



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

October

23rd October 2015



Dates for your Diary



- 2nd November Pupils Return to School**
- 2nd Nov 9:00am Parents Topic Information Morning
- 5th Nov Y6 & Y5 @ Dover Castle
- 6th Nov Brilliant Club @ King's College
- 10th Nov Y4 Assembly @ 10:15am
- 11th Nov Remembrance Day Service in Central Park @ 11am
- 11th Nov 2:30 and 5:30pm RE Parents Workshop
- 16th to 20th November Y5 Trip to Rome**
- 17th Nov 3:30- 6:00pm FOSJA KS1 Film Night
- 24th Nov Y2 @ Greenwich Royal Observatory
- 26th Nov 10:30am Myths and Legends Assembly Years 3,4,5,6



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.

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

It doesn't seem that long ago we only just came back from the summer holidays and now we have completed our first half term.

Children have all settled in well and when I walk around the school they are all working hard, which is very pleasing. The new specialist music teacher has been making an impact and already we have seen a significant improvement in singing and playing instruments. The new Reception and Nursery children all appear to be very happy and enjoying their new outdoor play area.

The Department for Education has now stopped using National Curriculum levels of attainment, such as level 4c, and informed schools that they need to assess without levels. We are now required to measure children's progress by stating whether they are at expected levels or above or below. We will be sending a letter of explanation to parents about how we intend to measure children's attainment and progress.

Next half term we look forward to our myths and legends English project and also to our many seasonal Christmas related festivities. There will be lots of opportunities for parents to be involved in many of the celebrations.

I wish you all a very restful and pleasant half term.

James Allen

Pupil Information (IMPORTANT)

Data Collection forms have been sent home. Please check all the details carefully. Make amendments if necessary and return the forms to the school.

It is important that we have the right telephone numbers for parents. Please inform the school if your number or a contact number changes. Please include your email address, if you have one as we wish to start using parent mail for all our parents.

Please return these completed forms to the school as soon as possible.

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.

FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association

Parents we need you!

Please come along to the annual general FOSJA meeting on **Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 3.30pm**. We are really keen to recruit new parent members. See Miss Peace or Claudia Sharpe

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 5th October 2015 to 16th October 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	93.2	2.0	12
Y1	98.8	1.5	9
Y2	98.3	0.68	4
Y3	99.5	1.0	6
Y4	99.7	0.67	4
Y5	99.5	0.33	2
Y6	98.2	0.17	1



Excellent attendance by Y4!!!

Very Good punctuality by 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.

Mini Vinnie's Sleepover for Homelessness Awareness

On Friday 16th October 13 children along with Miss Bradley, Mr Bennett and Mr Allen slept over at St Helen's school with their Mini Vinnie pupils and staff to raise awareness for World Homeless Awareness Day. On the evening of the sleep over, the children took part in a beautiful prayer service around an outdoor camp fire. They also had soup and bread for their evening meal before bed time, which was in St Helen's school hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which reminded them of the issues of homelessness across the world. They were sponsored for the St Vincent De Paul Trust who is a homeless charity. Well done Mini Vinnie's!



Parent View - Please Give your Views

Thank you to the many parents who registered with Parentview at the last parent consultation meetings. To date we only have 4 completed Parentviews. It would be good if those parents now give their views about St. Joachim's. It would also be very helpful if other parents register and give their view also. Please look on the St. Joachim's school website on the Home page for a link.

Thank you in anticipation

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Sports News

- 4th Nov - Y5 & Y6 Football Vs Star
- 5th Nov - Years 3/4 Mixed Football @ A1 UEL
- 6th Nov - Y5 & Y6 Football Match Vs Winsor @ Winsor
- 11th Nov - Y5/6 Girls' Netball @ Sandringham
- 18th Nov - Years 3/4 Boys' Football @ Langdon
- 27th Nov - Y5/6 Football Match Vs Winsor @ Winsor



Black History

This week each class has been studying a poem based around their topic for Black History Week.

The children performed their poems on Thursday and Friday.

We were so impressed with how passionate the children were and how clearly and confidently they delivered their lines.



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.

Myths and Legends - British Mythology

Next half term sees the exciting launch of our *Myths and Legends* project. This year we will be exploring the mythology of the United Kingdom, with a particular focus on Robin Hood and King Arthur.

To launch the project, we have invited two very special guests in to school: King Henry II and Queen Eleanor. We expect their arrival on Monday for the launch assembly, which should be a very interesting event, we're sure!

Throughout the project, the children will be taking part in workshops and competitions, and upper KS2 will even be visiting the historic Dover Castle!

British Mythology affords many opportunities to develop the children's learning. In English we will be delving into challenging texts, and using them to stimulate our imagination; in History we will be exploring the Medieval Era; and in Drama we will be developing our Spoken Language skills.

It promises to be a wonderfully fantastic project!

