

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching Christmas and we are in the process of organising our Christmas fair. To help make this a success we need your help. Please send in good quality donations of books, soft toys, games, puzzles and gift sets. Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend. Take care and Keep Safe
Miss Long

Friday 17th November
children to wear yellow
or dots or their own
clothes.



WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!

on Monday 13th November children to wear odd socks to deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance. We want to send a clear message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves and free from bullying.



Next week is anti-bullying week and there will be activities taking place. To support this we will be selling anti-bullying wrist bands after school next week. This will go towards the school fund which will be used to purchase items for all children.

Remember to get your tickets for the Christmas disco. Don't miss out!

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 16th November parents reading KS2

Friday 17th November Children in Need – wear yellow or dots (own clothes)

Thursday 23rd November parents reading EYFS & KS1

Friday 24th November 2023 Own clothes day – bring a bottle for Christmas Fair

Tuesday 28th November 2023 3.30pm-5.30pm parents evening booked appointments only.

Thursday 30th November 8.40am-9.10 parents reading KS2

Thursday 30th November 3.30pm-6.30pm parents evening booked appointments only.

ST JOSEPH'S
CHRISTMAS BASH

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

KS1 4-5PM £2.50
KS2 5.30-7PM £3.00

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM THE 6TH NOVEMBER AFTER SCHOOL PLEASE SEE CHARLOTTE ON THE MAIN GATE TO GET YOURS. WE DO REQUIRE HELP WITH SETTING UP AND TIDYING UP BETWEEN DISCO'S. IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE LET CHARLOTTE YEAR 3 PARENT OR YOUR LET YOUR CLASS REP KNOW.

This Week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Fatima – Y6
Amira – Y5
Mrs McMahon
Mrs Ikeh-Oligbo**



On Wednesday 8th November, Year 3 went over to the library to visit an author name Tin Denizmen. She has just finished writing her first book called Ricky Banks which she read to us and gave us the book for the classroom. We then worked on team games and designing pictures. The library staff were so impressed they have invited us back for storytelling in December.



Coffee Morning for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

Come and meet other parents/carers and enjoy some tea, coffee and biscuits. The aim is to provide peer support and offer suggestions from professionals on ways to support your child at home.

Our coffee mornings are open to all parents, regardless of whether your child has a diagnosis or not.



2 confirmed dates of our coffee mornings with guest speakers are:

Thursday 16th November 9am-10am

Claire Large from the STEPS Team at Greenwich will be delivering a session on 'How you can Help your Child with their Learning at Home.'

Tuesday 12th March 9am-10am

Philomena Francis from CAHMS will deliver a session focused on behaviour, "Positive Interactions – Routines and Boundaries to Support Family Wellbeing.'

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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

Winners last week

Year 5 – 100%

School attendance 93.1%

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

10th November 2023

Rec – Kalani, Elif

Year 1 – Bluebell, Sonny

Year 2 – Theo, Phoebe

Year 3 – Oscar, Willow

Year 4 – Daniel, Theo

Year 5 – Jason, Chloe

Year 6 – Katerine, Veenil

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



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.