

October 2014

It has been a particularly sad and difficult start to term and we would like to thank you for the support given to the school along with your kind messages. We were very appreciative to be able to attend the funeral has a whole school community.

Thank you to all who managed to attend our parent information mornings. There was a better turnout for the meetings and we can assume that it was due to the day time slots. A lot of information was given out and there were many good discussions. Please note the school's main priorities for this year will be to improve the quality of children's writing and to improve attainment and progress in maths. The teachers discussed strategies that will be used in school to accelerate pupil progress. We will be having our first round of parents meetings in November **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November.** Progress and targets will be shared with you at that point.

We will be having our Harvest celebrations next week on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** for the infants at **9.30am** and **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** for the juniors at **9.30am**. The juniors will be combining harvest with a beginning of the year mass; Fr James will be celebrating the mass with us. All parents are warmly invited to attend both events.

## **PTA**

The PTA will be hosting their first event of the academic year on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.** It will be a Bingo night! Please do come a long and participate in the fun.

## **Operation Christmas**

This Advent we will be supporting the show box appeal again and I would ask for your support, traditionally we have been very generous as a school. This is a very worthwhile charity and really does capture the true meaning of Christmas as a time of giving.

## **Date List**

Please be aware that the INSET day on **Friday November 21<sup>st</sup>** will no longer be an INSET and the school will be open as normal.

## **Year 6 Transition to Secondary School**

Reminder for transfer to Year 7 in September 2015; Common Application Forms to home local authorities need to be completed by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

## **Coffee Morning for McMillan Cancer Support**

This was hugely supported and a great success in total we raised £471.50. Many thanks to Mrs De Jesus for coordinating the event.

## **Admissions: Reception Class September 2015**

The Governors will soon be opening the admissions process for Reception 2015. We have already held our admissions meetings but there is an open morning on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am.** Forms will be available for collection on that day as well.

**To be considered for admission to Reception at St Joseph's; parents must complete a Croydon form and a**

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St Joseph's Supplementary Form. If you do not live in Croydon you must fill in a Common Application Form (CAF) FOR YOUR HOME Local Authority. Applications forms and admissions documentation are available at the Infant School office on request.

Year 2 - Year 3 application forms can be collected from the Junior School office from 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014, forms will need to be completed and returned to the Junior School Office by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Transition from Infant to Junior School is called an in year admission.

### School coats

The maroon school coat is a compulsory school item. I would urge you to purchase school coats from Hewitts for the winter. The coat is appropriate for cold and wet weather; the children also look very smart in school. Coats have been going missing, I am conscious that this is an expensive piece of school wear and I would urge you to return to school any items of uniform that come home by mistake and are not your child's. Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all pieces of school uniform so that they can be returned to your child if they are mislaid.

A reminder about haircuts they should be conventional and suitable for school.

This will be last letter before half term, I hope you all have restful week at home.  
School will be re-open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

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