



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 17 – Spring Term

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Attendance and Punctuality (15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018)

Year 6 achieved the highest attendance during last week, for the second time in a row, so well done to them! Illness has meant that figures have been disappointing overall. We hope everyone is now over the worst of the winter germs and look forward to seeing more of you back next week.

Lateness is improved, with a total of 16 late marks recorded. Please remember that children should be in class and ready to learn at 9 am. The main doors now **close at 8.55 am**. Please set out aiming to arrive at 8.45 am, allowing plenty of time for your journey. Thank you.

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	91.8%
Reception	87.7%
Year 1	78.8%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	93.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.7%</b>

### Extended Schools Provision

Today we have sent out leaflets about our new provider for Breakfast and After School Club, who will be taking over at St Joseph's after the half-term break. Breakfast Club will start at 7.30 am, which we hope will help some parents with an early start to work. Company details are available at: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>, where you will see that many of their settings have been judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted. All contact details are given on the leaflet and you are able to book **from now**. The booking process is online and places must be booked directly with Energy Kidz ahead of time. We look forward to a successful and lasting working relationship from 19<sup>th</sup> February.



P3 have provided this service for the last 5 years so our thanks go to the staff who have worked with us during this time. They have sent letters to parents today explaining the reasons for their withdrawal.

### Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Parents are invited to join Miss Tyler from 9 to 10 am next week in the school hall. We hope to welcome many of you on that date. Topics for the day will include:

#### Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



- KS2 Homework Policy, which is currently under review and will be sent out to parents with next Friday's newsletter.
- Sports provision both during and after school – this is also being reviewed and Miss Tyler will share details with you at the coffee morning.
- Building Project – we hope to have story boards available with details of the plans for the new Nursery classroom, kitchen and the ground floor.
- School Priorities including pupil outcomes.

There are two further dates in the diary for a similar coffee morning event, i.e. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

### Medicines in School

Whilst our staff are happy to administer medicine on a voluntary basis, this applies to

#### PRESCRIBED MEDICATION ONLY

This follows the guidelines from our school nurse. Any medication must be handed to the office by an adult and we must return it to an adult. Children must not have any medication in their bags as this is a hazard to themselves and to others. Thank you for your cooperation.



## FREE Cycle Training at half-term

We are very fortunate that Camden is offering FREE cycle training for children, adults and families during the half-term break. Details are as follows:

Our next two-day holiday courses for children are on Mon-Tue, 12-13, and Wed-Thu, 14-15 February. The morning sessions are for complete beginners. The afternoon sessions are for children who can already ride.

Courses for adults are held every second weekend. There are sessions for people who have never cycled and for those who want refresher training.

The training is delivered at Haverstock School, NW3. There are bikes and helmets free to borrow.

Camden also offers 1:2:1 training for adults and young adults who would like to cycle on-road. You will need your own bike for this training.

All the training is free.

For further information and to register, visit [www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills](http://www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills). Alternatively, call 020 7974 1451 or email [richard.riddle@camden.gov.uk](mailto:richard.riddle@camden.gov.uk)



**Red Book Awards** – Well done to all the children who were commended at our Worship assembly this week, as well as everyone who received a ‘red letter’ for their excellent work, efforts or behaviour. It’s great to celebrate your success together.

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Alessi</b> for writing labels for our ‘Fruit Salad’ display with an adult helping her.	<b>Ella-Mae</b> for becoming a very confident member of our class and expressing herself with great confidence.		
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Betsy</b> for using her sounds to write ‘Wingy the fish with wings’ all by herself.	<b>Sienna</b> for always trying her hardest to do the right thing.	<b>Cayden</b>	<b>Hugo</b> for eating all of his salad.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Queenie</b> for using beautiful similes in her writing to describe characters.	<b>George</b> for lovely manners and always being helpful to his classmates.	<b>Jace</b>	<b>All of Year 1</b> , for kind and lovely playtimes!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Joshua</b> for planning his ideas before writing to create clear pieces of work.	<b>Ruby Rose</b> for settling into our class and school really well.	<b>Almudena</b>	
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Emily</b> for absolutely astounding effort and consistency in literacy last week!	<b>Josh</b> for a much improved effort all round, especially with the different drama activities we have been doing in Year 3!	<b>Ellana</b>	
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Jimi</b> for really pushing himself to write more, and including relevant information in his report on how to care for cats.	<b>Olivia</b> for showing a huge improvement in her attitude, which has been noticed in class and around the school!	<b>Julia</b>	<b>James</b> for making healthy choices in his packed lunch.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Daniel</b> for writing a presenting the opening of a story that had the whole of year 5 on the edge of or seats!  <b>Sonny</b> for thinking hard about his word choice, creating an effective story setting.	<b>Archie</b> for trying hard and getting involved in our drama activity, even when it isn’t his favourite thing to do!	<b>Jaedon</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>RuWei</b> for his brilliantly descriptive poem about the junkyard in The Viewer.	<b>Christian C</b> for his dedication to Mathletics.	<b>Megan</b>	<b>Adriel</b> for always leading by example.

## Building Fund / News – GIFT AID

Around half-term we are expecting the foundation groundworks to be completed and work on the new Early Years classroom will begin. There will be some scaffolding erected, probably close to the back doors of the school, which will enable the builders to transport some of the building material to and from the playground site.



Please remember to give what you can to this fund. All donations will make a difference to the final outcome and we are grateful, as always, for your generosity.

Don't forget that if you are a UK tax-payer and have made a donation, please call in to the school office for a **Gift Aid form**. Signing this declaration will give an extra 25p to the school for every £1 you give! This can be applied retrospectively and linked to your donations, so don't worry if you didn't complete it straight away.

## Dates for the Diary

A list of the main known events for the term follows:

Spring Term 2018	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 from 9 to 10 am	<b>Coffee Morning for parents with Miss Tyler</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 (afternoon)	<b>Road Safety Workshop for Year 6</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 from 2 pm	<b>Taster Session re school lunches (Caterlink)</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>Dress in Red, Pink or with Hearts for Valentine's Day £1 requested as a charitable donation</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (normal finish time)	<b>School ends for the half-term break</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>HALF-TERM BREAK</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>Energy Kidz begin Breakfast &amp; After School clubs</b>
w/c Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>Science Fortnight begins</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>'No Pens Day'</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	<b>World Book Character Day</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	<b>Science Workshops delivered by the Crick Institute</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	<b>Reception visit to the City Learning Centre</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	<b>Year 5 visit to the Crick Institute for Science workshops</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Book Week begins</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Year 4 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: Applied Maths (The Blitz)</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	<b>Parent Workshop: Emotional Well-being &amp; Resilience</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Year 3 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: History of Cake Making &amp; Tour</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 Online Safety Workshop Parents welcome.</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Camden Music Festival</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Year 1 visit to the Bank of England</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Year 4 visit to the City Learning Centre</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	<b>Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Term Ends at 1.15 pm (Energy Kidz will still run)</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<b>Children return to school</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 from 9 to 10 am	<b>Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler</b>

With best wishes for the weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you at the coffee morning next Thursday.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler  
Headteacher

