



Dates for Your Diary

From the Headteacher

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – Half Term
School Closed

30th October -- Return to School

- 30th Oct 9:00am Topic Information Morning
- 1st Nov 6:00pm Rome Parents' Final Meeting
- 3rd Nov 5pm Nurs to Rec Meeting
- 2nd Nov Y5 at Dover Castle
- 7th Nov 2:30 and 5:30pm RE Parents' Workshop
- 9th Nov 10-1:30pm Open Day for Prospective Parents
- 10th Nov Mini Vinnies Sleepover at St Helen's
- 13th Nov 10:00am Y4 Assembly
- 13th -17th Nov Y5 Rome Visit
- 23rd Nov Y6 at Dover Castle
- 24th Nov 10am Myths & Legends Performances Y1 to Y6



Sports Events

- 17th Oct KS2 Boys' Football at Beckton Foundation
- 28th Oct Chess Grand Prix-Round 2 –Church Hall
- 25th Nov Chess Grand Prix-Round 3 in Church Hall



Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 25th September to 6th October 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.2	99.50	3
Y1	99.5	100	0
Y2	93.3	99.67	2
Y3	98.0	99.84	1
Y4	99.2	99.17	5
Y5	99.2	99.67	2
Y6	99.3	99.84	7



Winners

Excellent attendance for Y1 at 99.5% and also Perfect punctuality at 100% !!

RECEPTION 2018 MEETING

Friday 3rd November @ 5.00pm

For children born between

1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014

This is an information meeting for parents who have children who will be 5 years old next year and would like them to attend a Catholic School



Final Call ~ Primary to Secondary Applications

A reminder for ALL Y6 parents to complete the relevant application forms before 31st October if you live in Newham.

If you live outside of Newham, make sure that you check the last day of submission for your borough.

If you apply for a school outside of Newham you need to check the closing date for that particular school.

Even if you are applying for a grammar school then a common application must be completed.

If you need help or advice then please ask our office staff.

Dear Parents and friends,

Firstly I want to say thank you for all your generosity for the harvest assembly this week. It is fantastic that so many children and parents support these good causes. As usual we will be sending the food collection to the Refugee and Migrant Project RAMP.

We are currently, in the middle of our Maths Weeks project. So far it is going very well with lots of excellent evidence of data handling linked to computing. There are different maths competitions across the school which I am sure will be rewarded with some good prizes.

Building Expansion – during the half term the expansion building works will begin. These works will have some small impact on our school during the next 10 months. When we return to school on 30th October **all children will now come into and leave from Berwick Road entrance**. This will also be the arrangement for collecting children after school clubs. The entrance to the office will remain open but this will not be the replacement entrance for the Shipman Road entrance. Therefore, this will require parents to be more considerate of each other and careful when collecting and dropping off their children. Next week, I will be sending a letter to all parents about these works.

Please can I continue to remind parents and children that **reading** is our number one academic priority this year and we are continuously reminding children to read daily at home and to go on the online reading platform 'Bug Club' that we have purchased. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes a day.

Whilst on reminders, please can I again encourage all parents to contribute support our school governors' fund.

I was really pleased to learn that nearly all our parents turned up for the parent consultation evenings this week with the class teacher. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher this week then please make an appointment for another time to meet. Only one week left until half term break. Have a great weekend.

James Allen

Reminders

Contact Details

Please return the forms even if you do not need to make any changes.

You have to provide at least 2 emergency contacts aged 18 years or over.

School Money Payment System

Many of the parents are now using the SchoolMoney system. Please let us know if you are still having problems and we will do our best to resolve them as soon as possible.

Contact the office staff to make sure we have the correct details for your child/ren.

Rome Visit

Please ensure that you have paid for the Rome visit.

You need to bring your child's passport to the office ASAP.

Final meeting on 1st November at 6:00pm



Myths and Legends - British Mythology

Next half term sees the exciting launch of our *Myths and Legends* project. This year we will be exploring the mythology of the United Kingdom, with a particular focus on Robin Hood and King Arthur.

To launch the project, we have invited two very special guests in to school: King Henry II and Queen Eleanor. We expect their arrival on Monday for the launch assembly, which should be a very interesting event, we're sure!

Throughout the project, the children will be taking part in workshops and competitions, and upper KS2 will even be visiting the historic Dover Castle!

British Mythology affords many opportunities to develop the children's learning. In English we will be delving into challenging texts, and using them to stimulate our imagination; in History we will be exploring the Medieval Era; and in Drama we will be developing our Spoken Language skills. It promises to be a wonderfully fantastic project!

Sports News

St Joachim's Girls' Team came second in the Newham Football Tournament. Well done girls!!!



Black History Month

On Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd October St. Joachim's and St. Helen's performed a number of poems dedicated to celebrated figures of black history month. Over the course of these two days, the schools performed their poems across both schools. Each St. Joachim's student represented their school fantastically, delivering powerful and informative performances about key individuals we have been celebrating this month including Nelson Mandela, Ruby Bridges and Walter Tull. The poems provided eye catching performances that included drama, dancing and music.



Maths Week

This week we launched our 2017-18 Maths Project, from Nursery to Year 6 we are focussing on data handling linked to Computing. The children have been working extremely hard across all year group to produce all sorts of data from bar charts to line graphs to pie charts. In each class the children have been given a topic which they need to collect information about, some classes have been carrying out surveys on teachers which has proven to be very interesting!

On Tuesday the Quantam Theatre company performed three different shows for the children titled 'The Adventure of the Missing Number', this was a Sherlock Holmes themed maths show and was enjoyed by all the children. This weekend, in addition to usual home work, children have the opportunity to enter some challenging yet fun data handling competitions. All entries to be given to Miss Wilson by Friday 20th October.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Received with Gratitude
by RAMP (Refugees and Migrant Project)*

Thank you to everyone, children and parents who so generously donated food to the harvest festival. There was quite a collection and on Monday Mr Allen will take it all to the Refugee and Migrant Project in Forest Gate, who are always extremely grateful to receive such a large amount of food. The food will be used to make food parcels for those who are in great need. Thank you again.



Science Workshop

On Friday the 6th of October classes from St Joachim's experienced a science workshop based on the topic that they have been studying in class. Year 1 were investigating senses and sent blasts of air around the room, year 4 looked at sound waves and how sound travels through the medium of air through the vibration of the air particles and many groups experimented with how to launch their class rocket using just air pressure alone!

