

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 27 – Summer Term

Friday 4th May 2018

Attendance and Punctuality (23rd to 27th April 2018)

Apart from one class, last week's attendance figures are hugely encouraging, with our Reception children achieving the highest percentage at 98.3%. We hope that this trend can continue through the Summer Term.



Punctuality also improved, with 17 late marks recorded. This is still very high however, and during this term we will be inviting our Education Welfare Officer to monitor arrivals. To arrive on time you should aim for 8.45 am, which gives the children plenty of time to settle in and be ready for the register by 9 am, when the school day starts.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	98.1%
Reception	98.3%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	97.0%

Holidays in term-time will NOT be authorised so please do not be disappointed if your request for leave is not agreed. Term dates are published on our website.

School Uniform / Lost Property

We have had a report today of lost black Adidas trainers, size 4, with self-tie laces. If anyone has picked these up by mistake, please return them via the office. Please do not send in high value items to school as we cannot be responsible for losses. This includes branded shoes, clothing and other accessories.

Parent Coffee Mornings



Our thanks to those of you who attended the coffee morning yesterday. We will shortly be sending out a printed copy of the questionnaire which we included at the end of last week's newsletter, together with some more information about being a Class Representative. You will also be hearing more about this from your children.

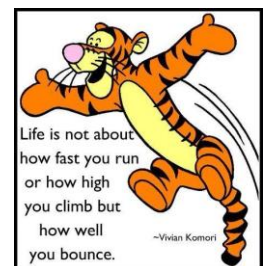
The proposed Street Fair celebration is in the first stages of planning and we will need lots of help to make this happen. The event will replace our traditional Summer Fair and will take place early in the Autumn Term. Do come along on a **Thursday morning from 9 to 10 am** to meet with other parents and staff who are taking the first steps to make this happen!

CAMHS Coffee Morning: 'Resilience' – Wednesday 9th May at 9 am

Next Wednesday you are warmly invited to a presentation by a Community Nurse from the Adolescent Intensive Support Service. Jonathan will talk about:

- What is resilience?
- How does resilience affect mental/emotional health and wellbeing?
- How can children build their resilience?
- How can parents help their children with this?

(CAMHS is the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service.)



Parent Governor Vacancy

Following his recent resignation from the Governing Body, I would like to thank Mr Andrew Nuttney for his many years of tireless service to St Joseph's. He has made a significant contribution to the school and we are so grateful for his time, effort and dedication over these years.

THANK YOU!



His departure from the Governing Body leaves us with a parent governor vacancy and we will shortly be sending out details about how you can put yourself forward as a candidate for the election that has to take place. Do think seriously about whether you feel this is a role you could fulfil. If you would like to know more, please contact Miss Tyler via the school office. There is also some general information at:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>.

RIBA Half-term Courses and Activities (Royal Institute of British Architects)

Attached is a poster with information about half-term activities being offered by the RIBA. There is also more information at: <https://www.architecture.com/education-cpd-and-careers/learning/families-and-children-workshops> about the various opportunities available. Do contact them via their website if you are interested.

RIBA #

Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who were commended or their excellent work, efforts or behaviour this week:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Yonael for using a range of tenses and more complex sentences when describing his drawings in the News book.	Mary for carefully listening to and following instructions when making 'The Enormous Turnip' collage.		
Reception	Megan for writing a sentence all by herself telling me what she had learnt about space!	Sofia for always being kind and considerate to all of the class!	Olivia C	
Year 1	Anoushka for using fantastic descriptive language in her writing.	Thahani for always being helpful to her friends and her teachers.	Jeaniren	All of Tiger Class , for looking after our new friend Martim and including him in their games.
Year 2	Vincent for his continued effort with building his stamina for writing.	Almudena for being a good role model to the class.	Laura	Harry for always tidying up and helping others also.
Year 3	Ellana for her wonderful writing as Oliver from Oliver and the Seawigs! She really got in role!	Emma , for improved focus on the carpet.	Natnael	Natty – for being really inclusive in their play and always making sure people can join in the games
Year 4	Musa for his effective persuasive language techniques.	Dean for showing a real improvement in his attitude and effort. Keep it up!	Sienna	
Year 5	Joseph for making a huge effort to use cursive handwriting consistently.	Silvia for always showing her best in lessons and asking the teacher how her work can be improved.	Nadine	
Year 6	Thomas for his use of ambitious vocabulary in his description of a storm at sea.	Noyoze for her consistently positive attitude to learning.	Marley	

Office Hours – Please can we remind parents and carers that office hours are from **8.15 am to 4.15 pm**. Answer phone messages will always be checked throughout the working day.

