

Dates for your Diary

- 14th Nov Y5 & Y6 at Science Museum
- 15th Nov 10:15am Y4 Assembly
- 16th Nov English Parent Workshops-2:30 and 5:30pm
- 17th Nov **Scholastic Book Fair**
- Year 5 Rome trip in November
21st to 25th November
- 23rd Nov Y2 at Natural History Museum
- 24th Nov **10:00am HG Wells Sci-Fi Assembly Years 1,2,3,4,5,6**
- 6th Dec NHS Flu Vaccine Years 1, 2, 3
- 7th Dec Choir-Carol Singing at Trafalgar Square 5:00 -6:00pm
- 12th Dec 1:30pm KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec 9:30pm KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 14th Dec Christmas Lunch
- 14th Dec 6:00-8:00pm School Disco
- 16th Dec 9:30am KS2 ECAM Music Concert
- 19th Dec 7:00pm School Carol Concert at St Anne's Church
- 21st December- Last Day of School**
9:15am Whole School Mass
- Pupils Finish at 1:30pm-Please Collect Children Promptly**



- 3rd Jan Staff Inset - School Closed
- 4th Jan Children Return to School
- 4th Jan 9:00 -9:15am Parent information Morning
- 11th Jan 9:00am Reception Parents' Phonics Meeting

Sports Events

- 16th Nov Football Boys Year 3 and 4 at A2 UEL
- 23rd Nov Football Mixed Year 3 and 4 at A2 UEL
- 24th Nov Girl's 5/6 Essex County Cup
- 29th Nov Handball Girls Year 3 and 4 at Langdon
- 14th Dec Cricket Mixed Y5/6 at A2 UEL
- 11th Jan Sportshall Athletic Year 5 and 6 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

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

Today we were very blessed and privileged to have Bishop Alan come and visit our school. He firstly went to Central Park with our School Council to the annual deanery Remembrance service. Then he came and looked at and blessed our 'Wall of Mercy' which our children produced during Artsweek for the Church's Year of Mercy. After he had lunch with the Mini Vinnies and finally came along to our end of topic assembly. At this we presented him our We Believe Book, an anthology of prayers, poems and biblical stories written by every child in the school as a celebration of our faith and learning. It was a wonderful pastoral visit which we will cherish.

This week we had our Science in the Kitchen celebration assembly. I would like to thank all the parents that supported their children in this exciting project. I am told that we received around 40 videos of science in the kitchen and some were absolutely amazing. There was creeping water experiments, lava lamps, floating eggs, exploding volcanoes among many different investigations. Children presented their own videos and used lots of scientific vocabulary. Well done to our runners up and winners and a very big thank you to our in school scientist who led the project, Miss O'Brien.

We started our new term in with the launch of a dramatic assembly for our new English Sci-fi topic. Miss Pape and Mr Helliwell provided a very exciting introduction to the project. Many of the children were dressed up in Sci-fi character costume. The children will be mainly reading the works of the great Sci-fi writer HG Wells. This project will run for 4 weeks. We continue to have great sporting successes in the Langdon Partnership. Our girls are particularly doing very well, especially this week winning the Netball tournament. All in all we are having a very busy but enjoyable time.

James Allen

Come and see our book!



A copy will be at the Book Fair.

We Are Writers

In celebration of our faith, we are very pleased to announce the print of the book which is a collection of spiritual writing by the pupils of our school. You can buy a copy of this fantastic book for £6.00 by either filling the order form that was sent home or at the book fair.

Autumn Second Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 16th October to 4th November 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	97.3	100	0
Y1	99.7	100	0
Y2	99.2	99.34	4
Y3	97.9	99.49	3
Y4	100	100	0
Y5	98.2	98.83	7
Y6	99.2	99.50	3

Winners

Y1 for attendance

Rec, Y1 and Y4 joint outstanding 100% punctuality!!
Outstanding Y1 !!!

Excellent



Reminder

Absences-It is important that the school has written proof of absence. For sickness absences please write a note with the reason of absence. You may bring it to the school when the child returns.

