

Dates for Your Diary



- 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 Potato -Venue TBC
- 27th Feb Y5 at Design Museum
- 28th Feb Mini Vinnies Festival
- 1st Mar 9:15am Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday
- 2nd Mar World Book Day – Dress up day
- 3rd Mar Y4 Shakespeare Walk
- 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

- 28th Feb Boys and Girls Football league
- 1st Mar Handball mixed Y1 and Y2 - Venue TBC
- 8th Mar Handball Mixed Y3 & 4 TBC
- 9th Mar Boys and Girls League Match at Rosetta
- 15th Mar Basketball Boys Y5 and Y6 at Langdon
- 22nd Mar Sportshall Athletics Y3 & 4 Venue TBC

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

We come to the end of our Citizenship week project which has been based on 'A Better World'. This project has been focussed on the various ways people help to make the world a better place for everyone. As usual we have had several educational visits to different places to learn about democracy and governance such as Year 6 visiting the Houses of Parliament. We had a charity fair which we held in the new parish hall with 6 different charities. As a school we also learnt about the work of one particular charity, 'Toilet Twinning' which as its name suggest works on providing good and safe sanitation for different parts of the world. I would like to thank everyone for all the financial support they have given to this charity. As part of the project, children learnt through English lessons, how to compose and write persuasive letters. Today we held our end of project assembly where children shared their learning through this project. It was a joyful celebration and the children showed that they had learnt a lot about different ways of how to 'Make a Better World'. We thank Miss Peace for leading this wonderful project.

After half term we look forward to starting our next project which will be all about Shakespeare. Miss Pape will be leading this project, where she has organised some very exciting drama workshops and educational visits, as well as many exciting learning activities. This project will last for four weeks.

Finally I want to congratulate all the Year 6 pupils for their great efforts since returning from Christmas for turning up on time each day for the booster lessons and for working so hard on the extra homework they receive in preparation for their summer tests. They are amazing!

James Allen



Healthy Lunches

Our 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 14th January to 28th January 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	96.5	99.17	5
Y1	99.3	99.50	3
Y2	97.3	98.99	6
Y3	96.7	98.17	11
Y4	96.8	99.50	3
Y5	97.3	98.83	7
Y6	99.7	100	0

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Winners

Y1 and Y4 at 99.5% Punctuality!!

Y6 at 99.7% for attendance Excellent!!!

ROAD SAFETY Child Road Safety IMPORTANT



We wish 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 or stop 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.

Important Message to Parents



Moving Home or Change of Contact

If you have moved to another address then parents need to inform the school. Please take 2 proof of address to the school office ie. Council tax bill and a utility bill or bank statement. Also if you change your emergency contact details such as your mobile phone number then we must have it.

Collecting Children

If parents wish to change collection of children at home time arrangements then they must inform the school in writing. If it's a one off occurrence then they can call the school to let us know. Safeguarding children is our main priority.

Uniform

All children **must** wear **proper shoes** for school. It has been noted that some girls have been wearing boots.

Children throughout the school should **not** wear jewellery, including earrings. Watches may be worn in KS2.



The Primary Dickens Award

As we recently shared, St. Joachim's won The Primary Dickens Award (open to the nation). On 25th January, 8 children, including our Head boy and girl, attended the Awards Ceremony at the Charles Dickens Museum. Upon arrival, they were congratulated, and then taken on a VIP tour of the Museum. The school was then presented with a cheque for £250 by the Dickens Fellowship, and informed that our work will be showcased on the English Association Website, and in *English 4-11* magazine. What an achievement for our school! Well done, everybody.



A Better World With The Handprint Theatre



Well done to all the children of St Joachim's for another fantastic Citizenship project **A Better World**. From assemblies and workshops with the Handprint Theatre, persuasive writing English activities and Q & A opportunities with several local charities, the children have appreciated and understood how we, as individual citizens, can make a better world. Impressive persuasive letters were written by the children of whom prizes will be given today in our celebration assembly. And finally to celebrate our project, and fundraise for our chosen charity Toilet Twinning, the children were invited to enter our St Joachim's Got Talent contest on Thursday. The contest was very successful and the talent was exceptional, so very hard to judge. Well done to all the winners!!!



St Joachim's Shakespeare Project 20th February to 17th March

For English we will be studying William Shakespeare for 4 weeks after half term. The children will learn about the bard himself and they will read, write about and dramatise one of his plays. We will have the Freshwater Theatre Company in and Hobgoblin Theatre Company in for various shows and drama workshops. There will of course be the usual super competitions and KS2 children will get to go on a London Shakespearean walk where they may get to meet one or two of his famous characters.

Early Years & KS1 will study '**A Midsummers Night Dream**'

Years 3&4 - **Henry V**

Years 5&6 - **Macbeth**

This will be a very exciting project.



Y5 at Stratford Town Hall Holocaust Memorial Day

On Friday 27th January Year five attended the Holocaust Memorial Day at Stratford Old Town Hall. It was an incredible experience and the children were given an insight into the suffering and heartbreak that many people went through. Harry Olmer, a Holocaust survivor, shared his experiences with the audience. Four of our children performed a poem and the whole class received lots of positive feedback about how respectful and mature they were.

Y5, you were all wonderful ambassadors for the school!!!



Newham Finals Y5 and Y6

On 26th January pupils from Yr 5&6 took part in a Newham finals event. This was the second year at the Copperbox situated in the Olympic park.

Although we came 12th place the children should be proud for their excellent team work and effort against very strong opposition. Well done!!