



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

## 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015



### Dates for your Diary



- 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 10:00am Peach parents to attend assembly prize
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:15 Nursery to Reception 2016 – Meeting
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2:00pm RE Celebration Assembly - Domestic Church
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 3:30-6:30pm Parent Consultation Evening - 3.30-6.30pm
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 3:30-6:30pm Parent Consultation Evening - 3.30-6.30pm
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2:15pm Harvest Festival @ 2.15pm (CAFOD/Africa)
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Start of Black History Week
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 10:30am BH and Choral Poetry Assembly - Y1, 3, 5, 6
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 10:30am BH and Choral Poetry Assembly - YR, 2, 4
- 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October Half Term- School Closed**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> November Pupils Return to School**



### 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November Trip to Rome



#### Nursery

If your child is 3 years old or will be 3 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk) or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.**

### Early Children in School

We are always pleased children are punctual for school, however in recent times the office area has had a number of children waiting from before 8.30am for school to start. We are not able to look after these children unless they attend a club.

**Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am**

**Morning Clubs start at 8:15am**

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

If your child is not in breakfast or morning club they need to be at school between **8:45am and 9.00am.**

The waiting area in the reception is for visitors or anyone who has an appointment. It is also a working area for school business. Polite request – Only children in a morning club may wait there from 8.00am. Any other children waiting there **will be taken into the breakfast club. The breakfast club costs £2 a day.**



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

We have had a very good start to the new term with children settling in well in all the classes. Reception class have very quickly settled into their new routines and all seem very happy. Nursery children also seem to be settling in well with Mrs Corbin and her team.

This week we are having the Early Years play area redesigned so that they are able to play outside whenever they wish. We are looking forward to that.

Our Year 6 pupils are also settling into their senior roles as prefects and house captains and are showing an excellent level of maturity and responsibility.

As you may be aware we now have Lunchtime as our school meal provider and I am pleased to report that the quality of meals have significantly improved.. Children and staff have all commented how lovely the food is now and how fantastic the fruit bar is. What is also great is that children can have seconds when they wish. Well done to Anna our chef and her team.

On Wednesday we went on a joint pilgrimage with St. Helen's to Walsingham, England's national shrine. It was a fantastic pilgrimage not least because we saw Father John again. I was also extremely happy and proud because our children behaved well and showed exemplary respectfulness. Many other pilgrims told me that they were so impressed with our children and that they are a real credit to us all.

Every morning we run before school clubs. Most are free to parents/children. However the breakfast club is £2 a day. Children who are not in the early morning clubs but arrive before 8.45am will be put into the Breakfast club. Unfortunately we are not able to provide unlimited free child care. We can not have lots of children waiting in our reception area every morning as there is no one to supervise them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Finally we look forward to seeing all parents at the forthcoming parent consultation meetings. On 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**James Allen**

### Termly Punctuality and Attendance

#### Attendance since 1<sup>st</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of Lates
YR	99.7	0.8	3
Y1	97.5	0	0
Y2	95.1	0.1	1
Y3	98.7	0	0
Y4	99.7	0.7	5
Y5	97.8	0.5	4
Y6	99.2	0.1	1



**Excellent attendance by YR & Y4 what a fantastic start!!!**

**Excellent punctuality 'Perfect' by Y1 & Y3!!!**

**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/CAFOD/Africa Appeal

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm we will be celebrating Harvest Festival here in St Joachim's. As is customary we ask the children to please bring in tins, bottles tea, coffee, dried foods, biscuits to the school by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. **Please check the expiry date of the products to ensure they are in date.**

Once again we will be donating the food to a local charity called Refugee and Migrant Project based in Forest Gate. Also classes will be raising money in various ways in order to donate money to CAFOD towards their African appeal. Please help support your children in their efforts to help others.

*Thanks in advance for your kind donations.*



## Forthcoming Parent Events

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We are collecting Flora Tokens which you can find inside Flora 500g Original, Buttery and Light Promotional Tubs. Please retain the tokens found on the heat seal within Promotional Packs which are available at selected Tesco stores and hand the to the school.

**For every 50 Tokens the school can claim**

**1 Samsung Galaxy Tab**



**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 MEETING 30<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.15pm

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 School Form..**

If you are not sure, please contact the school.

**Application forms must be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

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

## Walsingham

On Wednesday, years 5 and 6 had a spiritual pilgrimage to Walsingham. It was a lovely experience, made all the more wonderful by seeing Father John again.

Whilst we were there, we learnt about the history of Walsingham. We took part in Mass, and we walked the Holy Mile.

It was a truly delightful day, and we all feel renewed in our faith.

By Kelechi, Year 6



*See our Website for more photographs of our walsingham Pilgrimage.*

## Sports News

10<sup>th</sup> Oct Boys Football Tournament - 6 a side Langdon

17<sup>th</sup> Oct Girls Football tournament @ Langdon

## Musical Instrument Lessons ~ Tuesday Timetable 2015-16

Lessons will start the week beginning 21/09/15

### Year 3

2 groups of 15 - 13:30 - 14:30

### Year 4

Cello, Violin and Ukulele. 6 groups of 5. 15:15 - 16:15

### Year 5

Violin and trumpet. 4 groups. 14:30 - 15:10

### Year 6

Trumpet, guitar and flute. 15:10 - 16:00

Due to our curriculum increasing, it is necessary to have the Year 4 & 6 musical instrument lessons after school. **This is not optional** and so all children from these classes are expected to attend as the school has committed significant funding to provide this free instrumental tuition.