



Dates for Your Diary

10th April to 21st April – Easter Holiday

- 24th Apr Return to School
- 24th Apr 9-9:15am Topic Information
- 26th Apr Y1 at Creekside Discovery Centre
- 26th Apr Y2 at Pizza Express
- 26th Apr Y3 and Y4'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'
- 5th May Rec Class at Docklands Museum
- 8th May KS2 SATs Week
- 15th May KS1 SATs Week
- 16th May 10:00am and 2:30pm NurAssembly



17th May French Day

22nd May Y3-6 Summer Assessment Week

Sports Events

- 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



International Day Thursday 27th April 2017



We will be proudly celebrating International day on Thursday 27th April. At 9.15am we will be holding a whole school mass in St Anne's Church to celebrate the diversity of cultures represented at St. Joachim's. All parents and family are welcome to attend the mass. Children are more than welcome to come to school in their traditional cultural clothing instead of their school uniform. **Children are not allowed to wear football kits** and if not in traditional dress will be expected to wear full school uniform. We will be having our Food Tasting celebration at 3.30pm. If you would like to bring a dish to this event, it is helpful if it is delivered to the school before 3.15pm, therefore if you are bringing in food on the day, **please can you bring it to the school kitchen via the car park on Berwick Road from 2.30pm.**

We are very much looking forward to International Day and would like to thank parents, guardians and supporters of International Day, for their generosity and support as this day would not be possible without it. - Miss Bradley



Child Road Safety IMPORTANT



We have had complaints from local residents.

We would like to remind some parents that the yellow zig-zag lines around the school are no parking zones. 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 work together to keep all our children safe.



From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have come to the end of a very busy and hardworking spring term.

I firstly would like to praise all the Y6 children for coming to boosters every day at 8am. The whole of Y6 have been working extra hard since January coming to daily boosters and doing more homework than usual. So many of the children are making great progress. I wish to thank the teachers, Miss Wilson, Miss Pape and Mr Helliwell who give up their own time so generously to do these lessons.

Next term we will be carrying out most of our school assessments. During assessment weeks it is vital children are prepared for school fully and in on time.

On Monday this week we were informed by the Education Funding Agency that they will be funding the expansion of St. Joachim's school. St. Joachim's has been here since 1896 and this will be the first time in its history that it will have two forms of entry. By the year 2023 St. Joachim's will have 420pupils in the school. For more information about the expansion of the school please see the letter sent home today.

Today I have also sent home a letter about school meals, the 'Eat for Free' scheme. Please read it.

This year we have been focussing on Lent in a number of ways. Last week all of KS2 took part in Stations of the Cross which helped the children further understand about the passion and death of our Lord. On Wednesday we had our school Holy Week Mass where the school council members had their feet washed. It was a beautiful Mass especially as everyone participated so reverently. Today we ended our term with the Easter Story by our Drama Club. As always it was so well enacted out by the children and a very special and memorable moment for us all. The giving of alms by our children has also been very important part of our Lenten preparation. Well done to all our children who have raised money for the East African famine appeal through the Times Table Challenge and the mini-market. Thank you also to all those wonderful parents who supported their children in doing this.

May I finally wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

James Allen

Important- Please see letters on 'School Expansion' and school meals 'Eat for Free'-KS2. The letters were handed to all children from Y1 to Y6.

Spring Term Attendance

Attendance since 20th March to 31st March 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	99.7	99.67	2
Y1	99.0	99.50	3
Y2	99.3	98.67	8
Y3	99.0	100	0
Y4	99.3	99.67	2
Y5	99.0	99.17	5
Y6	99.7	Booster	-



Winners

Attendance – Rec and Y6 at 99.7% Very good.

Punctuality – Y3 at a perfect 100%

Punctuality has greatly improved in all the classes.

Well done!!!

Musical Maths Competition Winners

I would like to say a big well done and thank you to the children who entered the Musical Maths Competition during Maths week. Children wrote their own songs, raps and some children even wrote their own music. All children who entered were fantastic and it was very difficult to choose the winners.

Big congratulations to Eva and Emmanuella, in Year 5, who won 3rd place, Sam, Rebecca, Jessica and Chiamaka, in

Year 5, who won 2nd place and Nii Tetty in Year 4 who won 1st place! Well done everyone! They will be awarded their trophies in front of the whole school at Assembly when we return after Easter.



Y2 at the Unicorn Theatre

On the 28th of March year 2 set off for London Bridge to visit the Unicorn Theatre. We watched a very exciting performance called the Velveteen Rabbit. It was about a young boy and a toy rabbit who desperately wanted to become real. They went on many adventures and at the end of the performance our class was very surprised to see a living rabbit come on to the stage!



Information for Parents

King's College London have designed a Gameplan, an innovative educational resource that schools across the country are engaging with.

www.gameplan.ac.uk is a free games-based website that allows 9-14 year olds and their parents to explore university. Using games, videos and animations, the site offers pupils and parents interactive advice and guidance on how to access highly selective universities.

Maths Week 2017



Last week we held our annual Maths Week. This year the focus was on Financial Capability. The children took part in a wide range of exciting activities, the children learnt about money and made lots of links to real life situations involving money. The main event of the week involved the children planning and resourcing a class product which they sold at the whole school mini market, the children had some fantastic ideas.

Y2 had the greatest success with their personalised bracelets.



CAFOD
Just one world

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.

As part of maths week the children designed and produced products to sell at the whole school Mini Market, this raised £459.19. Today lots of children took part in our first ever Times Tables Challenge, sponsorship money has not yet been counted but well done to all those who took part. A special well done to our highest fundraisers, Lordperseus (Y4) and Laurelle (Y2), between them they raised £184.

Special Visitor - Alli

On Wednesday 5th April St Joachim's had a very special visitor. It was a wonderful experience to have a puppy in school.

We feel extremely lucky and privileged to have had her visit us. Alli is very cute and tiny. We want to thank Mr Allen for allowing her to come to school and hopefully she will be able to come again. Year 5.



Newham City Farm Easter Events

Tuesday 4 and 11 April	11am - 3.30pm	Be a Farmer for a day - Hands on activity where you can learn more about working on a farm and caring for animals. £40 per person. Please book in advance by emailing Theresa.salmon@newham.gov.uk.
Saturday 8 and 15 April	11am - 3pm	Meet and Greet session - This is your chance to get up close and personal to farm animals.
Sunday 16 April	12pm - 4pm	Easter Trail - An educational activity tracking Easter eggs around the farm. Also includes meet and greet sessions.
Tuesday 4 to Friday 7 April	12pm - 4pm	Play ping pong in the surroundings of the farm.
Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 April	12pm - 4pm	Play ping pong in the surroundings of the farm.
Monday 3 and 10 April	Closed	
Monday 17 April	Open for Bank Holiday	

All activities are free unless stated otherwise so but there is a suggested donation of £2 for adults and £1 for children. All groups need to pre-book and see www.newham.gov.uk

Newham City Farm, Stansfeld Road, Beckton, London, E8 5LT

