



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

## 1st December 2017



### Dates for Your Diary



- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Assessment Week Y3-6
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Choir Sing at Custom House Library
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Musical Instrument Christmas Assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Flu Vaccine
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:30pm KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec NHS Dental Visit for Nurs, Rec, Y1
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec School Christmas Lunch
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 6-8pm School Disco
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm KS2 Carol Concert at St Anne's Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am Christmas Mass

**19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term**  
**School finishes at 1:30pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – Inset Day – School Closed**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 – Children Return to School**



- 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 9:00am Reception Parents Phonics Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:00am Y2 Assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2:30 and 5:30pm D&T Parents' Workshop

### Sports Events

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Y3/4 Football Mixed
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Chess Grand Prix-Round 3 in Church Hall
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Y5/6 Football at Langdon
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Y1/2 Girl's Handball at Langdon
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Y5/6 Cricket Mixed at UEL



### Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 6<sup>th</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.7	99.67	3
Y1	99.0	99.90	1
Y2	98.6	100	0
Y3	98.6	99.18	8
Y4	96.4	98.67	12
Y5	100	99.23	17
Y6	99.3	98.34	15



### Winners - First Half Term

**Y5 had perfect 100% attendance**  
**Y2 had perfect 100% punctuality Brilliant!!**

### 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. 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,

As you may have noticed, our building works have started now with the demolition of our porter cabin classroom and our Inclusion Room building. We are now settled into our new routines within the school and life goes on as normal.

Next week we look forward to our Early Years and KS1 Christmas nativities. As always the children and staff have been hard at work practising and learning their parts. We also look forward to our musical instrument assembly on Tuesday where our musicians will be playing various pieces of music with a Christmas theme.

This time of year can often be the time when children can pick up sickness bugs and heavy colds. We make every effort to keep the children healthy by encouraging them to wash their hands after the toilet or before meals. We also use hand gel and our cleaners disinfect our door handles and other items that are held. If your child does get a bout of sickness or diarrhoea then please ensure that they don't return to school whilst they are experiencing this. It was once again brought to the attention of governors that there were concerns over parents parking on the zig-zag lines at home-time when collecting children. I cannot emphasise enough that these lines are there purely for the benefit of the school and its children. Please respect this and do not stop or park on these lines as it is so important to keep all our children safe. It only takes one accident!

Finally, next week is the Autumn term assessment week for Yrs 3-6. These assessments will inform us of the progress so far of the children this term and will be used to help us support the children throughout the rest of the school year. KS1 will be doing their assessments after the Nativity performances.

Have a pleasant weekend.

James Allen

### RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2018-2019

For children born between  
**1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014**



This is an information meeting for parents who have children who will be 5 years old next academic year and would like them to attend a Catholic School. Application packs are available at the school office. Closing date for submission of forms is



**15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

We advise parents to submit the forms early.

### Reminders

5<sup>th</sup> Dec Musical Instrument Christmas Assembly

Please ensure that your child brings the instrument to school.

6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:30pm KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance  
 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00am KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance

**19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term**  
**School finishes at 1:30pm Please collect your child/ren promptly.**

**ECAM Concert Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

All key stage 2 ECAM children will be performing on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 to show what they have been learning in their lessons. We would like to invite the parents/family/carers, of those children who will be playing, to the concert. I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in encouraging their children to practise regularly.

**Flu Vaccination for Children**

Next week the children will be receiving their flu vaccination for children from Reception to Year 4. The school nurse will be administering this in the form of a spray (no needles). Please ensure that you have returned the permission letter. Not only does this help protect the children themselves but it also protects families from spreading the flu virus which is always very prolific during the winter months. This will obviously help children to maintain their excellent attendance. Thank you for your support in this matter.



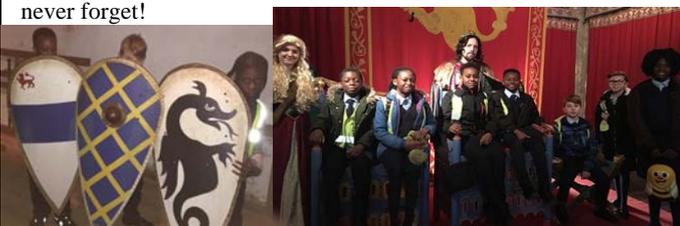
*Our River - Our Docklands Workshop*

Two lovely ladies from the Museum of Docklands came into school to teach us about the history of our river on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. They also told us about the importance of taking care of the Docklands. We had an assembly and Years 4 and 5 then had a workshop looking at different objects and artefacts that were found in the River Thames. These artefacts ranged from ostrich feathers to shells to old plates and ceramics. It was a very interesting workshop and we learned lots about how important our river is and how much history there is in the river.



**Our Trip to Dover Castle**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, St. Helen's and St. Joachim's Yr6 classes went on a trip to Dover castle to explore the medieval setting, as part of the Myths and Legends project. Everyone thought the trip was fantastic! The children's learning was greatly enhanced by having King Henry II and Queen Eleanor, who both visited during our launch assembly, lead the tour. The children were taken all over the castle, including the great hall, the battlements, the kitchen and even down into the underground tunnels – where they were entertained with an eerie ghost story. Everyone learnt lots of facts and we're sure it'll be a trip they'll never forget!



**Sports News**



Over the past three weeks, St. Joachim's have been involved in 3 football tournaments across KS2 at Langdon Academy. Both boys and girls from St. Joachim's have done excellently, finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the different competitions. All children involved have made us proud and their hard work paid off.

I hope they can keep this up!

**Reading Champions – Readers of the Week!**

Since the start of the half term, we have introduced *Reader of the Week*. This award goes to those pupils who show enthusiasm, engagement and a love of reading each week – this may be through visits to the school library, as regular borrowers of our 'playground books', enthusiastic participation in English lessons, excellent book reviews, or progression in phonics, comprehension and inference.

Well done to all our Readers of the Week so far!

- Yr 1: Mayowa, Storm, Daniella and Davi
- Yr 2: Naomi, Adrian, Chibu, Ernestine
- Yr 3: Vivian, Daniel
- Yr 4: Andrei, Kimora
- Yr 5: Nnabueze, Whitney
- Yr 6: Kaosi, Jeffrey



Will you be our next Reader of the Week?

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - Power of One**

This week, as part of the Anti-Bullying week, the children were able to watch a Skit-based production that provided them with an educational overview of the bullying process including scenes which showed the negative effects of different types of bullying, the roles in bullying, types of inappropriate bystanders behaviour, and solutions to bullying. Here at St Joachim's we believe that;

**Every child has the Power of One, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it.**

Therefore we say:

- I will not bully others**
- I will not stand by while others are bullied**
- I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it because I have the Power of One**



**DISCO**

13th December 2017 at 6:00pm till 8:00pm  
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.

