

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome to our new Reception class and their families. They have settled in really well.

We have lots of exciting events happening at St Joseph's so please check the dates for your diary. We also have lots of information [here](#) and [photo's](#) on our website so please take the time to have a look.

On Tuesday next week you are invited to Tea & Talk 8.45 – 9.30 am.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Long



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th September – Tea and Talk – school hall all parents/carers welcome 8.45am-9.30am

Thursday 21st September – Parents/carers Reading EYFS & KS1 8.40-9.10

Tuesday 26th September – Open morning 9am-10am. All welcome (pre-booked only)

Thursday 28th September – 8.40am-9.10am Parents/carers reading KS2 parents

Friday 29th September – Mayor visit & Macmillan Coffee morning. All Parents/Carers welcome 9am

Monday 2nd October – Grandparents Day Lunch (pre-booked only)

Thursday 5th October – Parents/carers reading EYFS & KS1 8.40am-9.10

Friday 6th October – Tempest Photographers 9am – families and individual photos.

Friday 6th October – CAFOD Harvest Day Assembly – Parents/carers welcome 2.30pm.

Monday 9th October – Month of the Rosary Assembly – All Parents/carers welcome 9am.

Thursday 12th October – Parent/carers reading KS2

Thursday 12th October – Quiz Night. All welcome 5pm-7pm

Monday 16th October – Black History Month Exhibition. All welcome 3.20pm

Thursday 19th October – Parents/carers reading. EYFS & KS1

Thursday 19th October – Open Afternoon. All welcome (pre-booked)

Thursday 19th October – All Day – World Clothing and World Food Day 3.30pm-5pm

Friday 20th October – Inset Day school closed to pupils

MacMillan Coffee Morning (Friday 29th September) Every year the school takes part in the MacMillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise money for those living with and affected by cancer. This year, we would like to invite you to get involved by taking part in our 'Bake off' competition. There will be three categories, children adults and staff, with prizes for the best decorated and tasting cakes. Cakes should be baked at home and brought into school on Thursday 28th September ready to be judged on Friday. Please remember to include the recipe and strictly no nuts. On Friday 29th we invite all parents and carers join us for tea and cake after Rainbow Assembly. (the children will remain in their classes) All donations will go to Macmillan. We welcome cake donations and your child will receive 5 house points. There will be a big cake sale for the children in the junior playground at the end of the day.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

MACMILLAN
Cancer Support



On Friday 29th September we will be having a special visitor to St Joseph's Cllr Dominic Mbang Mayor of Greenwich. He will be joining us to celebrate our Good Ofsted Report and see all the exciting things happening at St Joseph's. He will also meet with our School Parliament. Due to his visit **Rainbow Assembly will be held at 9.30 (just this week).**

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 6th October with a mass at St Joseph's church at 11 o'clock. Please come and join us. We are encouraging the children to each bring in a harvest festival non-perishable donation, tins, packs, boxes of food that are unopened and in date. If you would like to donate any items please send them in with your child before Wednesday 4th October. On Thursday 21st October we will also be raising money for CAFOD by 'Brighten Up The Harvest'. Children can wear their own clothes on that day and bring a voluntary donation of a pound for charity



We celebrate diversity at St Joseph's and look to break the barriers our children may face. World Afro Day is a perfect example of both of these, so we decided to celebrate as a whole school. In Early Years and KS1, the children read books about characters who had Afro hair and KS2 children completed many activities as well as watching a video of the 'Big Assembly' celebrating amazing Afro hair.

World Afro Day is an annual day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair, culture and identity. It raises global awareness about Afro hair discrimination and creates positive solutions. We thoroughly enjoyed being part of this positive momentum. Many children styled their hair especially for the day.



After School Football Club

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and now Year 4

If you would like your child to attend please click the link below for more details:



<https://awfootball-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/info/168> If you would like more information please contact Alex on 0777 174 7219



School success starts with attendance

As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.

