

April 2018

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Welcome back to the summer term which is always full of many exciting events. We urge you to check the dates both on this newsletter and on the school website on a regular basis to make sure you are up to date with everything that is happening.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Staffing News

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Miscia has had a baby girl. Brooke was born on 17th April weighing 6lbs 15oz. May God bless her new family. Miss Martin in 4M will be off for 2 weeks from the 8th May due to having surgery to remove a benign tumour on her face. I am sure you will keep her in your prayers and we look forward to welcoming her back once she has recovered from her surgery.

Sporting Success

Once again we have been successful across a range of sports. Our Year 3/4 gym team came first in the borough final and now go on to represent Croydon in the School Games. Our basketball team has also been reaching new heights! They came first in their recent qualifier which means they will now take part in the borough final. Good luck to them on the 10th May!

TES awards

We were excited to hear this week that St Joseph's has been shortlisted for English team of the Year by the TES. The awards ceremony is in June which myself and Miss Long will attend. I will update you in the June newsletter after the awards ceremony has taken place. Keep your fingers crossed for us please!

Update on works around the school

We are delighted with our new toilets in the Junior School. The Head boy and Head girl officially opened them on Friday and the Junior children have been very excited to see their brand new toilets. Parents from 4M viewed them after their assembly and were delighted with the result. Please see the school website to view photographs. Work begins now on the lower Junior toilets which we hope to be completed by the end of the May half term. The children have chosen the colours and themes for both sets of toilets – Sports and sea creatures.

Safeguarding

We have a duty of care to the children in our school. This includes taking the necessary steps to safeguard them and promote their welfare. Parents and Carers please familiarise yourself with the Safeguarding policy on the website. If you have any concerns the school's Senior Designated Officer for Safeguarding is Mrs Finerty and myself, Mrs Stylianou and Mrs McGrath are Deputy Designated officers.

Attendance

The class currently with the best attendance is again 5B with a fantastic 98.3%. Well done. A congratulation to all other classes as your attendance is improving each month. A BIG well done to 2O, 3LJ, 4M ,4P, 5B and 6L for reaching that target of 97% attendance this month. Keep it up!

How is your child's class attendance?

Class	% Attendance
RP	89.2%
RH	94.1%
1E	96.6%
1S	93.3%
2O	97%
2J	96.6%
3LJ	97%
3G	94.5%
4M	97.3%
4P	97.3%
5M	96.6%
5B	98.3%
6L	97.3%
6M	96.7%

Holidays and Absences from school

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

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

Irish Dancing School

Irish dancing classes with **The Rose School of Irish Dancing** are in our junior hall on a Thursday evening 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!

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 1 st May	Year 4 trip to Westminster Cathedral
Wednesday 2 nd May	Cake sale in the Juniors
Thursday 3 rd May	POLLING DAY School will be closed as it will be used as a polling station.
Friday 4 th May	May Procession Please can all children bring in flowers for the procession
Monday 7 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 8 th May	Junior school – group photographs
Thursday 10 th May	Ascension Mass – Juniors Year5/6 Basketball qualifiers
Monday 14 th May – Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 18 th May	Computing week begins – Junior School
Friday 25 th May	School Games Day Children to come dressed in T-shirt that represents their house. Finish time of 3.30 pm for all children.
Friday 25 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 4 th June	School opens

**All class assemblies begin at 9.15 am