

November 2015

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term. I trust you are feeling relaxed and rested after a week at Home. The weather was certainly mild and I hope you had lots of opportunities to look at the glorious colours of autumn.

We had a wonderful end to the half term celebrating international week, the assemblies and presentations by the children were colourful and engaging, they had clearly enjoyed learning about different countries and cultures. I can't thank parents enough for the fantastic feast at the end of the school day, there was a huge variety of foods available and a lovely atmosphere in the hall. Thank you to parents who came in as guest speakers and to Miss Goodwin for her energies in organising the event. Thank you for the harvest food contributions which we will be taking to the Norwood Food Bank project.

November is the month of remembrance and during the month children will have opportunities to buy and wear a poppy as a symbol of remembrance. We will be celebrating mass in the junior hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am; during the mass Father James will bless the 'friendship bench' which has been specially purchased to commemorate our late colleague and friend Lorraine Harris. Lorraine's family will be attending the mass and we look forward to making them very welcome.

### Uniform

Unfortunately we are having a lot of reports of missing uniform. We do always try and work with parents to find missing items and send out text messages in the hope that things will be returned. Please do ensure that all items of uniform including shoes are clearly labelled. Please do also check that your child is wearing their uniform and return to school any items that may belong to other children.

### Admissions for Reception and Nursery September 2016

Parents who wish for their child to start in Reception Class September 2016 or Nursery Class September 2016 can now collect a form from the infant office. **If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012** you are required to make an application for a reception place by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. All applications for St Joseph's need to include a CAF (Common Application form - completed on line) and supplementary information Form (available from the infant school office)

We will be holding an Open Day in school on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015, there will be tours of the school available and information on how to apply will be included in my talk at 10am and then again at 6pm in the Junior School Hall. For those of you who are familiar and confident with the process please go to the infant office and collect a form from Anne. Application forms for nursery are also available; the closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for both Reception and Nursery.

CAF forms are local authority forms - they are completed online e.g. if you live in Croydon you complete a Croydon Form - if you live in Lambeth you complete a Lambeth form.

Supplementary forms are the forms you obtain from our school office and return to our office. They require additional information that the governors use when allocating places as per our admissions policy.

### Shoe Box Appeal

Please do support the appeal and bring your shoe boxes into school no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please refer to the leaflet to ensure that the box contains the appropriate items and that all items are **new**. Thank you for your support we always send off at least 70 boxes every year. It is a wonderful opportunity to give.

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## Parents evenings

Our next round of parents meetings will be on the Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015. These meetings will be an opportunity to talk to teachers about their children's progress as well as look through the books. Letters have now gone out please ensure that you have signed up to see your child's class teacher.

## INSET Day

Please remember that Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November is an INSET day and the school will be closed for children.

## Christmas at St Joseph's

I know it's a little early but I am sure you want to be prepared!

## Dates for your diary: Please note times and days for Christmas Nativities and Services.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 - Own clothes day - children to bring a bottle for the Christmas fair

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 - Own clothes day - children to bring in cakes or sweets for the Christmas fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair - 3pm - 5pm (stalls and food in the Infant and Junior Halls)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:45 am Infant hall - Early years Christmas Nativity - Nursery parents only

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9:45 am Infant hall - Early years Christmas Nativity - Reception parents only

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Theatre group presents: Sleeping Beauty for all children (Reception - Y6)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:45am infant hall - Class E and Class O and 2.00pm Class S and Class J - Nativities

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day - children wear own clothes (preferably a Christmas jumper)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am junior hall: Junior Carol service - for Year 3 and 4 parents

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am junior hall: Junior Carol service - for Year 5 and 6 parents

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 2pm

## School website

Our school website is fully up and running. I hope you have had a chance to look round it and sign up for electronic updates and newsletters. There are some lovely class features on there. We would welcome your feedback too!

[www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk)

Tammy Lawlor and staff

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