

September 2015

A warm welcome back to the new school year and to new beginnings! A special welcome to our new pupils and their families. I trust you had a restful summer holiday and enjoyed quality family time. Thank you, for the many postcards we received over the summer. I am delighted to see the school come alive again with the children back and look forward to a successful and happy year ahead.

Welcome to our new staff: Mrs C Spence (Year3), Mrs F McGrath (Y4) and Mrs B Pilkington (Y5). I hope our new staff will have a long and happy association with St Joseph's and I look forward to them sharing their talents and enthusiasm for learning with us.

As always we are straight back to business, please take note of the forthcoming events.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School and Curriculum information Wednesday 9th September at 6.30pm in the junior hall

This is an important meeting and always held early so that parents are free to visit secondary schools for open days and evenings. Information will be provided on how to manage the process of applications to secondary schools. For your convenience some schools have provided us with application forms to collect on the night (Bishop Thomas Grant and St Mary's High School). I look forward to seeing you all there.

Curriculum meetings

Please ensure that you attend the relevant meeting. It is essential that you as parents are informed of the expectations we have of the children and how you can help us to ensure children are meeting expectations for their age. As you know the curriculum has changed in many ways and this year we will be continuing with the Big Write and Talk for Writing strategies as well as the Singapore maths approach. I am sure you will find the meetings interesting as well as informative.

Thursday 24th September: Curriculum information - KS2

JUNIORS (Garden hall and main hall)

Y3 - 9am - 9:30am (garden hall)

Y4 - 9am - 9.30am (main hall)

Y5 - 9:45am - 10:15am (garden hall)

Friday 25th September: Curriculum information - KS1

INFANTS (Infant hall)

Y1 - 9am - 9.30am

Y2 - 10am - 10:30am

Coffee Morning for McMillan Cancer Support

Friday 25th September: Junior Hall: 9- 11am and 2- 3pm

Once again we will be supporting the McMillan nurses charity. It is a charity very close to many people and we would like to invite you to come and support this event. Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received on the morning of the 25th in the junior hall. Mrs. De Jesus will be coordinating the event.

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THANKYOU

A special thank you to Harris & Bailey Builders Merchants in East Croydon for the kind donation of a box of footballs for the school. These are very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

WANTED

The Nursery is in need of toy buggies/prams for the children to use in the outdoor area. If you have any unwanted toy buggies in good condition please could you take them to Mrs. L Leggett in the nursery. Many thanks.

Uniform reminders

Please would you ensure that your child has an appropriate school bag. Nursery and Reception children need a book bag; children in year 1 and 2 can have either a book bag or a school rucksack. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should have a **school** rucksack.

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.

Children must wear school shoes and not boot style shoes (i.e. Kicker boots)

Haircuts should be conventional and suitable for school

Once again welcome back to the new term and I look forward to working with you.

Tammy Lawlor and staff

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