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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so proud of our choir who have been relentlessly rehearsing the songs for the Young Voices Concert in two weeks. Miss Francis and Mrs Baksh-Weston have been putting them through their paces twice a week and every lunchtime. Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who have helped them to learn the words too! Miss Honey was very impressed. Please take note of the dates for the Spring term at the end of the newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Long

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th January – Year 5 will be going swimming every Tuesday until Easter.

Thursday 25th January – Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting 9am or 5pm.

Thursday 25th January – Spanish Day



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 R – 98.4%

School attendance 90%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion celebration will take place on 07 July 2024. If your child is not baptised St Joseph's church could organise this. The age group is from 8 years old (year 3) and onwards. We meet every Sunday after 10am mass (for 45 minutes lesson) but the children will need to attend mass as they will learn the biblical and Catholic faith procession.

We break up every school calendar break and holidays.



Family Valentines Disco

Thursday 8th February 4:30pm – 6:30 pm.

Family of 4 £10.00, individual £3.00. See Charlotte at gate after school.



Our fantastic choir are taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2. Yesterday we had a wonderful surprise visit from Miss Honey, who is currently in the Westend Production of Matilda. She sang 'This is My House' and the choir joined in with her! It was absolutely brilliant!

Polka Theatre

What can old cardboard box become? What about a feather boa? Or, how about some net curtain? Well the children were in with a treat last week and this week! On Tuesday, Polka Theatre came to St. Joseph's and the children became actively involved in a post workshop visit, a sensory story of "The Night Before Christmas!" A cardboard box became the chimney, a feather boa became the fire and net curtain became snow! The children were treated to an immersive experience including sound effects. This followed on from a successful Year 1 and Year 2 visit to the Polka Theatre last week, whereby the children travelled by coach to Wimbledon. A big thank you to all our parents and carers who arrived with the children at school very early, whilst it was still dark! It was wonderfully magical experience, whereby the children were captivated and engaged. They even got to ask questions to the actors and theatre director. The school visit was subsidised through a successful grant application, making it a truly wonderful experience for the children. Thank you children for being so well-behaved, parents for your support, adults on the visit for keeping the children safe and Polka for a brilliant performance and workshop!

Rainbow Awards

19th January 2024



Rec – Adrian, Harper

Year 1 – Harry H, Dennis

Year 2 – Arthur, Kamilla

Year 3 – Willow, Elsee

Year 4 – Lizzie, Adora

Year 5 – Jacob, Jason

Year 6 – Ryan, Chelsea

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

Spanish Day

St Joseph's would like to invite you to attend our Spanish day, embracing our school's new Modern Foreign Language. On Thursday 25th January the children will be completing a series of activities to teach them new language skills and to carry out some additional learning about Spain. We are going to open up an opportunity for you to join your children in the activities from 2:15-3:15. If you would like to attend please confirm your attendance [here](#). Thank you for your support.



Dear Parents,



You are invited to our coffee mornings for parents of children with SEN in the Eden Room on:

Wednesday 24th January 9am-10am: Guest Speaker is from Young Greenwich

This is open to all. A representative from Health will attend and provide information on services available in Greenwich. Parent feedback at the coffee morning will help inform future parent workshops on specific areas such as sleep, diet, behaviour, personal care.

Wednesday 21st February 9am-10am – Guest Speakers are Katie Kelly and Lydia Barnes from ASD Outreach

This is for parents of children who have an ASD diagnosis. The theme is “An Overview of Autism and Behaviour.”

Tuesday 12th March 9am-10am – Guest Speaker is Philomena Frances, CAMHS

This is open to all. The theme is “Positive Interactions, Routines and Boundaries to Support Family Wellbeing.”

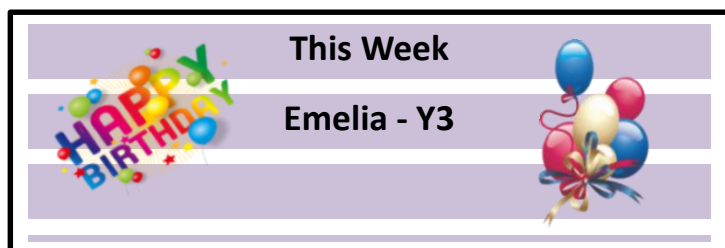
Look forward to seeing you there – Miss Maciejewski



- Raffle tickets on sale next week after school. Ifly tickets at the O2 (4 flights shared by 2 people)
- Hollywood Bowl O2 (3 x 1 free game). Raffle tickets
- will be £3.00 a strip.

Reminder Once-a-week take-a-peek!

