

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another exciting week at St Joseph's! Our Christmas tree has arrived. Children have written prayers for Christmas to place upon it.

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who attended Parents Evenings this week.



Miss Long



St Joseph's Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 9th December 3:30 pm. For this to be a success we need your help! We are looking for donations of good quality gifts, toys, puzzles and books.

During our Christmas Fair we have a Secret Present Room where children can buy presents for their loved ones. Please donate a new gift (up to the value of £3).

If you have a small business and would like to run a stall at our fair, please speak to the office about reserving a place. We kindly request £10 to reserve a stall.

Dates for your Diary

05.12.22 – Y5 trip to Maritime Museum (consent to be given via ParentPay. Packed lunch required)

06.12.22 – Y4 trip Dulwich College (consent to be given via ParentPay. Packed lunch required)

07.12.22 – EYFS and KS1 Nativity in school hall 2 pm

08.12.22 – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day (children who have packed lunch, please book through office and pay via ParentPay £2.60 deadline to book Monday 28.11.2022 3pm.)

09.12.22 – Christmas Fair 3:30

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

16.12.22 – Break up for Christmas holidays, school finishes at 2 pm

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



Christmas raffle tickets on sale next week after school £1.00 at strip. Christmas Hamper, Childrens Christmas Hamper and other prizes to be won!

Thank you to Elsee and her family who kindly donated a Christmas tree to St Joseph's. We will place it outside our School Office to welcome parents/carers and visitors.





On Wednesday Year 1 walked to the River Thames as part of their Geography topic. They were able to identify physical and human features as well as use a compass to find North.

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SCHOOLWEAR

SCHOOLS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

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

Rainbow Awards

2nd December 2022



Rec – Toby, Mila

Year 1 – Phoenix, Jayden H

Year 2 – Aliyah, Pirashanna

Year 3 – Chiagozie, Lillie

Year 4 – Isabella, Joseph

Year 5 – Nyla, Beau

Year 6 – Clinton, Lexie

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12 2nd Week of Advent

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This Week

Wesley – Y6

Enzo – Y1

Eva – Y5

John – Y5



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.

Every day COUNTS!

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: 94%

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

Last week's highest attendance:

Year 4 – 97.4%

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

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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!

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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.

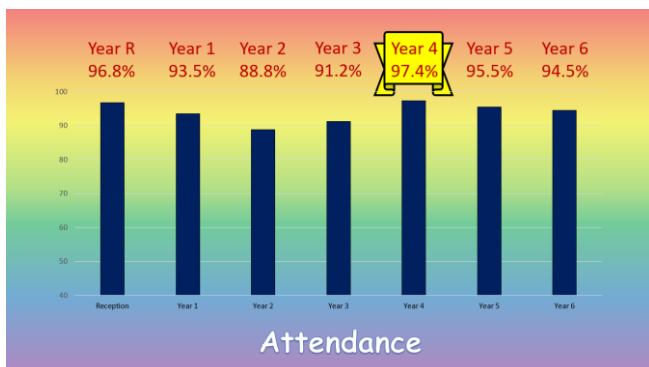
Thursday 24th November
15.30 to 18.30
FREE ENTRY
Charlton House & Gardens
Charlton, SE7 8RE

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.

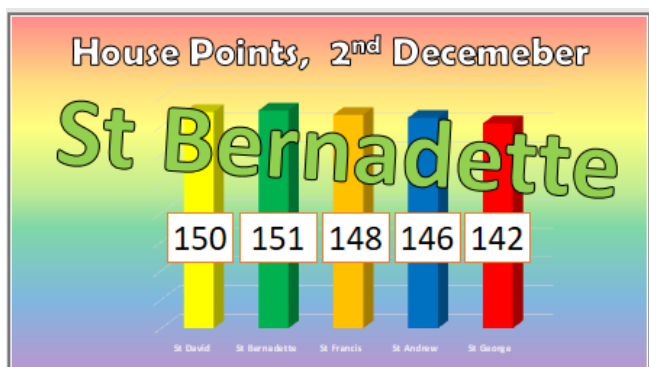
Texts will come from 07860040353 and emails will come from 2033481@sims-communications.co.uk Please save the number in your mobile phone and the email address in your safe sender's list. Please note – the mobile number is only for texting. You will not be able to use it to speak to anyone.

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.



TUES TABLES 2022

YEAR THREE Lillie	YEAR FOUR Joseph
YEAR FIVE AlfieJay	YEAR SIX Hermione



Parent drop in

MEET THE HEALTH ADVISORS

- Our service is open to all families of school-aged children across Greenwich
- We advise and support in child health issues such as Healthy Weight, toileting, fussy eating, behaviour, sleep and much more...

This session we will be discussing behaviour and sleep.

YOUNG GREENWICH

Address: The Valley, Floyd Road, Charlton London SE7 8BL
Date: Tuesday 23rd November 2022
Time: 10am to 11am

0208 317 6319
oxl-tr.younggreenwichhealth@nhs.net



THE LOCAL OFFER in Royal Greenwich ROYAL borough of GREENWICH

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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



Click here or scan the QR code to visit the website

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

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

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



Click here or scan the QR code to find out more

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 HeadSpace? Headspace 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.

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

