

May 2015

Welcome back to the summer term and what seems to be the busiest time of the academic year. As you know we have begun the consultation to look at academy status for the Federation of St Joseph's Junior, Infant and Nursery Schools. We have met with staff and parents outlining the main aims and benefits as well as what the process will involve. It is our aim to ensure that we hear from the school community and that people have the opportunity to have questions raised and answered as best we can. I want to reiterate that the Catholic ethos of our school remains the most important aspect of our vision for education. A potential shift to academy status will have no impact on the schools' Catholic nature. On Wednesday we will be welcoming Dr Anne Bamford to our schools, Dr Bamford is the director of education for the Southwark Archdioceses. We are looking forward to showing her around she will also be meeting with some Year 6 pupils.

I look forward to engaging with you over the next few weeks and I hope and pray that we will make the best decision for St Joseph's and its ongoing development and success.

I was happy to see the vast majority of the children returning in their summer uniform, the sunny weather has indeed helped! I do expect to see girls in dresses and boys in shorts. Year 6 girls may wear a blouse and skirt and Year 6 boys can continue to wear long trousers. Please ensure children wear school shoes and not sandals.

#### Polling day

Please note the school will be closed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 as the school is used as a polling station.

#### School Election

The junior children will be having their own school elections on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and will be able to use the real polling booths as we will be keeping them on site. I look forward to reporting the results of the school election!

#### Sports Day

Please note the date in your dairy Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May As in previous years there will be morning and afternoon events and an opportunity to join your children for a picnic lunch on the field.

#### Farewell and welcome.

At the beginning of term we said goodbye to Mrs Sarra Blair. Mrs Blair has been with us for a few years and has moved onto a promoted post in a school in North London.

Welcome to Mrs Claire Goodwin who has joined us as classteacher for Year 4B.

#### Academy Consultation

The period of consultation is from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Comments can be sent via email or handed in to the junior or infant offices. We look forward to hearing from you.

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#### Website

Our website includes up to date information about PE opportunities in and around the local areas.

[www.webfronter.com/croydon/stjosephsfederation](http://www.webfronter.com/croydon/stjosephsfederation).

#### PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Easter raffle which was a huge success this year. The PTA had their first meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, there is a lot of new support for the PTA and we are delighted by the enthusiasm. Please do support them and their events. The PTA will be at sports day and the new parents meeting. Their next big event is the summer fair on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

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## Items needed:

We are looking for scrap paper to use in the nursery and reception classes. The children use a lot of paper on a daily basis and we were wondering if any parents had access to scrap paper that can be given to us for the children to use.

We also need spare clothing especially school socks and underwear. Children will invariably have accidents in school and we run short of spare clothes items. Many thanks for your support. Please bring paper or clothes to either reception classes or the nursery.

## 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.

## Class assemblies

Reception classes:

Class H - 12<sup>th</sup> May - 9:15am - Infant hall

Class P - 30<sup>th</sup> June - 9:15am - Infant hall.

Finally... Please keep Year 6 in your prayers as they prepare for their fast approaching SATs!

## Forthcoming events

5<sup>th</sup> May - May Bank Holiday - School Closed

6<sup>th</sup> May - May procession - Infant hall (N- Y3)

7<sup>th</sup> May - Polling day - school closed

9<sup>th</sup> May - Catholic Football and Netball tournament

11<sup>th</sup> May - 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs

12<sup>th</sup> May - New to Reception parents meeting @ 6:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> May - New to Nursery, parents meeting @ 6:30pm

20<sup>th</sup> May - Infant class photographs

21<sup>st</sup> May - Y6 PGL meeting @ 6:30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> May - break up for half term at normal time

School back - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

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