Appointments – You might receive a letter from the hospital or have an appointment card from GP, dentist etc. Please bring to the school office when collecting your child.

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

Altar Servers



Some children in Year 4 have been chosen to take part in some Altar Serving training. Children must have made their First Holy Communion to qualify for the Altar serving training. The training will take place the week beginning 31st October 2016. If your child has been chosen for the Altar server training, we ask that you support your child in attending mass when they are scheduled to altar serve, once training has been completed.



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)



St. Joachim's Sporting Superstars Netball Success



On Tuesday 8th November year 5/6 girls took part in a netball competition at Langdon Academy, after seeing off tough competition from St. Helen's, St. Edward's, St. Luke's, Sandringham, Cleveland, Langdon and North Beckton. The girls managed to win all of their matches and eventually be crowned champions with only conceding ONE point! Congratulations to all the girls. All of your hard work in training paid off and you can be very proud of yourselves.

Mini Vinnie's Sleepover for Homelessness Awareness

On Friday 4th November 2016, fifteen children along with Miss Bradley, Miss Donnelly 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 and had soup and bread for their evening meal before bed time, in St Helen's school hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience which reminded them of the issues of homelessness across the world. They collected sponsor money for the St Vincent De Paul Trust who is a homeless charity. Well done Mini Vinnie's! Keep sponsoring!



Mini Vinnies also visited Westminster Cathedral this week for a Year of Mercy Mass and a tour of Mercy

Newham's Extraordinary Voices Choir

Newham Music has approached St Joachim's about their Extraordinary Voices Choir, the outstanding choir in Newham for years 5 and 6 students. Over the last few years, the choir has performed in venues such as Barbican and Troxy and has had two specially commissioned works written for them.

Our school has been selected, as Newham believe our children show great singing ability and commitment. Membership of the choir is free and

rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings from 5pm until 6pm at Lister Community School, St Mary's Rd, Plaistow, London E13 9AE. If you are interested please ask Miss Bradley for an Extraordinary Voices registration slip or alternatively you can email info@newham-music.org.uk for more information.



ECAM- POLITE REMINDER

Miss Bradley would like to remind **key stage two** children that they must attend and bring their instruments to all ECAM lessons. Music tuition is a very important part of the school curriculum and all music lessons are paid for by the school. I ask that parents continue to support their children by ensuring that they practise regularly, attend lessons and bring their instruments to school on the day of their lesson. All key stage 2 children will be playing in our Music Christmas Concert on December 16th 2016 to show what they have been learning in their lessons.



Remembrance Day



11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

School council representatives, the Head Boy & Head Girl, joined pupils from various schools, and members of the British Legion to mark the day of Remembrance at Central Park.

Bishop Alan visited our school and went to Central Park with our School Council to the annual deanery Remembrance service.

The introductory reading was led by Peace Ogweremu followed by Kosi Fontilio. A wreath was laid on behalf of all the pupils of St Joachim's. Members of the Royal British Legion gave the children some interesting facts about the war and history of some of the soldiers who used to live in the local area.



Nursery Applications

There are some places available in our Nursery. If your child is 3 years or will be 3 years before 31st December we urge you to submit an application form. You can also apply now if your child will be 3 years before 1st May 2017.

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.

NEW Reading Homework Bug club!



As of next week, the children will be given access to the online reading programme *Bug Club*. They will be given individual logins. Running similarly to Conquer Maths, the children will be given weekly comprehension to complete online. Please see the Bug Club Letter for more information and how to support your child with the set tasks.

Y4 at Science Museum

Year 4 we went to the science museum on Monday 7th November as part of our exciting Science Fiction topic. Amongst other things including space, we investigated materials and their properties. We also explored the space area of the Science Museum and we were very lucky to see Britain's first robot, Eric.



We explored the space area at the Science museum and saw lots of astronauts and astronomy equipment. We saw how scientists explored space using satellites and spacecraft.