



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015



### Dates for your Diary



- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm KS2 Carol Concert at St Anne's
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Mini Vinnies Singing at Asda Beckton
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec School Christmas Lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 6-8pm School Disco
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am Whole School Mass

**18<sup>th</sup> December- School Finishes at 1:30pm**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January-School closed-Inset Day**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January-Children Return to School**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-9:15am Parents' Information Morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 9 am & 2pm Reception Parents' Phonics Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jan Y1 & Y2 Flu Vaccination
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Y6 at Stratford Circus
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:15am Y2 Assembly
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2:30 & 5:30pm MFL Parent Workshop

**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**

### Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Thank you to all the children who have returned their little Advent boxes for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We chose to support this charity once again during advent as it provides great support for children throughout Essex and East London and in particular has worked here at St. Joachim's for many years counseling children for many different reasons. They do some very important work helping children to have better lives.  
**Please return all boxes this week**



### Proposed increase to the admission number for the academic year 2017/18

For many years St. Joachim's school has been oversubscribed. As a result of this the directors of Our lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust wish to increase St. Joachim's admission number for Reception from 30 to 60 in September 2017. The diocese of Brentwood trustees are in support of this and would like St. Joachim's to expand at the earliest opportunity.

In accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust is consulting on the proposed increase of the Admission Number for the 2017/18 academic year from 1 form entry to 2 form entry.

The Trust wants to hear the views of everyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed increase to the Admission Number.

You can provide your feedback by:

- Emailing [info@stjoachims.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@stjoachims.newham.sch.uk)
- Calling St. Joachim's Catholic Primary School

The consultation period is 18 November 2015 and to 15 December 2015 inclusive

Full consultation on St. Joachim's website: <http://www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk/documents/admissions/Consultation-to-Expand-St%20Joachim's.pdf>

### From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

This is our last newsletter of the year. We have had a wonderful term with so many wonderful events that have taken place this term particularly the Myths and Legends English project.

Last week we completed our formal assessments of the children's attainment in maths, science, reading and writing and will share outcomes with parents in the spring term. We are also carrying out formative assessments against the new national curriculum. We look forward to being able to share with you the children's progress some time in spring term too.

This week we saw our Early Years and KS1 Nativities and they were both very reverent and wonderful. We will have copies available on DVD for parents to purchase if they wish. Please put your orders in at reception. On Monday we look forward to our KS2 Carol service, which is always a joyful occasion. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. Finally, on Friday we break up and children finish at 1.30pm. The staff and governors wish all our children and their families a happy and holy Christmas

James Allen

### KS2 Carol Service

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our annual KS2 Christmas Carol Service. As a Catholic school, this is one of the most important religious occasions in our school year. **All KS2 children are expected to attend.** Children who are in the drama will need to be at school by 6pm and all other KS2 children will need to report to the school at 6.30pm.

Parents are warmly welcome and encouraged to join us at this most special and joyful celebration at St. Anne's at 7pm prompt. There will be the usual collection of contemporary and classical carols for all to join in. There will also be a very special Nativity drama given by our KS2 Drama Club. Afterwards there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the school hall.

We will take a collection for the Catholic Children's

### Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	96.4	0.34	2
Y1	97.6	1.20	7
Y2	98.0	1.66	10
Y3	98.4	0	0
Y4	97.0	1.33	8
Y5	97.5	0.50	3
Y6	98.2	1.0	6



**Good attendance and still Perfect punctuality by Y3!!!**

### FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association  
Friendship Matters



**St Joachim's Choir – Carol singing at Trafalgar Square to raise money for the school minibus. Shoppers were captivated by the beautiful voices. Well done!!**

## Castles Made by Y2

As part of the Robin Hood topic year 2 have been learning all about castles and we decided to make some of our own! We tried to include all of the features of castles that we have been studying such as; battlements, a moat, a drawbridge and a bailey.



## Two Little St. Joachim's Angels



Last week at our Nativity, our youngest angel met our oldest angel. Little Ava who is 2, met former St. Joachim's Angel Eileen Murphy who is a shy 89. **Eileen started St. Joachim's school in 1931(84 Years ago)** before televisions were invented, before World War II and in the Reign of King George V. Eileen said it was a joy to meet Ava and that she remembers the nativities when she was at St. Joachim's. She said that she remembers with joy and excitement being picked for a part in the nativity and said that is something you never forget. Eileen thought that this year's nativities were wonderful and that all the parents and staff should be proud of how well the children performed.

## EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance

After many weeks of practising, it was finally time for EYFS and KS1 to perform their Christmas nativities! The children were so excited to be wearing their beautiful costumes and eager to perform in front of their parents. There was a magical atmosphere in the room as the children sang their songs and acted out the story of Jesus' birth.



All of the staff is so proud of the hard work that the children put into their dramas and we can't wait for next year already!

## DISCO

16th December  
6:00 till 8:00



Tickets are available to buy from the office, or you can buy them at the door, depending on availability.

An adult has to accompany the children.

Child: £2.00. Adult: £2.00

## TUCK-SHOP

There will be a tuck-shop for children where they can buy drinks and snacks. Parents will be provided with free non-alcoholic refreshments.



## Years 1, 2, and 3 at I-MAX Cinema



Yesterday Year 1, 2 & 3 went on a trip to the I-MAX cinema in Waterloo. The screen was the height of five double decker buses. We watched a movie called 'Sammy's Adventures'. It was about the life of a turtle that lived in the Pacific Ocean. We had some popcorn to eat during the movie. After the movie was over we had time to walk by the River Thames and take some photographs with The London Eye and Big Ben.

We travelled by DLR from Prince Regent station and all children were very well behaved.

## Christmas on the Farm



Enjoy a more peaceful, family start to Christmas at Newham City Farm

Sunday 13th December 2015 12pm - 3pm

Free activities include:

- Farm trail
- Nativity scene
- 3 Mills craft association (donations)

£5 admission to Christmas playbarn with access to:

- Animal handling
- Pony obstacle course
- Craft activities

Farm café and tearoom available for festive refreshments.

Newham City Farm, Stansfeld Road, Beckton, E6 5LT  
Limited parking in the park behind the visitor centre on King George

Avenue, E16 3HR or opposite the Farm in Will Thorne Pavilion

Nearest bus routes: 300 / 376 / 262 / 147 / 473

Nearest DLR Station: Royal Albert or Prince Regent

[www.newhamcityfarm.co.uk](http://www.newhamcityfarm.co.uk)

