

Dates for Your Diary



10 th Jan	Y4 start Swimming Lessons at Leisure Centre
11 th Jan	9:15 Whole School Mass
12 th Jan	9:00am Reception Parents' Phonics Meeting
13 th Jan	2:00pm Poetry Recitals Y1 to Y6
17 th Jan	10:00am Y2 Assembly
19 th Jan	Y6 at Theatre Royal
2 nd Feb	Brilliant Club at Oxford University - TBC
3 rd Feb	Y6 at Parliament
7 th Feb	10:00am Reception Assembly
7 th Feb	Y5 Junior Citizens at Tate and Lyle
9 th Feb	Individual Photographs
13th February to 17th February - Half Term - School Closed	

Sports Events

11 th Jan	Sportshall Athletic Year 5 and 6 at A2 UEL
18 th Jan	Sportshall Athletic Year 5 and 6 – Venue TBC
25 th Jan	Basketball Mixed – Y5 and Y6 at Langdon
26 th Jan	Sportshall Athletics KS2 Final at Copper Box
1 st Feb	Handball mixed Y1 and Y2 - Venue TBC



RECEPTION 2017/2018

Born between 1st September 2012 & 31st August 2013

If your child was born between the above dates you need to apply for a Reception place.

Application forms must be submitted by 15th January 2016.

We advise that you submit the forms at least a week before this date for checking.

Childcare Parent Survey

By London Borough of Newham

A survey by LBN has now gone live. Parents are able to go to www.newham.gov.uk/childcaresurvey and complete a short survey. The data parents provide will be used confidentially. Parents who complete the survey will be automatically entered in a prize draw to be in with a chance of winning £100 worth of shopping vouchers. The survey will be closing on Friday 13th January 2017.

Classic Poetry Recitals

Since the start of this term, the children have been studying Classic Poetry – with a focus on recital. As part of the project, the children will be reciting poetry off by heart in a celebration assembly, which parents are warmly invited to attend. (13/01/17 Yrs 1-6 2pm)
A competition will also be held on Tuesday for solo recitals – with the winners receiving a trophy! Winners will be announced on Friday. The best of luck for all those taking part!

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,

Happy New Year! It is very good to be back at school. The children and staff certainly seem to be happy to be back.

This spring term we have lots of activities and projects planned to take place, which are always very enjoyable. We have already started with our new Classics poetry project where children will get to learn about great poets, explore the use of language and learn and recite different poems. We will soon start out annual Citizenship Weeks project. The theme of this year's project is 'A Better World'.

Miss Peace has once again got together the before and after school clubs programme which began yesterday, just one day after the children returned. I am pleased to say once again we have over **30 clubs** before and after school, running this term. In addition to this we also are running before school booster sessions for all the Year 6 pupils. There are still a few vacancies in some of the clubs, which children may apply for directly to Miss Peace.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and friends of the school for their generous wishes to the school for Christmas, and especially thank those who gave gifts to members of staff. These were all very gratefully received.

Thank you. James Allen

Attendance

Illness- We would like to remind parents to send a note when their child has an absence from school because of sickness. It is important that we know the reason why the child was absent, in writing.

Medical- Non urgent appointments should be done outside of school hours. Letters of appointments from hospital, doctor, dentist etc. have to be shown to the office staff when collecting children during school hours for their appointment.

Other Absence- There is an 'Exceptional Leave of Absence' form (available from school office), that parents must complete if a child is being taken out of school during term time. Thank you for your co-operation.

It is important to direct any concerns or queries to the school office where you will receive more accurate information.

Autumn Term Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 21st December 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	96.6	99.76	10
Y1	99.2	99.68	14
Y2	98.1	98.72	57
Y3	97.9	99.22	38
Y4	99.2	99.78	10
Y5	98.9	99.28	32
Y6	98.7	99.53	21

Winners

Y1 and Y4 for 99.2% attendance

Y4 also for 99.78% punctuality!!

Excellent!!!



Clubs Timetable for Spring Term 2017



Club places have already been allocated and started on Thursday 5th January. After school clubs finish at 4:30pm Your child will only be able to attend the clubs allocated to him/her.

Thank you for your co-operation in completing the out of hours club slips in great time and your patience in finding out your child's selected clubs. All clubs are now full; apart from **Monday AM Bug Club for KS2 and KS2 choir on Wednesdays and Thursdays PM.** If your child would like to join any of these three clubs, then please inform Miss Peace. **Please keep this timetable for reference**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Multiskills Mrs Oliver KS1	Multiskills Mrs Oliver KS1	Multiskills Mrs Oliver KS1	Multiskills Mrs Oliver KS1	
	Tennis KS1 & 2 Icon	KS2 Sports Miss Davison			
	Bug Club KS2 Miss Oguntona				
PM KS1	Team Time Yr 1 & 2 Miss Donnelly	Dance Yr 1 & 2 Miss Oguntona	Science Yr 1 & 2 Mrs Avers	Maths Yr 1 & 2 Miss Davison	Maths Yr 1 & 2 Miss Davison
	Book Club Yr 1 & 2 Mrs Gay		Drawing and Sketching Yr1 & 2 Miss Davison	Drawing Yr 1 & 2 Mrs Avers	Football Yr 1 & 2 Mr White
PM KS2	Book Club Yr 3 & 4 Mrs Oliver	Maths Yr 4 Miss Bradley	Homework Yr 3,4,5,6 Mrs Hamilton	Dance Yr 3,4,5,6 Mrs Oguntona	G.T. Sports KS2 Mr Hassett
	Netball Yr 3,4,5,6 Mr Curran	Homework Yr 3,4,5,6 Mrs Hamilton	Choir Yr 3,4,5,6 Mrs Oguntona	Girls Football Yr 5 & 6 Mr Curran	Hockey Yr 3 & 4 Mr White
	Violin Yr5 ECAM	First Aid Yr 3,4,5,6 Mrs Avers	Sports Mr White Yr 3,4,5,6	Choir Yr 3,4,5,6 Mrs Venn	JTA Yr 3,4,5 & 6 Miss Peace
	Clarinet Yr 5 ECAM	Minnie Vinnies Yr 3,4,5,6 Miss Wilson	Drama KS2 Mr Helliwell & Miss Pape	Chess KS1&2 Mr Dybowski	Violin & Trumpet Yr 6 ECAM
		Boys Football Yr 5 & 6 Mr Curran			
		Trumpet Y5 ECAM			

Schofield & Sims Homework for KS2

All children in KS2 have Schofield & Sims homework books for maths, grammar and reading. They will receive their Schofield & Sims homework on a Monday and it MUST be handed in to the class teacher on Thursday. This is in addition to weekly homework, conquer maths, bug club etc. If your child struggles to complete their homework we suggest they apply for a place in homework club.

Nativity DVD-Instructions

Christmas DVD Play - Troubleshoot.

Please follow these rules Click the start menu, Click my computer. Click DVD Icon - Play in Windows Media Player. We recommend VLC player which both can be downloaded.

MAC - Click finder. Click DVD Icon - Play using Quicktime (VLC player downloaded)

Citizenship Project

Beginning 23rd January 2017 for two weeks, St Joachim's are looking forward to starting their exciting new Citizenship project **A Better World**. The children will get the opportunity to understand and learn about how to be a better citizen through debates, charity work, community links, educational visits to parliament and Tate and Lyle, assemblies and workshops with the Handprint Theatre.



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.

