



Dates for your Diary



From the Headteacher



- 14th Oct Y6 @ London Zoo
- 14th Oct 9:00am EYFS Parent Workshop-Healthy Eating/Hygiene
- 14th Oct FOSJA Parents' Meeting @ 3:30pm
- 19th Oct Start of Black History Week
- 22nd Oct 10:30am BH and Choral Poetry Assembly –AM Nur, Y1, 3, 5,
- 23rd Oct 2:15pm BH and Choral Poetry Assembly –PM Nur, YR, 2, 4, 6
- 26th to 30th October Half Term- School Closed**
- 2nd November Pupils Return to School**
- 2nd Nov 9:00am Parents' Topic Information
- 11th Nov 2:30 & 5:30pm RE Parents' Workshop
- 16th to 20th November Trip to Rome**
- 24th Nov Y2 @ Greenwich Royal Observatory
- 26th Nov 10:00am Myths and Legends Assembly ~AM Nur,1,3,5
- 27th Nov 2:15pm Myths and Legends Assembly ~ PM Nur,R,2,4,6



Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am- £2 per session

Morning Clubs start at 8:15am

School Starts: From 8:45am ~ Children can go directly to their class

Nursery

If your child is 3 years old or will be 3 years old before 31st December and you would like them to be considered for a place in St Joachim's, you need to apply to the school. Please go to the school office and ask for the forms.

Reception to Y6

Throughout the year we do have families move out of the area and so from time to time we have vacancies at St. Joachim's. If you know anyone who has a child that would like to send their child to our Catholic school, please let them know that they need to apply in order for them to have a chance for a place.

Applications can be downloaded from our web site. www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.

Forthcoming Parent Events

Wednesday 14th October 2015 @ 9:00am

School Nurse in-'Healthy eating/ keeping active/ brushing teeth' (EYFS Parent workshop)

Wednesday 14th October 2015 @ 3:30pm

FOSJA Meeting



Wednesday 21st October @ 3:30pm

Food Tasting Session for Parents

Parents are invited to come and sample the food that is offered to the children at lunchtime.



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 23rd October 2015**, or you can complete the form online (closing date 31st October 2015 no later than 11.59pm).

Forms for St Angela and St Bonaventure have to be submitted directly to the secondary school.

Dear Parents and friends,

I would like to thank all parents and guardians for the excellent attendance at the parents' consultation meetings, this week. It was also good to see children attending in KS2 - we like to encourage our children to take ownership of their learning, and this is one of the many ways we can do this together.

I am very happy to announce that the Early Years' play area has now been completed, and the children have had great enjoyment in exploring its new design and layout.

Next week sees the launch of our annual joint Black History and Choral Performance Project. This year, the focus is on songs and musicians. In history, the children will be learning about famous musicians and their impact on society and the music culture, whilst in English the children will be studying the lyrics of songs, and creating their own poetical interpretations.

The project will conclude with celebration assemblies on the 22nd and 23rd October, to which you are all very warmly invited to attend. Please see Dates for your Diary for your child's class' slot.

Finally I would like to thank all those parents who have supported our annual Harvest appeal. As we all know there are many families very dependent on food banks. The food will be donated to RAMP the Refugee and Migrant Project.

I wish you all a very restful and pleasant weekend,
James Allen



Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 21st September to 2nd October 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	100	1	6
Y1	96.5	0.2	1
Y2	97.8	0.3	2
Y3	99.5	0.2	1
Y4	99.2	0	0
Y5	99.3	0	0
Y6	99.5	0	0



**Perfect attendance by YR. Fantastic!!!
Excellent punctuality 'Perfect' by Y4, Y5 & Y6!!!**

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

Harvest Festival/RAMP Appeal

Harvest Festival at St Joachim's.

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 always 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.



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Sports News



- 10th Oct Boys Football Tournament - 6 a side Langdon
- 16th Oct Year 5 and 6 Football v Hartley at Flanders
- 17th Oct Girls Football tournament @ Langdon
- 21st Oct Y5/6 Hockey Mixed @ St. Helen's
- 23rd Oct Year 5 & 6 Football v Hartley @ Flanders.
- 4th Nov Year 5 and 6 football @ Star Vs Star.
- 5th Nov Years 3/4 Football Mixed @ A1 UEL

Hot Potato Competition - Y2

On Wednesday 20th September, 10 Year 2 students competed in the borough Hot Potato Competition at Langdon Academy. The children worked fantastically as a team throughout the group stages and semi-finals and soon reached the final. The final was extremely tense, yet the children worked very hard, did not give up and won 2-1. CONGRATULATIONS Year 2 and St Joachim's!!!



Black History



This year our Black History topic will be based around music. Nursery and reception will be studying songs and dance, KS1 will explore motown sounds, years 3 and 4 will look at jazz and blues, year 6 will study gospel music and work songs. We will be celebrating all that we have learnt with a choral performance poem in the last week of term.

Governors Fund - Thank you to all the parents who have already contributed to this year's governor's fund. Your contribution is very much appreciated as it helps us towards the improvement of our school.

A contribution of **£30 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.*

If you are not sure whether you paid please ask at the school office.

RECEPTION 2016/2017

Born between 1st September 2011 & 31st August 2012

If your child was born between the above dates you need to apply for a Reception place.

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 School Form..**

If you are not sure, please contact the school.

Application forms must be submitted by 15th January 2016.

We advise that you submit the forms at least a week before this date for checking.

Y3 & Y5 @ London Zoo

On Wednesday Year 3 and Year 5 went on a trip to London Zoo. Both classes went to learn more about their science topics for this half term. Children explored the habitats of the animals, the life cycle of butterflies as well as finding out if they were herbivores, carnivores or omnivorous by looking at their diets. We met with the zoo keeper who told us all about Jae Jae their Sumatran tiger and the children had the chance to hold a real tiger tooth. We stopped off in the aquarium for some lunch and we identified some funny looking fish Miss Pape had showed us in her under water assembly on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help us and thank you to the children for being so enthusiastic and sensible during our visit.