OFFICE HOURS



Congratulations to Luca in Year 3 who made his First Holy Communion last weekend at the parish church of St Patrick in Soho Square. I know the family enjoyed a very special day.



The date for the First Holy Communion Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia is 19th May 2018.

Building Fund Update

Work continues on the Early Years classroom, where our new Nursery entrants will be based from September 2018. The scaffolding allows access for building materials via a hoist and gantry, so there is no need for access through the school.



We are also looking forward to a new kitchen, which will be located where the current Nursery classroom is. The playground infill will then follow, to make up for the lost playground space.



We are working hard to access further funding for the final phase of the project, for which we will have to submit a new capital bid to the Diocese in the Autumn, having been unsuccessful on the last occasion. We will be looking carefully at major fundraising efforts in the coming months, in order to achieve the final goal of a new secure entrance for the school.

Any contribution you can make to our Building Fund (via ParentPay) will help to make a difference to the project and will be used towards final improvements to the playground, furnishings etc. As we start the new term, please consider a **contribution for the Summer Term**. If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to complete a **Gift Aid form** at the office.

If you have corporate contacts you think may be able to help, please get in touch with us.

Dates for the Diary

Below is a list of the diary dates we have planned in so far this term:

Summer Term 2018	
Monday 30 th April 2018	Personal Safety Talk – Year 4
Monday 7 th May 2018	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 9 th May 2018	Dogs Trust Workshops – Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 9 th May 2018 from 9 – 9.45 am	'Resilience' coffee morning for parents
Thursday 10 th May 2018	School Mass for Ascension Day
Friday 11 th May 2018	Scooter Training – Year 2
w/c Monday 14 th May 2018	KS2 SATs – Year 6
Thursday 17 th May to Tuesday 22 nd May	Bookfair
Thursday 17 th May 2018	Young Women's Sports Day – Years 3 & 4
Saturday 19 th May 2018	First Holy Communions at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	Nursery visit to Kentish City Farm (pm)
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018	HALF-TERM break
Friday 8 th June 2018	Google Online Safety Assembly – KS2 classes
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Class Photographs
Thursday 21 st June 2018	Workshop for Year 2 – Who to ask for help?
Friday 29 th June to Monday 2 nd July 2018	PGL School Journey – Year 6
w/c 2 nd July 2018	Sports Week (TBC)
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	Summer Concert (Choir & Hand bell Team)
Wednesday 11 th July 2108	Sports Day
w/c Monday 16 th July 2108	Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition
Friday 20 th July 2018	Term ends at 1.15 pm
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Children return to school

Structured Conversation Dates are listed separately on the next page!

Structured Conversations – IMPORTANT

Dates have now been set for these important parent meetings. Please be sure to sign up for an appointment and make a note of the date and time as a reminder. Sign-up sheets are available by the classroom door for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2. For KS2 classes the sheets are available on the ground floor just by the entrance to the school hall. Thank you.

Nursery	Monday 21 st May and Wednesday 23 rd May 2018
Reception	Friday 18 th May and Friday 25 th May 2018
Year 1	Thursday 10 th May and Tuesday 22 nd May 2018
Year 2	Took place last term due to upcoming SATs
Year 3	Friday 11 th May and Friday 25 th May 2018
Year 4	Thursday 10 th May and Friday 18 th May
Year 5	Friday 11 th May and Friday 21 st May 2018
Year 6	Took place last term due to upcoming SATs

Meet the Teacher!



With every good wish for the Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler,
Headteacher