Myths and Legends before watching the film 'Jason and the Argonaut's. As we had been studying Ancient Greece for the past four weeks the children were able to identify many of the characters in the film such as Jason, Zeus, Hera, Hermes and many more.

All children were very well behaved on the trip and enjoyed the film as they nibbled on some popcorn.



Parents! Give us your emails

We have set up an emailing service to parents. If you have an email address and would like to receive newsletters and other information by email please inform the office staff.

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.

Y2 Royal Naval College

Last week year 2 visited the Royal Naval College as part of our Myths and Legends topic. First we visited the painted hall (it took the artist 19 years to complete!) where we tried to spot the different Gods in the paintings that covered the walls and ceiling. Afterwards we dressed up and performed a drama of the myth explaining how the peacock feather got its eyes. We also created masks of the different Greek Gods, Goddesses and beasts that we had learnt about such as, Heracles, Medusa and Argus - the beast with a thousand eyes!



Advent & Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal

Once again for Advent the school has purchased Advent Calendar's for KS1 and Early Years which has tasks on for the children to follow to prepare for Christmas. For KS2 we have provided Walk with Me books which provides the daily readings, a reflection and prayers. Ideally this book should be shared between parent and child each day, hopefully just before going to bed. Please go through these resources with your children.

Every year during Advent we always encourage our children to support the Catholic Children's Society. At St. Joachim's we have been supported by the society for many years where many of our children have benefitted from their services. The children will be bringing home a small box to put change in for the Society. We will collect them during the last week of term. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Christmas Concert/Performance DVD Sale

Early Years/KS1 and KS2

£5 Per DVD

If you would like a DVD either for KS1 or KS2 you can pre order by completing the order form and return to the school office with the money. This would give us an idea of how many we need and hopefully get them out quicker.

All proceeds will go to FOSJA.

Thank you for your support.



Brentwood Schools ***Diocesan Carol Services***



On Thursday 27th November, year 6 performed in the Brentwood Christmas Carol Concert. They performed an individual song called 'A spaceman came travelling'. They then joined other schools from across the diocese of Brentwood to sing a range of different carols to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The class had a great day and performed exceptionally well. They should all be very proud of themselves, just as the teachers are of them.