

April 2017

We are quickly approaching the end of the spring term and the season of Lent. I am sure we are ready for a break now! It has been once again a busy half term. We celebrated a wonderful RE week and a joyful St Joseph's Day. Mr Abs composed a piece of music for our school creed; it was especially composed for the school choir to perform at the St Joseph's day assembly. Everyone was very moved by the singing and the words. Thank you to Mrs Carter for her organisation of RE week and the assemblies.

The infant and junior dancers did a fantastic job at the Croydon dance festival held this year at Trinity School Croydon. The children performed incredibly well and we felt very proud of them. Thank you to Laura for her teaching and to Mrs Perry and Miss Goodwin who took care of the proceedings on the night!

Our gymnastic teams in Y3 and Y4 and Y5 and Y6 have both gained places in the London Youth Games finals. This is a significant achievement to get both teams through. Congratulations to the children and to Mrs Mangan for her dedication in coaching the children to such a high standard.

HMI visit

On Monday 27th March we had a one day monitoring visit (section 8) carried out by a HMI inspector. We haven't as yet received formal notification of the inspector's findings and hope to be able to update parents after the Easter holiday. The HMI passed on his thanks to all members of the St Joseph's Community and mentioned special thanks to the children. Our children were excellent during the inspection and we feel very proud of them!

Staffing update

We invariably get some staff movement at the end of term. Sadly Mrs Linda Leggett will be leaving us on Friday 7th April after 15 years of working at St Joseph's. Mrs Leggett has brought a lot of fun and enjoyment to the school and I am very grateful to her for her commitment and loyalty. I am sure Mrs Leggett will not be a stranger and will enjoy coming back from time to time.

We welcome back Mrs Lisa Kelly on the 7th April 2017. Mrs Kelly has been on maternity leave and we look forward to her return to her new position of Deputy Headteacher of the Federated Schools. The leadership structure of the Federation will be: Headteacher (Mrs T Lawlor), Deputy Headteacher (Mrs L Kelly), Assistant Headteacher Juniors (Mrs N Carter), Assistant Headteacher Infants (Mrs C Oruc) and Inclusion Manager (Mrs P Finerty).

I would like to record my sincere thanks to Mrs Carter and Mrs Oruc both of whom have stepped up and taken on additional responsibility while Mrs Kelly has been away.

Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for a part-time teacher (2 days a week) and a part-time School Business Manager (3 days a week) both for September. We have a recruitment tab on our website please look at the website for further information or call into the school offices.

Music lessons at St Joseph's

From September we will be changing the way in which music tuition is managed at St Joseph's Junior School. We will be providing further information to all parents soon. Currently music tuition money is paid to the junior school office. From 1st September all music tuition fees will be paid directly to the music teacher. The teacher and parent will have their own agreement and communicate directly. Children who are eligible for the pupil premium grant will continue to have tuition subsidised. Please do read the information carefully when you receive it. I think parents will find the system easier and more flexible.

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School meals

We would like to increase the number of junior children having a school meal. Please do consider trying it out. The meals are varied and tasty and I would urge you to give it a go. Please do call in and ask for a taster! The cost of school meals is £2.20 a day.

Funding for schools- national Funding Formula

School budgets are always tight and that is the same this year. The National Funding Formula is anticipating that further cuts are on the horizon.

As a school we are funded separately for pupils who are in receipt of the pupil premium funding, the amount of funding we receive is based on the confidential information we provide to the DFE. Any family in receipt of income support is eligible for the grant. In school we use the grant to provide free school meals for junior pupils, offer subsidy for afterschool clubs and trips, music tuition and boosters (Saturday, before and after school) as well as employing additional staff and other agencies. We have a clear statement on our website which itemises how the money is spent and the impact it has on pupil achievement and outcomes. Please could we ask that if you feel that you qualify for pupil premium you contact the school offices. All information is handled sensitively and confidentially. Please do look at the information on the website.

School Games Day (Sports day)

Please note the date in your diary Friday 26th May 2017. 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. Please note the following in order to accommodate all the activities we will be extending the school day to 3.30pm. Infant children will need to remain in school for the whole day and not go home at lunchtime. A separate letter nearer the time will be issued so that information and arrangements are clear. Children will be expected to wear a coloured T- shirt representing their team colour on the day. Please could you ensure the children have a clean T-shirt with no logos.

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.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter. Please remember that children will be returning to school in their summer uniforms. Have a wonderful break!

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

Forthcoming events

Date	Event
4 th April 2017	Class S - Easter assembly 9:15am - Infant Hall
5 th April 2017	Stations of the Cross - Infants 9:15am Stations of the Cross - juniors 2.30pm
6 th - 7 th April 2017	Y4 on residential to Hindleap

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7 th April 2017	5B class assembly 9:15am
7 th April 2017	Close for Easter break at 2pm
10 th , 11 th and 12 th April 2017	Easter boosters for Y6 9.30am - 12pm
24 th April 2017	School reopens
26 th April 2017	Group out at Pentathlon event at Olympic Stadium
28 th April 2017	Class 4M assembly 9.15am - junior hall
5 th May 2017	May Procession (TBC)
6 th May 2017	Football and Netball Tournament at Margaret Roper School.
8 th May - 11 th May 2017	Year 6 SATs
19 th May 2017	4P assembly 9:15am - junior hall
26 th May	Sports Day
26 th May 2017	Close for half term break
5 th June 2017	Science week
7 th June 2017	FGM - parents workshop
13 th June 2017	FGM pupil workshop
9 th June 2017	Sports Day reserve
16 th June- 19 th June	Y6 away at PGL
28 th June 2017	Catholic Sports - St James the Great- am
29 th June 2017	Ss Peter and Paul feast day Mass at VFPC TBA
6 th July 2017	Infant Sports Day - am St Thomas Becket School
11 th July 2017	2pm - Orchestra concert - Juniors
12 th July 2017	Y3 - Holy Communion Mass and Y2 transition mass (TBC)
13 th July 2017	Y6 leavers mass at 6.30pm
18 th July 2017	Y6 Production PM
19 th July 2017	Thanksgiving Mass 6.30pm - VFPC.
21 st July 2017	Close for summer break

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