

May 2016

Half term is fast approaching and although it's been relatively short it still seems that all could do with a break before the final half term of the academic year!

It has been a busy half term what with the OFSTED inspection in the junior school (27- 28th April), a Section 48 inspection in the infants (6th May), the Year 6 and 2 SATs.

We had a wonderful May procession on Friday 6th May, the statue of Our Lady was beautifully decorated with flowers and the children enjoyed the occasion. This year we were joined by the section 48 inspectors (RE inspectors). The inspectors thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were moved by the children's singing and enthusiasm. They have made reference to the occasion in their final report. The report will be distributed to parents of the infant school and on our website after half term.

Congratulations to the children who participated in the recent Catholic Schools football and Netball tournaments (7th May 2016), all teams worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed the competition and were a credit to us. We just missed out qualifying in the netball and the boys 'A' team played in the semi final unfortunately losing 0-1. Well done to them all.

Congratulations to our swimming team who took part in the Catholic schools swimming gala on the 20th May 2016. The girls' team and individual swimmers were particularly strong winning many individual medals. Eva in Y6 won an individual gold for the girls' freestyle. Last year we came 9th and this year we were 5th. Many of our children now swim for Woodside and Thornton Heath swimming club. A link introduced to them by Mrs Mangan. Please do come and speak to Mrs Mangan if you are interested in club swimming for your child. We were 3rd overall in the Croydon basketball final on the 18th May and we will be in the tri golf final on the 8th June.

Year 3 had an interesting trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery and the Hornimons museum. Year 6 has been to see 'Gangsta Granny' at the Fairfield Halls and Year 2 is off to Dulwich Picture Gallery.

OFSTED inspection

The junior school was inspected on the 27th and 28th April 2016. OFSTED have given the Junior School an overall effectiveness grade of **Requires Improvement** (Grade 3), while the Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare of the children was graded as 'Good' (Grade 2). We feel that the inspection process was fair and that all stakeholders of the school had an opportunity to share their views. We fully recognise that the grade is less than good and that parents may feel some disappointment with the overall grade. We feel confident that the school can ring the changes necessary to get the school back to 'Good' or better. Please do take the time to read the full report as it does capture the fact that outcomes for pupils are improving and OFSTED can see that action, taken by the school, is having a positive impact on standards. They acknowledge that new initiatives have not had time to fully embed.

The children's attitudes to learning and their behaviour for learning came across as a great strength of the school and we would like to praise the children for their conduct. There are many opportunities for the children to take on responsibility within the school and it is pleasing to see them rise to the challenges set before them. We are keen to gain feedback from parents with regard to the report and the judgements made by OFSTED. Please do come in and have an informal conversation or book an appointment to see a member of staff or a governor. We are keen to work with parents and carers.

3M

Congratulations to 3M who have been selected to sing at the 'Shake It Out Festival' on the 30th June 2016 at the Crystal Palace Sports Centre.

Staffing

After the half term I will be in a position to confirm staffing arrangements for academic year 2016- 2017. Before that I would like to inform you of who will be leaving us in July. Miss Madigan will be leaving us for, hopefully, one academic year. Miss Madigan is taking a sabbatical to work in a school in Kuwait. I am sure she will gain a lot from the experience and we wish her well as she embarks on what I am sure will be an adventure.

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Mrs Sylvia Thansriskul (Mrs T) will be retiring from her KS2 part time teaching post. Mrs T has been at the school for the past 6 years. I wish to thank her for her loyalty and commitment to St Joseph's. We wish her a happy and contented retirement.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs L Kelly (Deputy Headteacher) will be expecting her second baby in September 2016. Mrs Kelly will be taking maternity leave from the 1st September 2016 until 7th April 2017. During her absence Mrs N Carter (Assistant headteacher and year 6 teacher) will be stepping up as Deputy Headteacher. More information about the leadership structure will be published after half term.

We will be welcoming Miss Colleen Mccoach to the teaching staff in September.

Scholastic book club

The St Josephs' infant and nursery schoolbook club information is

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-josephs-rc-se19> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

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Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you for all the vouchers collected. Please have a final check and send it any you might find lurking!

School Games Day (Sports Day)

Information about the day has been distributed to all parents. The day will end at 3.30pm. Please note the slightly later school day. Children need to be in school for the whole day. They need to wear PE kit and a T-shirt representing their team colour. We are looking forward to seeing parents join their children for a picnic and would request that parents choose a healthy option for their shared picnics on the field.

Website

Please do use our website to sign up for letters and news feeds. I understand there have been some problems with the signing up process, this have now been rectified.

PTA

The PTA will hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm in the junior hall. The PTA will provide information nearer the time. We are hoping for support from parents so that the PTA can continue to operate and have new projects to work on. The summer fair will be on Saturday 16th July.

Holidays and Absences from school

Please note by way of a reminder 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. Appointments for hospitals and opticians need to be supported with an appointment card. Please ensure that children attend school either side of the appointment wherever possible.

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Newsletter

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Finally... Please do take note of the following dates as the school gets very busy as we get closer to the end of the school year.

Forthcoming events- SUMMER 2

6 th June	INSET
13 th June	Science week Phonic screening week
14 th June	Instrumental concert - junior hall - 2pm 9am - Parent workshop - summer holiday ideas.
15 th June	PTA AGM - junior hall 7pm
17 th June - 20 th June	Y6 away on residential
20 th May - 22 nd May	Croydon Schools Athletics
23 rd June	Schools closed for polling day (Infant, Nursery and Junior schools closed)
29 th June	Peter and Paul Feast day - mass in school for years 2- 6 TBA
30 th June	Catholic Sports at St James the Great
4 th July	Art Week
5 th July	Music concert - junior hall 2pm
6 th July	Reception New Parents 6.30pm - Infant hall
11 th July	Y2 out at LEGOLAND
13 th July	Year 2 and Year 3 mass - junior hall
14 th July	Optional parents evening (3-5pm) Y6 leavers mass- junior hall
16 th July	Summer fair
19 th July	Thanksgiving Mass @ 6.30pm- Virgo Fidelis Church
20 th July	Year 6 out Chessington World of Adventures
21 st July	School finishes at 2pm for the summer holiday

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