We have had cases of head lice reported. Please check your child's hair regularly to prevent the lice spreading.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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St Joseph's

Spring 2024 Dates

January 2024			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 24 th January 2024	9am – 10am	Tea and Talk – Young Greenwich Visit - Eden Room	All Year groups – Parents welcome
Thursday 25 th January 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 25 th January 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y2 & Y5
Thursday 25 th January 2024		Spanish Day	All Year groups
Monday 29 th January 2024		National Storytelling Week	
Wednesday 31 st January 2024	All Day / Evening	Young Voices Event O2	Choir
February			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Thursday 1 st February 2024	9am and 5pm	Y6 SATs Meeting	Y6 Parents
Thursday 1 st February 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 1 st February 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y3 & Y4
Thursday 1 st February 2024		Time to Talk Day	All Year groups
Monday 5 th February 2024		Children's Mental Health week – My Voice Matters	All Year Groups
Monday 5 th February 2024	9am and 5pm	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting	Y1 Parents
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	9am	Safer Internet Day eSafety – Eden room	All Year groups – Parent Workshop
Wednesday 7 th February 2024	9am – 10am	NSPCC Number Day Parent Workshop	All Year groups - Parents welcome
Thursday 8 th February 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 8 th February 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y1 & Y6
Thursday 8 th February 2024	4.30pm – 6:30pm	St Valentine's Disco	All Welcome – Ticket Event
Friday 9th February 2023	3:20pm finish	Last day of half term	All Year groups
12th Feb – 16th Feb 2024	All Week	Half Term	All Year groups
Tuesday 13 th February 2024		Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day	
Wednesday 14 th February 2024		Ash Wednesday	
Lent			
Monday 19 th February 2024	9am	Assembly - Introduction to the beginning of Lent	All Year groups
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	9am – 10am	Tea and Talk – ASD Outreach - Eden Room	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y2 & Y5
Friday 23 rd February 2024		CAFOD Lent – Family Fast Day	
Thursday 29 th February 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 29 th February 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y3 & Y4

March			
Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Friday 1 st March 2024		St David's Day	
Thursday 7 th March 2024	9am	World Book Day – Dress up	All Year groups - Parents Welcome
Thursday 7 th March 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y1 & Y6
Friday 8 th March 2024		International Women's Day	
Friday 8 th March 2024	2.15pm – 3.15pm	Mother's Day Tea Party	See Separate Letter – Pre booked only
Sunday 10 th March 2024		Start of Ramadan	
Monday 11 th March 2024		Commonwealth Day	
Monday 11 th March 2024		British Science Week	All Year groups
Tuesday 12 th March 2024		GB Athlete Visit	All Year groups
Tuesday 12 th March 2024	9am – 10am	Tea and Talk – CAMHS SEN - Eden Room	All Year groups – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 12 th March 2024	5pm	Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check Parents Meeting	Y4 Parents
Thursday 14 th March 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 14 th March 2024	9.30am	Mass at St Joseph's Church	Y2 & Y5
Thursday 14 th March 2024	4pm – 5pm	Walk for Lent	All Welcome
Monday 18 th March 2024		Shakespeare Week	
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	9am	St Joseph's Feast Day	All Year groups - Parents Welcome
Wednesday 20 th March 2024		Happiness Day	
Wednesday 20 th March 2024		Oscar Romero Trust Mass	Letter to be sent to Individual children
Thursday 21 st March 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	KS2 Parents
Thursday 21 st March 2024	9.30am	Stations of the Cross Mass at St Joseph's Church	Whole School
Thursday 21 st March 2024	After School	Scholastic Book Fair	All Year groups
Friday 22 nd March 2024		World Water Day	
Friday 22 nd March 2024	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Easter Egg Hunt	All Year groups
Sunday 24 th March 2024	10am	Palm Sunday Mass – Choir to Sing in Mass	Choir – All Welcome
Monday 25 th March 2024		Autism Awareness Week	
Monday 25 th March 2024	11am – 12pm	Lent Soup Lunch	Community Event
Tuesday 26 th March 2024	9am	Easter Bonnet Parade	All Year groups - Parents Welcome
Thursday 28 th March 2024	8.40am – 9.10am	Parents Reading	EYFS and KS1
Thursday 28 th March 2024	9.30am	Maundy Thursday – Mass at St Joseph's Church	Whole school
Thursday 28th March 2024	2pm Finish	Last day of Spring Term	All Year groups
Friday 29 th March 2024		Good Friday	
Easter Weekend 29th March – 1st April			
29th March – 12th April 2024	Two Weeks	Easter Holidays	All Year Groups
Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th April 2024	9am – 12pm	Y6 Easter Boosters	Y6 children

Pupils return to school on Monday 15th April 2024