



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

## 17th November 2017



### Dates for Your Diary

- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 10:15am Y4 Assembly  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Y6 at Dover Castle  
 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Trumpet, Violin, Exams  
 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Chess Grand Prix in Church Hall  
 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Choir Sing at Custom House Library  
 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 1<sup>st</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	97.9	99.42	11
Y1	99	99.67	7
Y2	97.7	99.50	10
Y3	98.2	99.22	16
Y4	98.7	98.88	23
Y5	99.5	99.26	15
Y6	98.7	98.34	34



### Winners - First Half Term

**Y5 had the highest attendance at 99.5%**

**Y1 had the highest punctuality at 99.67%**

### FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association  
 'Friendship United'

**Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 4:00pm**

### With Miss Peace

If you are interested in joining then please see Miss Peace or come to the meeting.  
 Thank you for your support.



### From the Headteacher



#### Dear Parents and friends,

Last week the Mini Vinnies of St Helen's and St Joachim's came together for their annual Mini Vinnies Sleep Out. Not only were the children raising awareness of Homelessness but they were raising funds too, for our local residential centre for homeless people, Charitas Anchor House. A huge well done to our top fundraisers, Laurelle (Y3) who raised a whopping £86 and not far behind her was Zeytuni (Y6) with £80. Sponsorship money is still flooding in, well done to all those who took part and raised money.

20 of our year 5s have spent the past 5 days in Rome on a special pilgrimage, and by all accounts it sounds as if they have had a wonderful time. They have visited the Vatican, shared Mass with thousands of other pilgrims, seen Pope Francis, taken in the sights and sounds of Rome and even visited the historic Herculaneum! We can't wait to hear all about their exciting travels when they return to class on Monday.

As the term continues we look forward to focussing on Assessment Week, the upcoming nativities and our annual Christmas Carol Service.

Best wishes,  
 Denise Wilson



### 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.**

advise parents to submit the forms early.

### Reminders

#### ECAM Exams

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, children who play violin or trumpet will be having exams. Please ensure that your child practises at home and for you to ensure that he/she brings his/her instrument to school every week.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term

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6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:30pm KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance

7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10 am KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance

# Remembrance Day

11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

School council representatives, the Head Boy & Head Girl joined pupils from various schools, and members of the British Legion to mark the day of Remembrance at Central Park.

Sr Jude visited St Joachim's before the service and travelled on the school mini bus to Central Park with our School Council to the annual deanery Remembrance service. Joshua and Ethan read beautifully and Jessica and Samuel laid a wreath. The wreath was laid on behalf of all the pupils of St Joachim's. Members of the Royal British Legion gave the children some interesting facts about the war and history of some of the soldiers who used to live in the local area. Meanwhile back at school, all the classes made poppy wreaths and participated in a Remembrance Assembly.



## Pilgrimage to Rome

Year 5 have had the most fantastic experience on pilgrimage this week. Rome has exceeded all their expectations! Amongst lots of other exciting visits and adventures, they have been impressed by the Colosseum, marvelled at the beautiful architecture of the churches, explored the ancient town of Herculaneum at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, and most exciting of all they have seen the Pope, and shared Mass with him. "Rome has been outstanding! Our favourite part was visiting St Peter's Basilica and seeing the Pope. We also loved the 5D cinema, and the delicious pizzas!" Sefe & Elizabeth P.



## Year 6 Design & Technology Workshop

Year 6 have been putting their practical skills to good use today, as their latest D&T project culminated in an exciting workshop. The children spent the day sawing, gluing, measuring and constructing medieval moving toys with a Design & Technology specialist. Year 6 used inspiration from their 'Myths & Legends' topic to give their toy an authentic design. They used cam mechanisms and gears to ensure that their finished product included moving parts. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and produced some fantastic work! Well done year 6!



## Sports News

On 15th November some children from year 3 and 4 attended a football competition at Chobham Academy in Stratford.

The boys played excellently, earning them a well-deserved 3rd place. They overcame Aldersbrook, St. Luke's and St. Anthony's in the 3rd and 4th place playoff.

Well done boys!  
On to the next one!



## Y3 - Science Museum

What a truly wonderful school we trip we had to the National Science Museum! We have been learning about forces and so we especially enjoyed the forces workshop which we attended. We observed and took part in a lot of experiments, whilst learning about the two primary forces that act against an object: friction and air resistance.



## Mini Vinnies Sleep Out

Each year the Mini Vinnies of St Helen's and St Joachim's come together for our annual World Homeless Day Sleepout. St Helen's host the event where all children have a great experience, they begin with a camp fire in the forest area singing hymns and saying prayers. The children then have soup and bread for their dinner before camping down for the night on the floor in the school hall. Not only do the children raise money for Caritas Anchor House, our local residential centre for homeless people, but they also have the opportunity to appreciate what it would be like to sleep rough for the night.

