

Newsletter

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The Federation of St. Joseph's Catholic Junior,
Infant and Nursery Schools



November 2017

A belated welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the October break.

On the 10th October, some of the children's grandparents joined us for lunch. About forty grandparents in total attended across both schools. It was a very enjoyable occasion and one we hope to repeat. Just before half term we enjoyed our international week, the week ended with the food sharing on Friday 20th October. Thank you to all families for their wonderful food donations and for all those who attended the event. Thank you to Miss Godwin and Miss Todd for their organisation of international week this year. We had some donations from local businesses too. Big thank you to Alex and Roby's Coffee and Cake House - Crown Parade Crown Dale, for their generous donations. Thank you to all the families of the school for their generous harvest donations. All the food collected was taken by Mr McEvoy to the Food Bank Project. It was the best response we have had. Thank you very much!

The junior diving team held on to their crown of winners of the Catholic Schools diving competition. Coming first for the second year! Congratulations to the team and to Mrs Mangan. They brought back a wonderful winner's trophy!

Thank you to Fr Anthony who celebrated Mass for the children on All Saints day (Wednesday 1st November). During the month of November we remember all our friends and family members who have passed away.

Aren Mali RIP

Sadly, we were informed of the tragic death of Aren Mali on Sunday 29th October. Aren as you may have read was a past pupil of St Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools. Please pray for Aren and his family. May he rest in peace.

Reception admissions September 2018

Please remember that the application round for Reception class September 2018 closes on the 15th January 2018. Please ensure that all forms are received by the school office and your home local authority by the 15th January 2018. Nursery applications are also being received and the closing date is the 15th January as well

Umbrella Trust of Croydon Catholic Primary Schools

As you know we work in partnership with the Croydon Catholic Primary Schools as part of our Umbrella Trust working agreement. As part of that agreement we have an annual school review. Our school review was on Tuesday 17th October. We are delighted to inform you that the inspecting team found both schools to be outstanding. This judgement was arrived at by an analysis of the schools' results (July 2017 test outcomes). The quality of teaching and assessment which was based on evidence from the children's books

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and the lessons that were observed- all teachers were observed during that day. The robust approach to safeguarding and the role our governors play in holding the school to account. We were very happy with the report and the strengths that were identified.

Congratulations

To Mrs Miscia who will be expecting her first baby in April 2018. We are delighted for her and her husband and wish them a happy and healthy pregnancy.

Congratulations to Ms Karen Foley (Infants) who got married during the half term. She is now Mrs Foley Brown, congratulations to Mr and Mrs Foley Brown - we wish them both health and happiness!

Uniform reminders

I have been very impressed by the vast majority of parents adhering to our uniform expectations. There are a few problems creeping in which I would like addressed. Thank you again for your attention and corporation with regard to uniform. New parents visiting the school remarked on how smart the children look!

1. We do allow girls to wear small 'stud' earrings; 'studs' are the ones you get when your ears are first pierced. No other variation of a small stud earring should be worn. I am seeing small hoops and novelty earrings. Please ensure that if your child does wear earrings that they are correct. I know the majority of parents are getting this right so please ask each other if you are not sure.
2. **Haircuts and hair styles.** Please note that boys haircuts need to be an even cut and not too short. Haircuts must be conventional and suitable for school. Girls must not wear beads in their hair. We discourage hair extensions however I know that sometimes it is unavoidable - long hair must be tied up for health and safety reasons.
3. **School coats** must be worn by all children. It is a compulsory item of school uniform.

Safeguarding

Please ensure the offices have up to date information. Make sure phone numbers are accurate and that GP details are correct too. If you change address or your child has any new medical conditions we are not aware of please keep us updated.

Music

We have a new strings teacher- Ms Sarah Jayne Miller she will be teaching violin and cello to junior children. If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument at school, please talk to Mrs Johnson in the junior office.

Irish Dancing School

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Irish dancing classes with The Rose School of Irish Dancing are starting in our junior hall on a Thursday evening from Thursday 28th September for all children age 3+. Contact Amy after 5pm on 07808084550 for information. The Rose school of Irish dancing has a Facebook and Instagram page - @theroseschoolis. It's a great way to meet new friends, have fun and keep fit!

Website

Our web site includes up to date information. We would welcome more subscribers to the site and more followers on Facebook and Twitter. Please do also follow the PTA Facebook page which has lots of useful information about local events as well as school events and photographs.

www.stjosephsfederation.co.uk

Holidays and Absences from school

Please note by way of a reminder we are not able to authorise any holidays during term time.

Forthcoming events

Thursday 9th November	Catholic Schools Cross Country Competition – team only
Friday 10th November	Remembrance services Juniors: 11am – Junior Hall – parents are welcome.
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November	Parents meetings Reception – Year 6
Friday 17th November	6M – Class assembly
Thursday 23rd November	PTA Mufti Day
Friday 24th November	School Closed – INSET
Friday 1st December	Beginning of Advent PTA Mufti Day
Sunday 3rd December	PTA Christmas Fair – 12pm – 4pm

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