

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your wonderful support this half term.

This week we celebrated World Food Day and we received some delicious food from around the world.

Our Black History Exhibition was exceptional and thank you to all our visitors who came to look and were inspired by it.

Please check our website for all the photos!

Enjoy your half term and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Miss Long

Reminders

Y6 secondary school applications deadline is 31st October 2023.

Sunday 29th October clocks go back 1 hour.

Free meals for kids during school holidays

The council is ensuring that regular meals are available for all children and young people within the borough during school holidays. Food is served at multiple locations across the borough, and there's no age limit for children, meaning that nutritious meals are readily available and families continue to receive support outside of school term time.

Meals are available throughout the October half term, from Monday 23 to Friday 27 October. There are no forms, and no fuss - just turn up and tuck in!

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/news/article/2418/free-holiday-meals-and-family-fun-this-october-half-term>

Dates for your Diary

Return to school Monday 30th October

Thursday 2nd November KS2 reading with parents

Monday 6th November UK Parliament Week

Tuesday 7th November 8.45-9.30am Tea & Talk all parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 7th November 2023 9am-10am Phonics Workshop EYFS & KS1 parents/carers welcome

Thursday 9th November 8.40am-9.10 parents/carers reading

Thursday 9th November 5pm-6pm Open Afternoon all welcome – pre booked only

Friday 10th November 2023 9am Remembrance Day Assembly parents/carers welcome

Thursday 16th November parents reading KS2

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

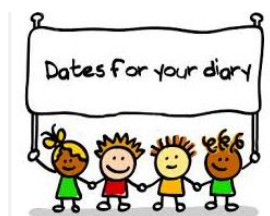
Thursday 23rd November parents reading EYFS & KS1

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.





Just some of the highlights of this half term! Grandparents and those regarded as grandparents were invited to join children for lunch. Please check our website for more photos and information on our Black History Exhibition and Pierre Henry-Fontaine Basketball Champion who visited us this week.



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 – 98.1%

School attendance 96%

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

17th October 2023

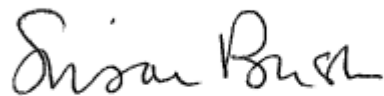
Dear Children and Staff of St Joseph's,

Thank you so much for allowing me to visit your wonderful Black History Month Exhibition. I enjoyed it so much! Each class had put in so much effort with clay modelling, bottle top art, collage with material, logo designs and portraits really capturing the spirit of each artist and the accompanying writing was excellent.

This morning was an inspiring and uplifting experience and it makes me very proud to be a Governor of such a creative and thoughtful school.

Well Done!

With all best wishes,



Susan Bush

Foundation Governor

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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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.