

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

St Joseph's have had a very busy week!

EYFS and KS1 Nativity was truly wonderful. Our hall was packed full of very proud families.

On Thursday pupils wore their Christmas jumpers and had a delicious Christmas lunch.

We held our Christmas Fair today and we would like to thank all the Parents and Carers for their support.

We hope you all had the chance to visit Father Christmas!



Miss Long



Thank you to Enzo's family in Year 1 who donated this gorgeous Christmas tree. It's definitely looking like Christmas at St Joseph's.

Dates for your Diary

15.12.22 – KS2 Christmas Performance in St Joseph's Church 2 pm.

16.12.22 – Mass at St Joseph's Church 11 am all parents/carers welcome. Break up for Christmas holidays, school finishes at 2 pm

Return to school – Wednesday 4th January (normal time)



Well done to all the children from EYFS and KS1 who presented a wonderful version of "Lights, Camera, Action!"



The Christmas raffle will take place on Monday any lucky parents/carers will be contacted if they win.



To order your child's school uniform from our online supplier, click [here](#) with free delivery to school.

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

This Week

Hannah – Y1

Harrison – Y6

Miss Clark



Rainbow Awards

9th December 2022



Rec – Orshena, Athena

Year 1 – Rayleigh-May, Divine

Year 2 – Sadie, Kevin

Year 3 – Ave-Mae, Amelia

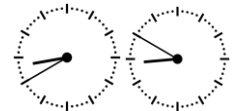
Year 4 – Chloe, Freda

Year 5 – Alfiejay, Amarachi

Year 6 – Mirabel, Frankie-Jay

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

Good time keeping at our school means...



Arriving after **08:50** negatively impacts on social & academic development and does not allow for a calm and relaxed start to the 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.

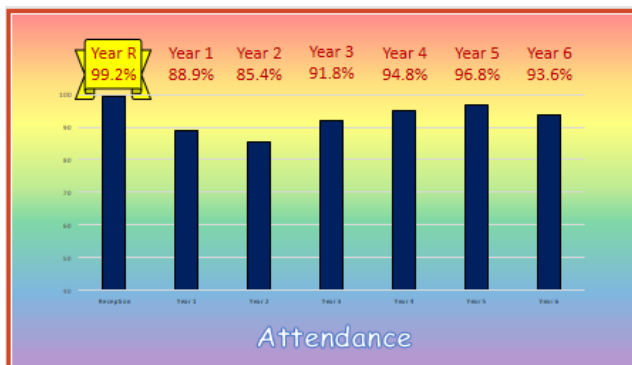
Last week's Whole School attendance: 92.8%

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

Last week's highest attendance:

Year R – 99.2%

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



First Holy Communion lessons will be starting in January. Please collect a form from St Joseph's Church.



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The Elf Who Stole Christmas

A festive immersive mystery for kids! In the run-up to Christmas, Santa's workshop is in chaos. Someone has stolen Santa's list! Can you help Father Christmas solve the mystery and work out which elf it was?

Saturday 3rd December
2.30 to 4.00 pm
Age 7+ | £15 per child
Charlton House & Gardens
Charlton, SE7 8RE

Add on festive treats from Frilly's!

SCAN TO BOOK

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Christmas Switch-On & Market

Don't miss the tree lighting at 5pm!

Join us as we switch on our 400-year-old manor house, with holiday treats & carols, kids' crafts, and a Christmas producers' market on offer.

Thursday 24th November
15.30 to 18.30
FREE ENTRY
Charlton House & Gardens
Charlton, SE7 8RE

We are changing our text provider.

To make it easier for communication between home and school, we are phasing out the Teacher2Parents text messaging service and will be using a new provider for texts. We will also be utilising emails a lot more. The benefit of this change is that this new service allows parents to reply to texts sent, with letters and attachments going directly to your email.

Texts will come from 07860040353 and emails will come from 2033481@sims-communications.co.uk Please save the number in your mobile phone and the email address in your safe sender's list. Please note – the mobile number is only for texting. You will not be able to use it to speak to anyone.

it is imperative that we have the correct mobile number and email address on our records. If you have changed your mobile number or email recently, please let us know as we do not want you to miss any important messages.

YEAR THREE Maggie	YEAR FOUR Freda
YEAR FIVE No one!	YEAR SIX Somto

House Points, 9th December

Too close to call!

Find out the winning house on Monday.

St David St Bernadette St Francis St Andrew St George



THE LOCAL OFFER

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Christmas Special Edition
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For parents and young people

To visit the Local Offer website click here or scan the QR code



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Greenwich Together for Winter

Local community groups, businesses, the NHS and the council are working together to provide support for people who might be struggling over the festive period (and beyond).

The Greenwich Together for Winter campaign gathers information about all the support and help that's available for residents over wintertime in one place, making it easier to find and access.

Click here or scan the QR code to visit the website

Christmas gift ideas for children with SEND



Click here or scan the QR code to see the list

Looking for some inspiration?



Take a look at some gift ideas that have been a hit from parents across Greenwich.

Queen's House Ice Rink



Suitable for anyone who needs a calmer, more relaxed environment to get the most out of their visit

Click here or scan the QR code to find out more



Greenwich Theatre presents

Our relaxed performance will be on Thursday 5th January 2023.



Click here or scan the QR code to book your tickets



Do The Right Thing awards 2022

The RBG ACE participation group produced a 'Hello' video which was used at the Safeguarding Children with SEND conference in 2022. The ACE group as a whole were short listed for a 'Do The Right Thing Award' and ultimately won the 'Services To The Community' award. Winners received medals and a certificate....

ACE members agreed some of the "stars" of the video deserved to attend the award ceremony on behalf of ACE.

Click here to visit the ACE Local Offer page



Do The Right Thing award winners 2022

Click here or scan the QR code to watch the video



Greenwich Museums – Disability History Month

Click here or scan the QR code to find out more

From craft activities to workshops, find out how Royal Museums Greenwich is celebrating the lives of D/deaf and disabled histories and communities.

Location: National Maritime Museum
Date and Times: 18 November – 18 December



Christmas tips for autistic people and their families



Christmas can be an exciting and fun time. But new activity can be overwhelming for some of us, particularly when we're also dealing with the impact of coronavirus. We might have to adapt some of our usual plans but that shouldn't stand in the way of an autism-friendly Christmas.



With your help, we've compiled a list of tips for the festive period. With good planning and clear communication, we hope these will help you have an enjoyable Christmas.

Click here or scan the QR code to find out more

Take care of yourself this Christmas



What is your Headscape? Headscape has been developed by Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust for young people who live in Greenwich.

Take the quiz, find out what's going on in your head and what might help sort it out.



Click here or scan the QR code to find out more



Holiday Food and Fun Winter 2022

Click here or scan the QR code to search the directory

If your child attends a special school in the borough and/or has a package of care from social services, they can access the specialist SEND provision and programmes.

Clubs will run between 19 December and 30 December.



Christmas message from the GPCPF

With Christmas approaching soon, the festivity will blossom... On behalf of the Greenwich Parent Carer Participation forum, we would like to extend our support during this Christmas season. With the impact of covid, alongside the current financial difficulties some may face. It is even more important for us as a community to come together and support one another.



Click here or scan the QR code to visit the website



Please do take this Christmas break to refresh and relax. Although it can get hectic with having the children back at home for their half term break! It's even more important to look after our own mental health. If at any time you are wanting a bit of fresh air, take a look at the [rolling news](#) on the Local Offer as there are some FREE activities to do in Greenwich over the festive season. We hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and New year. Once again, we are all here to support you.