



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> March 2016



## Dates for your Diary



- 14<sup>th</sup> March Assessment Week – Yrs1-6**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mar** Parents' Consultation Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar** Y2 Pizza Workshop
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** Parents' Consultation Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** Charles Dickens Celebration Assembly at 10.00am - N,1,3,5
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** Charles Dickens Celebration Assembly at 2.00pm - N, R, 2, 4, 6
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar** 10:15am Y3 Assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar** 9:15am End of Term Mass



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - School Finishes at 3:15**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Start of Easter Holiday**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Pupils Return to School**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9:00am Parents Topic Information
- 13<sup>th</sup> Apr** International day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Apr** 2:30 & 5:30 Maths Workshops for Parents
- 26<sup>th</sup> Apr** 10:15 am Y5 Assembly

**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**

## Parentmail

We have now upgraded to the latest version of ParentMail – PMX.

You should by now have received your registration email or text, and have registered your account. If you need help doing this, go to

<http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp>

Now that you've registered, you can download the free parent App onto your [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) device. With the App, you can access ParentMail even when there's no network connection, with no need to search through your busy personal inbox for school messages. You'll also receive in-app notifications as soon as we send a message, which helps make sure things don't get missed or forgotten.

If you need help with the App or with your ParentMail feed, please go to the ParentMail website as shown above to take a look around the parent help site and get familiar with your parent feed.

Or, if you have any issues or queries with the process, please ask at the school office as soon as possible.

## Attendance



**Illness**-We would like to remind parents to send a note when their child has an absence from school because of sickness. It is important that we know the reason why the child was absent, in writing.

**Medical**-Non urgent appointments should be done outside of school hours. Letters of appointments from hospital, doctor, dentist etc. have to be shown to the office staff when collecting children during school hours for their appointment.

**Other Absence**- There is a 'Leave of Absence' form (available from school office), that parents must complete if a child is being taken out of school during term time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## From the Headteacher



### Dear Parents and Friends,

Our Dickens project has been in full swing for three weeks, with so many different visitors and educational visits as well as the study of the great novels he wrote. Children seem to be really enthused by the whole project. We have even been having actual Victorian lunches following the recipe of Mrs Beeton, a famous Victorian Chef. Next week we look forward to coming together at the celebration assemblies where the children will act out a scene of the book that they have been reading.

Next week some of our children will be singing in the Newham Commonwealth Choir. They will be singing at iconic venues such as Westminster Abbey and Marlborough House and will be performing for the Queen and other members of the royal family. We hope to report back in our next newsletter with some lovely pictures.

Also next week it is assessment week for all the children from Year 1-6. Please could you ensure that your child is in on time and ready for the tests.

Next week also, are parent consultation meetings taking place on Tuesday and Thursday. Children are welcome to join their parents in the discussion about their progress and attainment. All parents will receive a copy of the new national expected standards.

The rest of term remains as busy as the first part. We hope that all children from Y4-6 will go to confession before Easter, and we will be holding a Stations of the Cross service too.

Have a great weekend.

**James Allen**

## Mrs Brown Visits Y1 and Y2

Last week Y1 and Y2 had a very special visitor. Miss Brown, a maid from a Victorian house, came to school to teach the children about what life was like for the people who lived there and those who worked in the house. The children were given the opportunity to play with some Victorian toys and take responsibility for looking after the house. It was a wonderful experience



## Spring - First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.2	0.67	4
Y1	98.5	1.00	6
Y2	98.0	0.17	1
Y3	99.7	0.33	2
Y4	99.0	0.33	2
Y5	98.8	0.83	5
Y6	98.7	-	-



**Fantastic attendance by Y3 at 99.7%**  
**Excellent punctuality by Y2.**

**Well done!!**

**At the end of the school year we will look to see which class has won over all in attendance and punctuality.**

## Y5 at Charles Dickens Museum

Year 5 went on a very exciting trip to The Charles Dickens Museum in London last Friday. We couldn't believe that it was actually once his real house. We had to be very careful not to touch anything as the items in there are priceless. We were split into two groups; the first group went on a tour of the house looking for a series of clues to answer some questions while the other group had a cookery lesson where they made some butter. The butter that we made was Catherine Dickens original recipe from the cookbook she wrote. It tasted yummy! After 45 minutes both groups swapped. We really enjoyed our trip and found out lots of new facts about Dickens' life



*Making butter in the servants' quarters.*

## Dickensian Walk Through the Streets of London

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Year 4 went on an exciting walk around London exploring the famous Dickensian landmarks. We met two people from the Dickensian Era who were our tour guides, Mr Raeburn and his wife Miss Lizzy. We saw the famous wall of Marshalsea Prison and we spotted lots of street names, named after Dickensian Literature such as 'Little Dorrit' and 'Nancy's steps' from the novel 'Oliver'. We learned lots on our Dickensian tour of London and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.



## Y3 at City Hall

As part of our Citizenship topic Year 3 were lucky enough to have an opportunity to visit The City Hall last Thursday. We were informed about all the different aspects the government and GLA (Greater London Authority) are in charge of for the people of London. Our tour guide allowed us to watch an official GLA meeting which was held in The City Hall that day. It was a very interesting trip and we found out lots of information about Boris Johnson's job from transport to policing in our local area.



## Victorian School Day at St Joachim's.

On Thursday a gentleman from 1899 to teach Year 4 as though they were in a Victorian school. The Victorian teacher was very strict and he separated the girls and boys into two rows. He inspected their hands to ensure they were clean which was extremely important in Victorian times as he said 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness.' Year 4 had a number of lessons, one of which was handwriting. They were only allowed to write with their right hand in cursive handwriting and some of them had to write on slates with chalk. They also did a numeracy lesson using only an abacus. It was a great experience which all of year 4 thoroughly enjoyed. It was, however, agreed that they would like to stick to their kind and less strict modern teachers and lessons.



## Mini Vinnies

Yesterday our Mini Vinnie group went along to St Michaels in East Ham to participate in the Newham Deanery Mini Vinnies Festival. The children listened to presentations on what other groups are doing and four children presented on behalf of St Joachim's. The children then had the opportunity to network with other Mini Vinnies.

They came away from the festival with lots of great ideas about how to take our group forward but also feeling very proud of themselves for the great work they are already doing.

