

January 2016

Welcome back to the spring term and a very Happy New Year to you all. I know the Christmas holidays are somewhat in the past and the year is galloping on. We have had a good start to the term and look forward to building on the good progress made last term. We will be meeting with parents again in March at the next round of parents meetings and I hope you will take the opportunity to look at the progress being made particularly in writing and maths. As always we ask that parents have high expectations of their children and ensure homework and reading tasks are completed to a good standard. Learning of spellings and multiplication facts have greater importance within the new curriculum arrangements and testing for end of KS1 and KS2. Our first curriculum workshop for parents will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in the garden hall and then repeated again at 6pm. We will be looking at the Singapore approach to teaching maths which has been implemented in the school from Year 1- Year 4. Year 5 and Year 6 are currently using some aspects of it but not fully. We look forward to seeing parents at workshops, information about all the workshops are on our website.

### Mrs Anne English

Many of you are aware that Mrs English has expressed her decision to retire from the school after over 20 years of dedicated and loyal service. Mrs English's last day at school will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. Anne will be greatly missed by staff, parents, children and governors and I can not express my gratitude enough to her for all she has done and continues to do for the school and community of St Joseph's. Anne and her husband will be starting a new life in the sun and we wish them health and happiness for the future. Happy Retirement Anne!

I can confirm that Mrs Grainne Hylton has been temporarily appointed to the position of junior office manager. I am sure you will make Mrs Hylton feel very welcome and we look forward to working with her.

### Announcements

Congratulations to Mrs K Flegg (class s). Mrs Flegg is expecting her first baby in April and shall be starting her maternity leave at the end of term. We are delighted for her and wish her well.

Mrs Laura Krasnic (Dance Teacher) had her baby boy on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The baby arrived 5 weeks early but mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to them all.

### Applications for Reception class September 2016

Please take note that all forms need to be completed and submitted to the school office and the Local Authority by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

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## Applications for Nursery Classes September 2016

Please note we are still accepting applications for Nursery for September. We accept children from age 3, the term after they turn 3. Please check with Mrs McLeary in the infant office and request an application form.

## Weather

The weather has turned very cold and snow has been predicted, if the weather gets particularly bad please use our website for updates in addition to this the school are participating in the Open Check scheme, our school number is 306 3412, you can phone 020 8408 7508 and key in the school number to check the open status of the school or go to [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk), we will put a link on our website as well. If you are unsure please use these methods rather than calling the office as lines become engaged.

## Holidays and Absences from school

Please note that we are no longer able to authorise any holidays during term time. We could use some sort of discretion in the past, this is no longer the case. Any holidays will be marked down as unauthorised and you could be subject to a fine. Please do not ask because you will be offended when your request is turned down. Prolonged illness and regular illness will need to be supported by a doctor's note/letter.

## Diary dates

Please take note of the following dates and the dates that are on the calendar option on the school website.

11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Break up for half term</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	School back
29 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week Infant and Junior Schools <b>World Book Day 3<sup>rd</sup> March - dress up day</b>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Parents evenings N- Y6
21 <sup>st</sup> March	St Joseph's Day celebration
23 <sup>rd</sup> March - 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 residential
24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Break up 2pm</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> April	School back

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