



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

15th December 2017



Dates for Your Diary

- 18th Dec 7pm KS2 Carol Concert at St Anne's Church
- 19th Dec 9:15am Christmas Mass
- 19th December – End of Term**
- School finishes at 1:30pm**
- 2nd January 2018 – Inset Day – School Closed**
- 3rd January 2018 – Children Return to School**
- 3rd Jan Y6 Start Booster Classes at 8 am
- 3rd Jan 9am Topic Information Morning
- 11th Jan 9:00am Reception Parents Phonics Meeting
- 13th Jan Chess Grand Prix Round 4 in Church Hall
- 16th Jan 10:00am Y2 Assembly
- 17th Jan 2:30 and 5:30pm D&T Parents' Workshop
- 24th Jan Y6 Visit to Parliament
- 5th Feb Y5 Tate and Lyle- Junior Citizens
- 6th Feb 10am Rec Assembly
- 7th Feb Individual and Sibling Photographs
- 8th Feb Whole School Photograph
- 10th Feb Chess Grand Prix Round 5 in Church Hall
- 12th to 16th February Half Term Week – School Closed**

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and friends,
Merry Christmas!

It is hard to believe it's already the last newsletter of this year - perhaps because this term has been so busy that time has simply flown by!

We have had a fantastic term because of the many wonderful events that have taken place, including the Myths and Legends English project (which included an exciting visit to Dover Castle for years 5 and 6), a fantastic pilgrimage to Rome, Y6 Science Camp, Maths Week, Black History Week including poetry performances and a wide range of musical events.

We look forward to starting the new year with more fantastic projects, including Citizenship Week, with this year's focus being 'Prepared for Life' and our annual English topic: Classic PoetsO.

As you are aware, our building works are well underway, with everyone carrying on as normal. This makes me very proud of the children, and the mature way they have dealt with the changes around the school.

Last week we saw our Early Years and KS1 Nativities and they were both very reverent and wonderful. We will have copies available on DVD for parents to purchase if they wish. Please put your orders in at reception. On Monday we look forward to our KS2 Carol service, which is always a joyful occasion. We look forward to seeing as many parents attend as possible.

Finally, on Tuesday we break up and children finish at 1.30pm. The staff and governors wish all our children and their families a happy and holy Christmas.

James Allen

Reminders

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE CANCELLED ON MONDAY 18TH NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday 19th December – End of Term
School finishes at 1:30pm

Please collect your child/ren promptly

The Children will return to school on
Wednesday 3rd January 2018



Y6 Pupils will start booster classes on Wednesday 3rd January.

Children need to be at school at 8:00am on Monday to Thursday every week from 8th January 2018.

Autumn Term House Cup

- 4th Place St. Josephine 2 Points
- 3rd Place St. Teresa 3 Points
- 2nd Place St. John Bosco 4 Points

1st Place Winners

Blessed Fr. Tansi 7 Points

Congratulations to the Blessed Fr Tansi House and their House Captains, Sam and Ellie

Have a great house party.

Important Reminder

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2018-2019

For children born between

1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014

Application packs are available at the school office.

Closing date for submission of forms is

15th January 2018.

We advise parents to submit the forms early.

Autumn Second Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 25th November to 8th December 2017

| Class | Attendance % | Punctuality % | No of Lates |
|-------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| YR | 95.3 | 99.50 | 3 |
| Y1 | 99.4 | 99.84 | 1 |
| Y2 | 99.7 | 99.67 | 2 |
| Y3 | 97.8 | 97.84 | 13 |
| Y4 | 99.8 | 98.34 | 10 |
| Y5 | 99.2 | 99.17 | 5 |
| Y6 | 99.3 | 99.00 | 6 |

Y4 had the highest attendance at 99.8%

Y1 nearly had perfect punctuality with 99.84%



Carol Singing at Trafalgar Square



On Monday 11th December the Minnie Vinnies braved the wintery weather to travel all the way to Trafalgar Square to raise money for FOSJA.



The children sang their hearts out beautifully raising over £100 in less than an hour. Well done and thank you Minnie Vinnies!



London Classic Chess Competition

On Friday the 8th December, 16 children from KS1 and KS2 took part in the London Classic Chess Competition at the Olympia, in Kensington. All children achieved fantastic results, each winning at least one game out of the five they played. Ten children received medals, with Eliel from Yr 4 receiving gold for winning all five games he played.

This resulted in St Joachim's coming 2nd place out of the twenty five schools that took part. Well done team St Joachim's!



Foundation and KS1 Nativity

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December children from nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 put on two amazing productions of the nativity story. The two shows presented very different versions of the birth of Jesus but both performed brilliantly and were the culmination of weeks of very hard work from children and staff. Well done to everyone who participated and thank you to those who attended to show their support.



KS2 Carol Service Monday 18th December 2017

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

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 this year!

- Yr 1: Mayowa, Storm, Daniella, Davi, Sophia P, Adrian
- Yr 2: Naomi, Adrian, Chibu, Ernestine, Ciaran, Klara
- Yr 3: Vivian, Daniel, Sarah
- Yr 4: Andrei, Kimora, Eliel
- Yr 5: Nnabueze, Whitney, Carl
- Yr 6: Kaosi, Jeffrey, Rachael



Will you be our next Reader of the Week?



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society



Thank you to all the children who have returned their Little Advent boxes for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

We chose to support this charity once again during advent as it provides great support for children throughout Essex and East London and in particular has worked here at St. Joachim's for many years counseling children for many different reasons. They do some very important work helping children to have better lives.

Please return all boxes on Monday if you haven't already done so.

Carol Singing at Custom House Library

We are so proud of our Mini Vinnie and Choir Club who sang beautiful Christmas carols for the turning on of the Christmas lights at Custom House library on Tuesday 5th December 2017. We are also extremely proud of our Year 6 ECAM Clarinet players, who played exclusively for the Mayor of Newham and for the turning on of the lights. Well done to all and a special word of thanks to the ECAM Ambassadors and June Faleti at ECAM for practising with the children before their performance.



Theatre Trip

Some of our pupils were chosen to go on a very special visit this week to the 'Sensory Circus' at Theatre Royal Stratford East. They were engrossed by the sensory show; a story told through a beautiful display of light and sound, and afterwards they were treated to a sensory play session where they were able to explore the resources that were used in the show. The children finished off their day with a lovely lunch in Pizza Express.



A great day was had by all!

