

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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I would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school and I hope you had a wonderful summer break. I would like to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Joseph's Primary school. I have had a wonderful week meeting all of the parents and children and we have all had a fantastic start to the year. I have been very impressed with how hard all of the children have been working, how polite the children have been and how respectful they have been throughout the week. I am looking forward to a very successful year with you all.



Miss Long

Tempest School Photographers will be coming to St Joseph's on Tuesday 20th September for individual school photographs.



Last Sunday, the streets of East London saw over 12,500 people run the Big Half, and among them was our very own Mr Spalding! He ran the 13.1 mile course in just over 2 hours and has so far raised over £1000 for Leukemia Care. He was inspired to run after last year's Big Mile around the playground and is looking forward to joining in this year, starting on the 26th September. Miss Dingley will provide more details soon!



Welcome Tea and Coffee morning

Date: - Tuesday 13th September 2022

Time: - 9am

Location: School hall

Meet the Teacher

Date: - Tuesday 13th September 2022

Time: - 3:30pm & 4pm

Location: - Child's classroom

There are two 'Meet the Teacher' sessions to cater for parents who have children in different year groups. Presentations and resources will be saved to the school website for parents who are unable to attend.

I hope that as many families as possible will have the opportunity to attend both events as it is really important that we build a strong partnership from the start of the term.



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

This Week

Charles – Rec

Anais – Y1

Katerine – Y5

Levi – Y1

Miss Long

Ms Ebuzoeme



Rainbow Awards

9th September

Rec – Charles, Ralph, Orshena, Heran

Year 1 – Malaika, Levi, Arthur, Ruby

Year 2 – Ryley, Livia, Rose, Jenayah

Year 3 – Maison, Lillie, Aishnavi, Georgie

Year 4 – Esther, Tessy, Carolina, Gracie

Year 5 – Nyla, Kathleen, Yasin, Beau

Year 6 – Letroy, Somto, Stefanie, Muna

WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!

Gospel

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbours and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'⁷ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbours and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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.

Our current whole school attendance is 95%, which is still in line with present national average, and the target set for all children.

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



Good time keeping at our school means...

...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.

5 minutes lost each day = 3 DAYS LOST

10 minutes lost each day = 6.5 DAYS LOST

15 minutes lost each day = 10 DAYS LOST

20 minutes lost each day = 13 DAYS LOST

25 minutes lost each day = 19 DAYS LOST

Poor punctuality – less chance of success

Very poor punctuality – serious impact on education and reduced life chances

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of school in one year!

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

Speaking to children about the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II has died aged 96 after 70 years of Service. The Queen spoke on many occasions about her relationship with God and her faith. We can be sad and mourn that she has died but also celebrate her life and know that she will be free from pain and suffering in heaven.

Here are some suggestions for how we can share this historic moment with children.



Unpacking Emotions

We can feel many different emotions when somebody dies. There is no right or wrong way to feel. Invite children to share how they are feeling, do not be afraid to share your own feelings as well. Sometimes it is easier to describe how an emotion makes our body feel than find the right word for it. A child may not show the same emotional response as an adult, and it is alright if your child does not respond in the way you expect, there may also be a delayed response as children pick up on and mirror the emotions shared by adults around them.

You might want to explain that the country and world will spend time mourning together, this is because many people will feel sad and want to show respect for who the Queen was. We can be empathetic; thinking about how the family and close friends of the Queen must be feeling at this sad time.

How we can pray...

Pray for the royal family as they experience many different emotions during this difficult time.

Pray for parents within the royal family who are having their own conversations with children.

Remembering Service

We can remember the many wonderful ways in which the Queen served our nation and countries around the world. The Queen was also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Chief of the Armed Forces and Head of State.

How we can pray...

We can pray and thank God for the many ways that Elizabeth served our country and the world.

We can pray for the new King as he takes on these roles.

You might like to write a thank you letter together to the Queen for all her service.

Celebrating Salvation

We can thank God for the relationship that the Queen had with Him. We can also remember God's promise that those who know Him will be with Him in heaven, a place with no pain, sadness or suffering.

You might like to listen to some worship songs which speak about heaven and God's promises as you reflect on this future hope.

How we can pray...

We can thank God that Queen Elizabeth is no longer in any pain, echoing the words of Justin Welby who prayed "May Her Late Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory."

We can pray for the new King that he would be comforted by his own relationship with God.

Why does God let people die?

God's plan for this world was one with no pain, suffering or death where humans lived in perfect relationship with God. The world we live in isn't like that, it is fallen, sin has come into our lives and separated us from that perfect relationship with God. The world we live in has pain and suffering, sadness and death.

So God made a new plan, it was a plan that involved His own son dying so that one day we could all live with Him in heaven, in new bodies that never got sick, live lives full of joy and happiness every day.

Even though it is hard to be separated from people, we know that one day we can all be together again. Death is not the end but the next part of a journey with God. For those who know and love God there is the chance to live in Heaven with God forever.