



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

## 3rd November 2017



### Dates for Your Diary

- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2:30 and 5:30pm RE Parents' Workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:1-3:30pm Open Day for Prospective Parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Day Service-School Council
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Mini Vinnies Sleepover at St Helen's
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am Y4 Assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> Nov Y5 Rome Visit
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Commonwealth Choir at Westminster TBC
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Y6 at Dover Castle
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Myths and legends 3-6 Assembly 10.15am
- 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**

### Sports Events

- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 5/6 Girls' Netball Competition at Langdon
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov Y3/4 Boys' Football
- 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



### From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,  
 Welcome back to the new half term. It was good to see parents at the topic information for parents on the first day back.  
 As you know we are now waiting for the start of our expansion building works to begin. During the holiday there was lots of preparation work such as clearing existing classrooms and the porter cabin and also the library. New temporary toilets have been created for the boys. The school library has been relocated. We managed to find a place to put it as reading is our most important area of curriculum development at this time. Thank you to all the children and parents for following the new arrangement. Things have gone very smoothly so far, so thank you for your support.  
 We are now in the middle of our latest whole school English project: Myths and Legends, which was launched in the typical exciting way we have come to expect with King Henry II and Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine launching our topic at our whole school assembly. As usual we are having various theatre groups into school acting out Robin Hood and King Arthur as well as some exciting educational visits to places like Dover Castle. Of course there will be the usual competitions. All very exciting!  
 As part of our drive to raise standards in reading we have introduced a number of additional strategies and resources to help promote reading even more at St. Joachim's. We have bought lots of new high quality books for every reading corner in the school. In addition we have added to our reading scheme, particularly for Years 3 and 4. We have also introduced a new reading reward scheme across the school from Year 1. This comprises of a special reading bookmark which is stamped every time a child completes a book. Parents can help by recording and signing their child's reading record every time they finish a book. There will be a variety of weekly rewards for our super readers. This should help motivate the children to read even more.

James Allen



### Autumn Second Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 9<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.0	99.67	2
Y1	98.2	99.84	1
Y2	99.5	99.84	1
Y3	99.0	100	0
Y4	98.8	99.50	3
Y5	99.7	100	0
Y6	98.5	99.84	1



### Winners

**Perfect 100% punctuality by Y3 and Y5.**  
**Well done to Y5 who also had perfect 100% attendance. Excellent!!!**

### RECEPTION 2018 MEETING

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November @ 5.00pm

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 will be available at the meeting.

### FOSJA



Friends of St. Joachim's Association  
 "Friendship Bases"

### Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 4:00pm With Miss Peace and Mr Allen

We need as many volunteers as possible in order to arrange different projects within the school and raise much needed funds for the school.

At the meeting we will elect a new chair and a secretary.

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

Thank you for your support.



### Reminders

#### D&T Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> November D&T Parents' Workshop at  
 2:30pm and 5:30pm

#### Mini-Vinnies Sleepover

Next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Mini Vinnies will be having a sleepover at St Helen's

## Y2 at London Docklands Museum

On Wednesday year 2 set sail to the London Docklands Museum where they were treated to 'Plundered' a show put on by the *Really Big Pants* theatre group.

During the show, the children met Roy, who had a keen interest in pirates, recycling and, like our own students, a thirst for knowledge. Roy travelled back in time with his friend where they met the fearsome pirate Blackbeard, who through much littering had destroyed part of the Amazon Delta which had been transformed into a rubbish tip! Thankfully though our year 2's were on hand to offer some helpful advice about how to recycle and take care of our planet. This advice helped Roy and his friend clean up and restore the Amazon delta to its former beauty.



## Theatre Production-Robin Hood

On Tuesday Year 2 were joined by nursery, reception and year 1 to watch a theatre production about Robin Hood.

In the performance, Prince John threatened to cut down Sherwood Forest. However he was met by Robin and his band of merry men who managed to thwart the Prince's plan.

The production gave the children a fantastic introduction to the character of Robin Hood as well as the importance of the environment and how we can help take care of the planet. The children were able to use their knowledge to help Robin by telling him that plans and trees help us breathe as well as knowing that a healthy environment is a great home for animals to live in.



**Myths and Legends –  
Competitions now open!**

**Top Trumps  
Short Stories  
Poems  
Models  
Art Pieces  
Reports**

**Deadline: 21/11/17**

## Basic Skills Quality Mark

We are very happy to announce that we have been awarded the *Basic Skill Quality Mark 2017* (for English and Mathematics).



The Mark is a way of assessing the quality of English and Mathematics in the Curriculum, and across the school. The report accompanying the award praised in particular our rigorous systems for monitoring and assessing pupil progress, as well as our stimulating Curriculum.

## Y5 at Dover Castle

On Thursday 2nd November, Year 5 visited Dover castle as part of the Myths and Legends project. King Henry II, who built the castle in the 1170s, and his wife Queen Eleanor gave the children a guided tour. We were very lucky to have wonderful weather and the children enjoyed finding out about what life was like in the 12th century and what it would have been like to grow up in a castle. The children were excellent representatives of the school and we would also like to thank the parents who helped!



## Safeguarding at St. Joachim's



At St. Joachim's we take safeguarding of all our children very seriously. Our children are protected through our policies and safe practices. If any child or parent has a safeguarding concern regarding a child then please feel free to speak to one of the Safeguarding Team.

The safeguarding team are: Mr Allen Lead Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Hamilton and Miss Donnelly both Assistant Safeguarding Officers. Also Miss Wilson and Miss Pape are part of the Safeguarding Team. Information about Safeguarding can be found on our school website:

<http://www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk/safeguarding.html>