

Dates for Your Diary



- 23rd & 24th Jan Handprint Theatre Workshops
- 31st Jan 10:15 am Y2 Assembly
- 3rd Feb Y6 at Parliament
- 6th Feb Brilliant Club at Oxford University
- 7th Feb 10:15am Reception Assembly
- 7th Feb Y5 Junior Citizens at Tate and Lyle
- 8th Feb Tempest Photo- Individual

13th February to 17th February-Half Term-School Closed

- 20th Feb 9:00am Topic Information Morning/Shakespeare Project
- 22nd Feb Y1 Hot Potatoe -Venue TBC
- 28th Feb Mini Vinnies Festival
- 1st Mar 9:15am Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday
- 2nd Mar World Book Day – Dress up day
- 10th Mar Y3 Visit to GLA
- 15th Mar Y4 Festival of Voices Practice PM at St Helen's
- 21st Mar Y3 Assembly
- 21st Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation
- 23rd Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation

Sports Events

- 23rd Jan Boys/Girls football League Vs Tolgate
- 25th Jan Basketball Mixed – Y5 and Y6 at Langdon
- 26th Jan Sportshall Athletics KS2 Final at Copper Box
- 1st Mar Handball mixed Y1 and Y2 - Venue TBC
- 8th Mar Handball Mixed Y3 & 4 TBC
- 15th Mar Basketball Boys Y5 and Y6 at Langdon
- 22nd Mar Sportshall Athletics Y3 & 4 Venue TBC

FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's
Association
'Friendship Baked'

We would like to thank the FOSJA members who helped to organise the dazzling Santa Grotto at the Christmas Disco. It was very popular and raised a considerable sum of **£250**. We are very grateful to Mr Stephen Gold who was kind enough to play a major role. Well done FOSJA!!!

Advent & Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Appeal

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the collection boxes. If you still have the box, please send it in with your child on Monday.

Important Message to Parents



It has come to our notice that parents have been entering the school building and going into classrooms looking for members of staff. Please be reminded that if you need to see a member of staff you can see them at the end of the school day, in the playground, or make an appointment through the school office or write a note and hand it to the office staff. No one should be entering the building unless they have spoken to an office staff member or are accompanied by a member of staff. We all have a duty to ensure the safety of the children and everyone in the school.

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have now completed our short classic poetry project which was even better than last year and we are now moving onto annual Citizenship Week Project which focuses on 'Making a Better World'. Once again the aim of the project is to get children to learn about responsibilities as a British citizen and as a Christian. Children will be going on the usual various educational visits and there will also be some drama workshops. During the project the children will be asked to support a toilet twinning charity, which provides toilets for those who still do not have such a basic necessity. £60 provides a single toilet and £240 provides a block, so it would be tremendous if we could contribute to this. It should be a very engaging project as always. The Citizenship project will go hand in hand with the English non-fiction persuasive writing topic over the next week. Children will have the chance to enter a persuasive letter writing competition which Miss Peace will provide the children details of.

Last week I had the pleasure (this is one of the best things about being a Headteacher) of listening to many of our children from Year2 to 6 recite famous classical poems. Myself, Mr Helliwell, Miss Pape and Miss Wilson judged the competition. It was very difficult as the standard was so high. At times some of the children's performances were emotionally powerful. I was genuinely filled with enormous pride and joy at the effort and quality our children gave. Simply to say they were all magnificent. Thank you to all who entered and thank you to Miss Pape for organising this event.

James Allen

Healthy Lunches



The school provides a free hot lunch to all children which includes a choice of meat fish and vegetarian food. We also have a salad bar.

If you send your child with a packed lunch to school please ensure that they have good balanced healthy food. Lunchboxes should not include fast food. Eg. Mc Donalds, KFC.

Sandwiches, fruit, salad, vegetables, a yogurt and juice are all easy to prepare or go online for more ideas.

Autumn Term Attendance

Attendance since 1st January to 14th January 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.5	99.80	1
Y1	99.8	99.59	2
Y2	98.3	98.96	5
Y3	94.6	98.96	5
Y4	97.5	99.59	2
Y5	96.3	98.25	9
Y6	98.3	100	0



Winners

Y6 for 100% and YR for a close 99.8% punctuality!!

Y1 for 99.8% attendance Excellent!!!

Classic Poetry Recitals

Last week saw the conclusion to our Classic Poems Recitals project. It was a rather challenging project as each class had to learn a classic poem off by heart and recite it in a celebration assembly. Of course, each class performed wonderfully and their recitals were very well-received by the audience. Well done, everyone!

As part of the project, we also ran a Recital competition for solo performers. Children from years 2 to 6 were invited to sign up and perform in front of a panel of judges. The performances were judged on a strict criteria, and awarded marks.

We had over 40 entries, and were extremely impressed by the recitals we heard. They were emotive, captivating and a delight to listen to. Well done to everyone who entered.

Our poetry recital winners for 2017:

Peace - Yr 6 - 'Remember' by Christina Rossetti

Emmanuela - Yr 4 - 'The Fieldmouse' by Cecil Frances Alexander

Our runners-up for 2017:

Laurelle - Yr 2 - 'Answer to a Child's Question' by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Chiamaka - Yr 5 - 'The Fieldmouse' by Cecil Frances Alexander



Citizenship Project



Monday 23rd January is the launch of our new citizenship project, **A Better World**. The Handprint Theatre will be working with the children alongside teachers in art and drama activities about how the children can make a difference to the world. On Thursday 26th KS2 children will be given the opportunity to talk to different charities, at a charity fair. This will give the children the opportunity to ask questions to help them think and understand the good work the charities do and let them choose for themselves which charity they would support.

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.



Child Road Safety IMPORTANT



We would like to remind some parents that the yellow zig-zag lines around the school are no parking. They were put on the roads for the benefit of the children only to keep them safe.

Please do not park on them.

Even more importantly there are ramps near the school entrances as crossing points for children.

Please do not stop on them at all.

It only takes one accident! Most people are considerate and cooperate well. We don't really want to request for parking attendants outside our school to fine people.

Please work together to keep all our children safe.



The Science Dome

This Friday, the Science Dome came to our school and every class got to visit it! The huge dome was inflated in the hall, and the children met Mr G who delivered a range of exciting workshops such as; *Light and Sound* and *Beyond the Solar System*. The children learnt about how the planets orbit the sun and how the sun rises and sets. It was a great experience. Everyone learnt lots of really interesting facts about space, like how the moon was made and how long it takes for planets to orbit the sun. We even had some special visitors from St Helen's who joined year 6 in the dome and then met with the science ambassadors to discuss an exciting competition for next term!

