

March 2015

We are now in the season of Lent and the children have been encouraged to be reflective and active during Lent. The junior children will be given opportunities during Lent to see either Father James or Father Anthony for reconciliation. The Infant children will engage with Lenten activities and prayer in their respective classes.

We have had a wonderful book week in the Infant and Junior parts of the school; the children were able to access a range of activities as well as visits from librarians and a bus! I would like to record my thanks to Mrs Carter and Mrs Stylianou both of whom have put a lot of work into the organisation and smooth running of the week. Thank you to parents for supporting the events and the book fair. We will post some photographs of the dressing up day and the different activities children were engaged with; there are lovely photographs of children on the old route master bus.

Staffing and announcements

Mrs Howell will be leaving the school on Friday 27th March. Mrs Howell has been with us since 2012. We have all enjoyed having Mrs Howell back after her maternity leave and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Gaffney after six years at St Joseph's has decided to retire from her position of SEN teacher and will be leaving on Friday 27th March. Mrs Gaffney will not be fully retired as she will be helping to look after her soon to be born twin grandchildren. I am very grateful to Mrs Gaffney for the amount of time she has given to the school through her teaching and support of parents and families; she will be missed by us all. I wish Mrs Gaffney a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Miss Scott will be getting married during the Easter break and she will return as Mrs Flegg. Congratulations to the happy couple and all the very best for the future.

and finally..

Mrs English after nineteen years of loyal service to the school Mrs English will be leaving us to start a new and exciting life in Cornwall. Mrs English has been a huge rock of support to many people in the school including myself and I can't express how much she will be missed. I am delighted for her but very sad for us as a school community. I wish her and her husband all the very best with their new venture. Mrs English will be with us until 1st May 2015.

Croydon Schools Festival of Dance

The Infant and Junior dance clubs will be participating in this annual event on Tuesday 10th March. Thank you to Ms Krasnic for her preparation of the dancers. We will be looking forward to the performances. Congratulations children I am sure we will be very proud on the night.

Parents' evenings

You should have received information about the forthcoming parents' evenings on the 17th and 19th March. Please ensure you book an appointment slot with the class teacher. We hope you will see in the children's books the huge improvements that have been made with extended writing and creativity.

Red Nose Day

Class 4B have been selling Red Noses in aid of Red Nose Day. They have also planned a Bake Off and a raffle. On Red Nose Day there will be a charity talent show. Thank you to 4B and Mrs Howell for their work in fund raising for this worthwhile charity.

St Joseph's Day

We will be celebrating our feast day on Thursday 19th March. The children are encouraged to wear something red on that day. Red is the colour of St Joseph. Our school governors will be visiting the school during the school day

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and will be attending lessons as well as assemblies and playtimes. I am sure the children will make them very welcome.

Lent activities

There will be a weekly Friday charity collection during Lent, children, who may have given up sweets for Lent, can bring in money they might otherwise have spent on themselves. The money will go to CAFOD.

PTA - car boot sale

The new committee will be running their first event on Saturday 14th March 2015. Please do come along and support them. I am sure there will be lots of bargains to be had as well as an opportunity to secure a Mothers' day gift. I hope the weather will be kind to us.

E-Safety

Parents are once again reminded about ensuring they are aware of what websites and applications their children are using. We have an increasing number of pupils accessing social networking particularly, Instagram, WhatsApp and Snapchat. It is not appropriate and in fact illegal for primary aged children to be using social networking. In our experience children are not mature enough to use these applications and invariably an issue arises. From a safeguarding perspective they are placing themselves in a vulnerable position. Please ensure you are vigilant and say no to your children when they ask if they can have an account.

Website

www.webfronter.com/croydon/stjosephsfederation

I know it is quite long but once it is set up in your favourites it will be quicker. Children should now all have their Fronter logins and will be able to access the Fronter classrooms via the website.

Applications for Nursery Classes April and September 2014

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

Uniform

After Easter children should be in their summer uniform. I am aware that the weather is usually still a little unseasonal so will allow some flexibility. Summer dresses must be worn with socks and not tights. School shoes need to be worn, no open toed sandals are allowed.

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.

Current team points

St Catherine team will celebrate their team assembly on Monday 9th March

Red: St Catherine = 13279

Blue: St Sebastian = 15159

Yellow: St Cecilia = 13859

Green: St Francis = 14302

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Forthcoming events

- 12th March Service of Reconciliation for Years 4 - 6 led by Fr James and Fr Anthony.
- 19th March St Joseph's Day: Assembly in Infant and Junior schools at 9:15 am. Children / adults to dress in school uniform with an element of red to celebrate the school's feast day.
- 24th March Class E Easter liturgy.
- 25th March Junior Easter Liturgy / Stations of the Cross Service in the junior school hall at 2:00 pm.
- 27th March Stations of the Cross KS1 / FS in Infants school. **School closes at 2:00pm**

Mission Prayer:

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever
Amen

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