



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

17th November 2017



Dates for Your Diary



- 21st Nov 10:15am Y4 Assembly
- 23rd Nov Y6 at Dover Castle
- 24th Nov Trumpet, Violin, Exams
- 25th Nov Chess Grand Prix in Church Hall
- 5th Dec Choir Sing at Custom House Library
- 6th Dec 1:30pm KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance
- 7th Dec 10 am KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec NHS Dental Visit for Nurs, Rec, Y1
- 13th Dec School Christmas Lunch
- 13th Dec 6-8pm School Disco
- 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

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

Sports Events

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



Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 21st 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 Values"

Meeting on Monday 20th 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 Vinnie's 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
1st September 2013 and 31st 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
15th January 2018.



advise parents to submit the forms early.

Reminders

ECAM Exams

On Friday 24th 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.

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- 6th Dec 1:30pm KS1/Foundation Christmas Performance
- 7th 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 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 Vinnie's 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.

