

Dates for Your Diary



- 28th Mar Y2 at Unicorn Theatre PM
 - 29th Mar 2:30 and 5:30pm Maths Parents' Workshop
 - 31st Mar KS2 Stations of the Cross
 - 4th Apr Whole School Mass
 - 5th Apr Whole School Mass for Holy Week
 - 7th April – Last Day of Term – School finishes at 3:15pm
 - 10th April to 21st April – Easter Holiday
 - 24th Apr Return to School
 - 26th Apr Y1 at Creekside Discovery Centre
 - 26th Apr Y2 at Pizza Express
 - 26th Apr Year 4's for Maths Challenge Heats
 - 27th Apr International Day
 - 1st May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
 - 2nd May Rec & Y6 Weight & Height
 - 2nd May 10am Y5 Assembly
 - 3rd May 2:30 and 5:30pm RE Parents' Workshop
 - 4th May Nursery at Docklands museum 'I live in London'
 - 8th May KS2 SATs Week
 - 15th May KS1 SATs Week
 - 16th May 10:00am Nursery Assembly
 - 22nd May Y3-6 Summer Assessment Week
 - 17th May French Day
- Sports Events**
- 29th Mar Y5/6 Table Tennis Mixed at Langdon
 - 30th Mar Boys/Girls Newham League @ Royal Docks
 - 26th Apr Y5 & Y6 Boys Football at A2 UEL
 - 3rd May Y3/4 Mixed Tennis at Langdon
 - 10th May Y1/2 Boys Football at Langdon



Sports News

Girls' Football Team at Crystal Palace

On 23rd March 2017 the girls' football team won the right to play at the biggest schools football tournament at Crystal Palace in London where they were up against the best schools from each of the 32 London boroughs.



The girls put in an admirable performance just falling short, having lost 1 game in their group matches but overall had won 1, lost 1 and drew 5.

A great achievement for the girls and the school!!

Spring Term Attendance

Attendance since 6th March to 18th March 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	99.7	99.84	1
Y1	99.3	99.67	2
Y2	99.0	99.50	3
Y3	98.3	99.34	4
Y4	98.7	100	0
Y5	98.8	99.17	5
Y6	98.2	Booster	-



Winners

Attendance – Rec at 99.7% Very good.

Punctuality – Y4 at a perfect 100%

Punctuality has greatly improved in all the classes.

Well done!!!

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

It was great to see so many of you at school this week for the parents' consultation evening. All the parents I spoke to were very positive about the format of the meetings.

Soon we will be approaching the season of tests with the Year 6 KS2 assessments starting at the beginning of May. Parents often ask how they can help their children for these assessments. There are plenty of revision and practice sites on the internet but perhaps one of the best is BBC Bitesize for children. Of course we have for all our children Conquer Maths and Bug Club software which are amazing and really help children.

Last week we concluded our Fantastic Shakespeare project with some wonderful celebration assemblies. The governors watched some of the performances on the Friday assembly and were amazed at the quality of the drama. The Shakespeare drama competition was amazing with the winners Chiamaka and Jessica being absolutely wonderful. Thank you to Miss Pape for organising and leading such a fantastic project.

Our next project week is Maths week, which starts on Monday. This project is going to focus on money problems and enterprise. We are looking forward to all the exciting activities for the week. All our children in KS2 are lucky enough to have free musical instrument tuition. Recently we were treated to a music assembly by some of our children and it was clear to hear that they had learnt well and were progressing. We are expecting quite a few of our children, next term, to take music exams such as grade 1 from the Royal College of Music. I would like to congratulate children who practice regularly at home. They are the children who have made the most progress. I would like to strongly encourage all children who are being provided FREE musical instrument tuition to practice at least 10 minutes every day.

I would finally like to wish all our mothers a very happy Mothers' Day on Sunday. May your children look after you.

James Allen

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

Toilet Twinning fund raising



As a faith school, we are called upon to help those less fortunate. For Citizenship week we had an assembly from Toilet Twinning charity where they raise money for toilets in Africa. We also had a talent competition which was very successful and now the school would be grateful if parents as well could send in a contribution to support this charity.

Please send in your contribution by Tuesday 28th March 2017.

Thank you for your support.



The Big Pedal 27th March 2017



St Joachim's takes part in the national cycle competition The Big Pedal. Each class will monitor and record how many children cycle to school each day. The Bike Crew will collect and collate results. The winning class will get to use the Smoothie Bike.

There will be a 'Bike it Breakfast' is on 28th March 2017.

Maths Week 2017



Next week we will be launching our annual Maths Week. This year's focus is 'Financial Capability'. In each class the children will be learning about money but also making lots of cross curricular links to financial capability. The main event of the week involves the children planning and resourcing a class product which they will sell at Friday's whole school mini market. Throughout the week there will be lots of maths challenges taking place, we will also have a 'Sponsored Times Tables Challenge'. The children will learn their times tables over a two week period while gathering as much sponsorship as possible and on Friday 7th April they will take part in a times tables challenge.

Shakespeare Celebration Assemblies



Last week saw the conclusion of our wonderful and somewhat epic Shakespeare project. During the last month, the children have studied the plays of the famous bard, participated in workshops, watched performances and even gone on a Shakespearean walk around London. The project came to a conclusion with our traditional celebration assemblies in which the children performed scenes from the plays they had studied.

EYFS and KS1 entertained the audience of children and parents with very comedic interpretations of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, whilst Y3 and 4 gave stirring and patriotic renditions of *Henry Vs* St Crispin Day speech. In upper KS2, the children put on a mature and powerful performance of *Macbeth*.

The assemblies also celebrated the wonderful competition entries which had been submitted for the project - including fantastic models, beautiful hand-drawn portraits and inventive Top Trump game cards. Special mention must go to Zeena in Y6 who made a fantastic bust of Macbeth's head.

During the project, a drama competition was also opened to all children in Yrs 4, 5 and 6 with the entrants challenged to perform a scene or recite a soliloquy from Shakespeare's original writings.

The judges were amazed by the performances, and it was hard to choose winners.

First place: Jessica and Chiamaka (Y5)
Second place: Egheose (Y6)
Runners-up: Peace, Teresa and Ella (Y6)
Honourable mention: Abigail (Y3)



Commonwealth Choir

Two children from the Commonwealth Choir, who are in year 5, proudly represented St Joachim's on Tuesday 14th March and sang at a special event at Lancaster House.

The children sang with the Commonwealth Orchestra to an audience of special guests. They sang beautifully and did St Joachim's proud.



Well done and thank you Chiamaka and Jessica!

Year 3 visit to the GLA

Last week, year 3 enjoyed an informative visit to City Hall where they were fortunate enough to meet the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

The children spent time learning about the importance of tourism in London and discussing key issues, such as transport within the city. They were shown detailed plans of the new and exciting *Crossrail* project! Highlights of the trip included voting on the next artwork to be installed on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square and a visit to the assembly hall, where the children were privileged to observe an important planning meeting with the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.



Lenten Alms Giving -



CAFOD has launched a major emergency appeal for the serious famine in East Africa. As Christians we have a duty in Lent to give alms and help those in need. Therefore as our Lenten fundraising we will be getting all our children to do a sponsored maths times table learning challenge. Children will come home with a sponsor form and letter. It would be wonderful to raise a good sum of money for these desperately poor people. Parents could help their children raise money by getting sponsors at work or perhaps from some neighbours. Please help your child do some good for others.