Winners last week Year 3 – 100%

School attendance 94.1%

Class 100% Attendance Challenge

Each class will receive a certificate and be added to the 100% club every time they achieve 100% attendance. In addition to this, when the class achieves...

Number of weeks of 100%	Reward
2 weeks	Extra play
3 & 4 weeks	Popcorn party
5 & 6 weeks	Extra entry to the 100% club

In June, we will draw from all the classes in the 100% club and the class that is picked will win a whole class outing in July.

Which class will get into the 100% club first?

First class in the 100% club will win a prize

ATTENDANCE MONITORS

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Rainbow Awards

15th September 2023

Rec – Whole Reception Class

Year 1 – Harry H. Rafaella

Year 2 – Arthur, Margarida

Year 3 – Shirley, Francis

Year 4 – Lillie, Adora

Year 5 – Jacob, Isabella

Year 6 – Katheleen, Jaiden

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

This Week

Sean – Rec

Rafaella – Y1

Yasin – Y6

Miss Long

Mrs Ebuzoeme

Miss Braybrooke

Mrs O'Regan



Guitar & Piano Tuition

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Dear Parents, I have worked at St Josephs R.C for 15 years, and I have very much enjoyed teaching hundreds of children how to play guitar and piano. I consider it a privilege to be able to work alongside the children to nurture a love of music and musicianship, build their self confidence, as well as the numerous other benefits that learning music provides. I have been able to teach each child individually, or in small groups, and continue with them as they start in lower school and leave in year 6. We held a concert at the end of last term, so hopefully your child/children were able to see the current students performing. There are currently spaces available for new students. Lessons - Are £8 per 15 minute session, £16 per 30 minute session, paid for in advance at the start of each half term. - Parents pay me directly in half term blocks, and I will email at the start of each half term to confirm cost. I am in school every week with the occasional exception. Each half term is generally 6 weeks but can be 5 or 7, so fees vary. Having worked this way in other schools for many years, I also know that there are advantages to being in contact with parents directly. I'm very happy to update parents on progress, and it also means that you can contact me at any time with questions. It's good for me to know how children are getting on at home, feedback from parents is very useful. I also email sheet music to parents directly, so you will know what your child has been learning and can help them with practice. Please contact me directly, or reply to the school office if your child would be interested in having either guitar or piano lessons.

Dear Parents/carers we need your help!

We are looking for donations of the following items for the playgrounds:-

Picnic blankets

Toy cars all shapes and sizes

Baby dolls all nationalities

Dressing up clothes

Giant dice

Village / town / road play mats

Sand pits / sand

Plastic tools for digging

Lego

Giant Twister/ Snakes and Ladders



To order your child's school uniform please order from our online supplier. It is with free delivery to school. Caseys Schoolwear, Welling.

Book your child's place via ParentPay from Tuesday 12th September. All after-school activities will start at **3:20pm** and finish promptly at **4:20pm**.

All Clubs will start the week beginning **18th September** 2023 and will be every week with the last club finishing the week beginning **8th December 2023** .

Year Group (s)	Club	Day	Adult	Max number of children
Years 3 & 4	Homework Club	Monday	D Bray	12
Years 3,4,5 & 6	Photography	Monday	Miss Francis	10
Years 3,4,5 & 6	Science Club	Monday	Miss Long	10
Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Film Club	Wednesday	Ms McMahon	15
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Spanish Club	Wednesday	Miss Lopez	10
Years 3,4,5	Forest School	Wednesday	Miss Kavanagh	15
Years 3,4,5 & 6	Drama	Thursday	Ms Harvey	20
Years 2,3,4,5 & 6	Lego Club	Thursday	Mrs Openshaw	20
Clubs – FREE				
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Chess Club	Friday Lunch time	Mr Spalding	10
Year 6	SAT's Booster	Monday 3.20-4.20	Miss Cafun	24