



### Dates for your Diary



- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Parent Consultation Meetings
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Parent Consultation Meetings
- 14<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Battle of Hastings Trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 10:15am Science in My Kitchen Parents Invited
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2:15pm Nursery to Reception Meeting
- School Closures - Half Term -24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 9-9:15am Topic Information Morning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 10 to 11:30am St Joachim's Open Day for Prospective Parents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1:30 to 3pm St Joachim's Open Day for Prospective Parents
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Mini Vinnies Sleep Out
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov RE Parent Workshop @ 2.30 and 5.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Bishop Alan Visiting St Joachim's
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Day @ Central Park
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:15am Y4 Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Combined Primary Schools Concert
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Y2 at Natural History Museum

Rome trip in November  
21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November



### Sports Events

- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 12:00-15:30 KS2 Boys' football at Langdon
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 12:00-15:30 KS2 Girls' football at Langdon
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Netball Girls Year 5 and 6 at Langdon
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Football Boys Year 3 and 4 at A2 UEL

**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**

### Reception to Y6 Mid Year Admissions

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.

### Uniform Purchase/Application Forms

On Wednesdays parents may buy uniform and submit application forms between these times:  
9.30 – 12.30 and 1.30 – 3.00



**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**COLLECTING FOR RAMP**  
(Refugees and Migrant Project)



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival here at St Joachim's. As is customary we ask you to please send in non-perishable items - cans, tins-tomatoes, soup etc, tea, coffee, sugar, cereal, dried foods such as pasta, rice, beans, biscuits to the school by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. The children can start bringing in items any time up to the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Please check the expiry date of the products to ensure they are in date.

Thanks in advance for your kind donations.

### From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

Last week I had the pleasure of watching our pupils perform poetry alongside children from St. Helen's as a celebration of Black History Week. Our children performed with distinction - they were wonderful. They learnt their lines so thoroughly and recited them with confidence and great expression from Reception to Year 6. It was a great celebration of the many great and iconic people of the past by our own children. . Next week we look forward to seeing all our parents at 'Parent Consultation Meeting' which provides parents the opportunity to learn how their child has settled in their new class and how well they are progressing. We look forward to seeing you next week.

While the parent consultation meetings are on there will be an opportunity for parents to register on Parentmail with Miss Peace. We are looking to get 100% of our parents on to Parentmail as this will ensure that everyone receives the letters we send. We are aiming to provide through this a cashless payment system, so uniform can be paid on line and school trips also. If you are fed up finding crumpled up newsletters in the bottom of your child's bag, then this is the answer for you!

Next Friday we will be collecting dried and tin food for the annual Harvest Festival. We will be donating our collection to the Refugee and Migrant Project (RAMP) as we usually do. Please be generous for this worthy charity.

Lastly, next Saturday 50 KS2 children will be going off to the re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings. This is the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that key moment in English and British history. It should be a very exciting day and one where children will learn a lot of history. The re-enactment will involve over 1066 men!

**James Allen**

### Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 19<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	97.1	99.49	3
Y1	100	100	0
Y2	99.0	98.83	7
Y3	98.3	99.14	5
Y4	99.3	99.65	2
Y5	99.7	99.50	3
Y6	99.8	98.83	1



### Winners

**Y1 are outstanding with 100% for attendance and punctuality.**

**Excellent!!!**

### RECEPTION 2016/2017 MEETING

**18<sup>th</sup> October @ 2.15pm**

**For children born between**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

**This is an information meeting for parents who have children who would be 5 years old next year and would like them to attend a Catholic School**



## Y6 at London Zoo

As part of our science and geography topics, we went on a field trip to London Zoo – to study the habitats of different animals, and explore the climate of the Amazon Rainforest.

It was such a fantastic day! We visited lots of enclosures, including the Tiger Territory, the Reptile House and the Penguin Pool. We also enjoyed the Lemur enclosure, as we were able to go inside and get very close to the shy creatures. We had a wonderful day, and can't wait to use our new learning in our lessons!



**London Guitar Festival East** is a 3 day intensive course for guitarists and ukulele players aged 8-18 years. Over the course participants will work alongside professional musicians to develop their playing, listening and ensemble skills. They will also be able to watch a professional concert every day from a visiting artist. To register visit: [www.newham-music.org.uk/our-projects/lqfeast](http://www.newham-music.org.uk/our-projects/lqfeast)



### Participant requirements

- Aged 8-18 years old
- Play guitar, ukulele or bass guitar (electric and acoustic welcome)
- All levels welcome
- To register please visit [www.newham-music.org.uk/our-projects/lqfeast](http://www.newham-music.org.uk/our-projects/lqfeast)

### Closing date for registration:

Friday 21 October 2016

Course dates: Wednesday 26, Thursday 27, Friday 28 October 2016, 10am-4.30pm

Course final performance: Friday 28 October, 3.45pm

Where: Chobham Academy, 40 Cheering Lane, Stratford, London, E20 1BD

Cost: Free!

Visiting artist performances / workshops are open to the public, to book visit [www.newhammusic.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.newhammusic.eventbrite.co.uk)



## 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.*

## KS2 Netball Competition

On Tuesday 4th October, KS 2 had their first tournament of the school year. The children had trained very hard for this Netball competition in clubs and break-time. 10 schools attended and St Joachim's came in second place losing 3-2 in the final! Well played team and keep up the hard work! Onwards and Upwards.



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](http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp)

## Calling all science fans in years 1-6!

St Joachim's is looking to hire 6 'Science Ambassadors'. You will be in charge of planning upcoming science events, meeting with the other science ambassadors and judging science competitions.

If you are interested, please write a letter to Miss O'Brien saying why you will be great for the job!

The ambassadors will be announced at our science assembly on Tuesday 18/10/16.

## Reminders:

**11<sup>th</sup> Oct Parent Consultation Meetings**

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct Parent Consultation Meetings**

Letters for the consultation meetings were sent out last week. If you have already completed the attached slip and returned it to the teacher you will receive a note confirming your allotted time.