



Dates for your Diary



- 2nd Dec 3:30 FOSJA Meeting
- 7th Dec FOSJA Carol Singing @ Trafalgar Square
- 8th Dec 10am KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 9th Dec 1:30pm KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 11th Dec Rec @ Stratford Circus Bear Hunt
- 11th Dec FOSJA Pyjama Party
- 14th Dec 7pm KS2 Carol Concert @ St Anne's
- 15th Dec Mini Vinnies Singing @ Asda Beckton
- 16th Dec School Christmas Lunch
- 16th Dec 6-8pm School Disco



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

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

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.

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.

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.

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

As normal we have been very busy at St. Joachim's with so many different educational activities taking place over the past two weeks. Last week I had the privilege of going to Rome with 18 of our Yr 5's. Despite the tragic events that unfolded in Paris the Friday before we departed, we had a wonderful spiritual pilgrimage with St. Edward's School. We followed in the footsteps of many great saints and prayed at the tombs of Ss. Peter, Paul, Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Sienna. We saw the pope who blessed us all and our school. We also saw relics of the true cross. It was a fantastic pilgrimage which I am sure our Yr 5's will remember forever.

We have also just finished our wonderful Myths and Legends English project which the children enjoyed immensely particularly the drama of Miss Pape and Mr Helliwell. They also benefitted from the various educational visits made for the project such as to Dover Castle and the Tower of London. Thank you to all the parents that supported their children in entering the various competitions. The quality of the castles, crowns, art and writing was the best standard ever.

Next week is assessment week for our children which enables us to track how they are progressing. We are currently trying to develop our new assessments without levels and expect to report to parents on this early in spring term. Now for the next few weeks as Advent begins we will be preparing hard for our nativity plays and carol concerts. It will be as usual a busy time for everyone.

James Allen

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 9th November to 20th November 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	97.8	0.17	1
Y1	96.9	0.34	2
Y2	97.8	1.17	7
Y3	98.1	0	0
Y4	97.8	0.67	4
Y5	98.2	0.5	3
Y6	98.7	0.33	2

Good attendance by Y6!!!

Perfect punctuality by Y3!!!



Sports News

- 27th Nov Y5/Y6 Football Match v Winsor
- 2nd Dec Y3/Y4 Girls' Handball @ Vicarage
- 10th Dec Y3/Y4 Boys' Handball @ Langdon
- 16th Dec Y5/Y6 Cricket Mixed @ Langdon



FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's
Association
Friendship Centre

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- 7th Dec FOSJA Carol Singing

Rome Pilgrimage - November 16th -20th

Last week 18 children from year 5 went on a pilgrimage to Rome for 5 days accompanied by several staff and children from St. Edward's. On Monday we arrived at the hotel late in the evening. The next day we visited St Peter's Basilica which is situated in the Vatican City. After lunch we visited St John Lateran and The Scala Sancta -The Holy Stairs which is one of the Roman Catholic Church's holiest relics and these steps are believed to have been climbed by Jesus. We then visited Santa Croce where we found an extraordinary collection of relics from the Holy Land, a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin, the shrine of Antoinette, a young girl who is being considered for sainthood and finished our day by visiting the Basilica of St. Pauls. On Wednesday we went to have an audience with Pope Francis. Afterwards we had lunch at Borghese Park and then visited the English College and the 5D cinema. The next day we made a journey to Assisi where we visited the Basilica of St Francis of Assisi and the Temple of Minerva. On the last day, we managed to see the Coliseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum. Our pilgrimage to Rome helped the children learn about the Roman history as well as reinforcing their faith. Both the children and staff enjoyed their time in Rome.



Myths and Legends - British Mythology

This Friday (somewhat sadly!) sees the conclusion of our English project: Myths and Legends.

Throughout the past four weeks, the children have been studying the mythology of Britain - with a specific focus on King Arthur and Robin Hood. They have had focussed writing and reading lessons on the subject; increasing their core skills, and their imagination and creativity whilst doing so. It has been such a holistic project - the children have taken part in workshops, dramas, school trips and assemblies. They have also learnt a great deal in history lessons about the Medieval Period.

As part of the project, we ran a competition: some of the entries were absolutely wonderful! (Please see below -just take a look at the models!)

It has been such a successful project. And as for our next one? Well, watch this space!



Y4 Visit to the Tower of London

On Thursday 19th November we went to visit the Tower of London Museum to learn about the Norman Conquest and William the Conqueror. We met a gentleman called Sir Roger and he conducted a workshop with us to explore the history and events of 1066. We learned that 1066 was referred to as 'The Year of Four Kings' and we role-played the battle for the throne between Edward the Confessor, Harold Godwinson, William of Normandy and Harold Hardrada.



Y2 at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich

On the 23rd of November year 2 went to Greenwich to visit the Royal Observatory. We were going on a Space Safari! We lay back in our seats and looked up to the moving galaxy on the ceiling of the Planetarium. We flew through space and visited all of the planets; we learnt so many new things. Did you know that Mars is covered with red dust and that Saturn's rings are mostly made of tiny bits of ice?



Knights and Medieval Britain **Workshop.**

Freshwater Theatre came into school to conduct an exciting drama workshop with year 4. First, we role-played and acted how the royals would have acted in Medieval Britain. Then, we trained as Knights role-playing how they walked and fought. Next, we created our own dramas, in groups, on stories from castles and Medieval Britain. After that, we held a debate on whether becoming a king would be a good thing or a bad thing. The last thing we did as a class was that we acted out a medieval drama of a knight saving a princess.

