

Dates for Your Diary

10th Oct 3:30-6:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
12th Oct 3:30-6:30pm Parent Teacher Interviews
13th Oct 2:15pm Harvest Festival

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – Half Term

School Closed

30th October -- Return to School

1st Nov 5pm Nurs to Rec Meeting

2nd Nov Y5 at Dover Castle

9th Nov 10-1:30pm Open Day for Prospective Parents

10th Nov Mini Vinnies Sleepover at St Helen's

23rd Nov Y6 at Dover Castle

24th Nov 10am Myths & Legends Performances Y1 to Y6

25th Nov Chess Grand Prix-Round 3 in Church Hall

Sports Events

30th Sep Chess Grand Prix-Round 1 –Church Hall

5th Oct Hockey Mixed Yr5/6 at Langdon

10th Oct KS2 Girls' Football at Beckton Foundation

17th Oct KS2 Boys' Football at Beckton Foundation

28th Oct Chess Grand Prix-Round 2 –Church Hall



Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 22nd September 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	97.5	99.20	6
Y1	99.2	99.12	7
Y2	99.5	99.65	3
Y3	97.9	98.93	9
Y4	98.3	98.93	9
Y5	99.5	99.02	8
Y6	98.5	98.34	14



Winners

Excellent attendance for Y2 and Y5 at 99.5%

Y2 have the best punctuality at 99.65%

Excellent!!!

Sports News

Over the past two weeks St. Joachim's have participated in sporting events at Langdon; the first event being Hot Potato where the children did very well, showcasing their throwing and catching skills along with leadership and teamwork earning them a very well deserved 2nd Place!

A week later they took part in the Pro Direct Academy Football tournament where they faced schools all across the borough and ended up as champions for the 2nd year in a row.



Great start to the New Year, keep up the hard work!

From the Headteacher



Dear Parents,

It seems almost unbelievable that we have now completed 4 weeks of school. All the new children have settled in very well and are now familiar with the daily routines.

This week we won our first sports trophy of the year thanks to our Year 1&2 boys' football team, and our KS1 team came 2nd in the Hot Potato competition. This is an absolutely fantastic start to our sporting year.

Over the last few weeks, Miss Pape and I have been observing how our new approach to reading across the school is progressing, and it appears to be operating well. Hopefully, our autumn term assessments will indicate an improvement across the school for reading comprehension. 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.

As you should be aware we are now using an electronic payment system called School Money. We are expecting that from January 2018, all school payments will be made through this for school trips, uniform and any other costs. If you have any difficulties with this then please contact the school office. We are also working towards cutting down providing paper copies of letters and newsletters and are now emailing them to parents. This will help those parents whose children forget to hand over letters.

Our school governors' fund is an important source of funding as it enables us to provide resources for our children we wouldn't otherwise afford such as our before and after school clubs. As you may appreciate, St. Joachim's provides many before and after school clubs for all our children that are provided free of charge. We request only £30 a year per family, which should bring in just under £4,000 if all families contribute. Please support this request.

James Allen

Reminders

**10th October Parent Consultation Meetings
3:30-6:30pm**

**12th October Parent Consultation Meetings
3:30-6:30pm**

Letters for the consultation meetings were sent out this week. If you have not yet returned the reply slip, please submit on Monday.

Contact Details

It is important to return the forms even if you have made no changes.

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

School Money Payment System

If you are having problems logging-in please 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 also need to bring your child's passport to the office ASAP.

Black History Week

Years 1, 2 and 3 attended a black history workshop provided by the Freshwater theatre group. The first session told the story of Anansi and his journey to becoming king of all stories. The second part of the workshop told the children the story about how a zebra got its stripes.

'The stories of Africa' linked brilliantly as year 2 are currently studying about Kenya and animals they might find whilst on Safari. A number of animals that we have been studying were met by our lead character Anansi during his interactions with them.



School Council 2017- 18

Congratulations to **Michael, Owen, Alana, Dylan, Ethan, Joshua, Emmanuella, Leona, Dilan, Covenant, Monjola & Leona A, (Chairperson)**

Good luck with all your challenges



Our school council work hand in hand with pupils, staff & management to help make continued improvement to our school. School council gives the children a voice. They run inclusive structured discussions of issues raised in their class council meetings. This help to make them feel responsible, improve their behaviour & give them a sense of belonging.

School Prefects

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected by the school council to serve as school prefects for this year.

Leona, Monjola, Covenant, Jessica, Micaiah, Isabelle, Aileen, Jesse, Rebecca, Emmanuella, Ellie, Zeytuni, Ethinosa, Sam, Kaosi, Kiara, Rachael, Jaiden, Nathan & Eva



These prefects will play a vital role in assisting and supporting both staff and pupils and act as role models around the school. Each prefect has individual responsibilities to care for on a regular basis. The prefects wear special badges which make them easy to recognise.

Junior Transport Ambassador

Congratulations to **Jonathan, Daniella, Banji, Nabil, Dumebi, Michael, Sefer, Roni & Michala** who have been appointed as JTAs to help raise safety awareness issues within the school.



Head Boy and Girl 2017/18

Samuel Mirara & Jessica Ako

We wish them well in their duties!



Important – The Wednesday Word is bought and given to every child in St. Joachim's. This should be used for all our children as their Religious Education Homework. Ideally it should be done with an adult as it often requires a short discussion between parent and child about the Sunday Gospel and the meaning of it. There are also fun activities for the children to do on the sheet too. Teachers may sometimes refer to it in RE lessons or at assemblies.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

COLLECTING FOR CAFOD (Africa)

Friday 13th October 2017

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at St Joachim's. As is customary we ask you to please send in non-perishable items - **cans, tins-tomatoes, soup etc, tea, coffee, sugar, cereal, dried foods such as pasta, rice, beans, biscuits** to the school by **Friday 13th October**. The children can start bringing in items any time up to the 13th October.

Please check the expiry date of the products to ensure they are in date.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

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



Our Walsingham Trip (Y6)

On Wednesday 20th, Year 6 and Y5 (from St Helen's) had the privilege to go to Walsingham. We had mass with Fr John, and then afterwards we went to the Slipper Chapel where we wrote our petitions and prayed to Mary. We also walked the Holy Mile and completed the Stations of the Cross.

*We felt spiritually renewed.
(Micaiah and Sam)*



Y6's Trip to the Theatre!

"I loved watching The Hartlepool Monkey, because it was very moral and interesting. The storyline was about a monkey who brought a community together." (Jessica and Leona)

Reading at Home

Please ensure that your child reads at home every night for at least 20 minutes.

KS2 now have reading record books – you can use these to make comments after listening to your child read.

Please also ensure your child accesses their Bug Club account for regular comprehension activities.

