

Dates for Your Diary



- 12th Dec 1:30pm KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec 9:30am KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 14th Dec Children's Christmas Lunch
- 14th Dec 6:00-8:00pm School Disco
- 16th Dec 9:30am KS2 Music Concert
- 19th Dec 7:00pm School Carol Service at St Anne's Church



21st December- Last Day of School
9:15am Whole School Mass

Pupils Finish at 1:30pm-Please Collect Children Promptly

- 3rd Jan Staff Inset - School Closed
- 4th Jan Children Return Back to School
- 4th Jan 9:00 -9:15am Parent information Morning
- 11th Jan 9:00am Reception Parents' Phonics Meeting

Sports Events

- 14th Dec Cricket Mixed Y5/6 at A2 UEL
- 4th Jan Sportshall Athletic Year 3 and 4 at A1 UEL
- 11th Jan Sportshall Athletic Year 5 and 6 at A2 UEL

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am- £2 per session

Morning Clubs start at 8:15am

School Starts: From 8:45am ~ Children can go directly to their class.

Nursery Applications for January Start

Apply now if your child is 3 years or will be 3 years before 1st May 2017.

Applications can be downloaded from our web site. www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for a form.



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.

Reception to Y6 Mid Year Admissions

Throughout the year we do have families move out of the area and so from time to time we have vacancies at St. Joachim's. If you know anyone who has a child that would like to send their child to our Catholic school, please let them know that they need to apply in order for them to have a chance for a place. Applications can be downloaded from our web site.

www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.

KS1/FS Christmas Performance



FS and KS1 performance will be recorded and we will have a DVD for sale. The cost per DVD is £5.00 and the money raised will be going towards FOSJA to help for the purchase of a school minibus.

A letter was sent home with an order form.

You can hand in the form with the money at the school office.

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

School continues to be busy and exciting with many activities going on as normal. Last week we Year 2 to Year 6 completed autumn term assessments in Reading, writing, maths and grammar. The results of these will be shared with parents shortly.

Next week we have our annual Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity dramas, which promise to be very special. Following this, on Monday 19th we will have our annual Christmas Carol concert in St. Anne's followed by some traditional mince pies and mulled wine in the parish hall afterwards.

Hopefully we will get a good turn out from our parents and friends.

This week I received fantastic news that our school won the Primary Dickens Award from the English Association for outstanding written work and study on the works of Charles Dickens. This was a national competition, and so we are very proud of our children who contributed and also Miss Pape who led the whole project. The organisation wants to display some of our work on their website.

As part of preparation for Christmas, as is tradition during Advent, children from Years 4,5 and 6 will be going to confession. Parents please could you go through with your child the prayers of confession, particularly the Act of Contrition.

Final word is on our visit to Rome. As you may know we went with St Edward's and St. Michael's. It was an amazing pilgrimage where we all had so many uplifting moments among which we prayed at the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul and we had our own Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. It was truly amazing. **James Allen**

We Are Writers

NEARLY SOLD OUT!



You can buy a copy of this fantastic book for £6.00 from the school office. Only a few copies left, so hurry if you don't want to be disappointed!

Autumn Second Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 7th November to 26th November 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	95.3	99.78	2
Y1	97.9	99.56	4
Y2	99.1	98.78	11
Y3	97.8	99.2	7
Y4	99.7	100	0
Y5	98.7	99.66	3
Y6	98.7	99.56	4

Winners

Y4 for 99.7% attendance and also for 100% punctuality!!
Excellent, Amazing !!!





KS2 Carol Service

On Monday 19th December

We will be holding our annual KS2 Christmas Carol Service. As a Catholic school, this is one of the most important religious occasions in our school year. All KS2 children are expected to attend. Children who are in the drama will need to be at school by 6pm and all other KS2 children will need to report to the school at 6.30pm.

Parents are warmly welcome and encouraged to join us at this most special and joyful celebration at St. Anne's at 7pm prompt. There will be the usual collection of contemporary and classical carols for all to join in. There will also be a very special Nativity drama given by our KS2 Drama Club. Afterwards there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the school hall.

We will take a collection for the Catholic Children's Society



DISCO

14th December
6:00 till 8:00



Tickets are available to buy from the office, or you can buy them at the door, depending on availability.

An adult has to accompany the children.

Child: £2.00. Adult: £2.00

TUCK-SHOP

There will be a tuck-shop for children where they can buy drinks and snacks.

Parents will be provided with free non-alcoholic refreshments.

The Primary Dickens Award

It is with great delight and genuine pride that I can announce that St. Joachim's recently won *The Primary Dickens Award*. The award is organised by The Dickens Fellowship and the English Association and supported by the Charles Dickens Museum, who opened a nationwide competition to all schools. They were looking for:

"schools where children have been encouraged to enjoy Dickens's work through a project which links regular English work with other areas of the curriculum."

Having recently done The Dickens Project, we applied for the Award, and after submitting evidence, we received the following feedback.

"The judging panel met last week and we are delighted to inform you that your school will receive *The Primary Dickens Award*. The standard this year was exceptionally high and the judges asked me to pass on to you their congratulations on the amount of work you did and the depth of understanding of Dickens, his work and his world, that the children's work showed." Miss Pape



BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

On Sunday 18th December at 4pm in BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL, there will be a wonderful SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS in preparation for Christmas.

The Master of Music, Mr. Andrew Wright, will be conducting the BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CHOIR and the Cathedral Organist, Mr. Stephen King, will accompany the Choir. Bishop Alan will be presiding and there will be Mince Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards in the Cathedral Parish Hall.



BIKE IT TO SCHOOL



We kicked off our Bike It to School movement with a fantastic introductory assembly from SusTrans! The children discussed the different ways that riding a bike or scooter to school can keep our bodies active and healthy.

All pupils, parents and staff at the school were invited to bring their scooters and bicycles in for a free healthy breakfast and bike repair. We met Dr. Bike who spent the day getting our bikes in tip top condition for riding. Thanks to SusTrans for the delicious, croissants, fruit and fresh juice!



Mini Vinnies Singing at Trafalgar Square

Ten Mini Vinnies were carol singing at Trafalgar square on Wednesday evening raising money for FOSJA. The evening was a great success and the children were warmly welcomed by the public at Trafalgar square who even sang along with us. Well done to the ten Mini Vinnies who did St Joachim's proud with their beautiful carol singing.



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.