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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 34 – Summer Term

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Attendance and Punctuality (18th to 22nd June 2018)



Year 5 achieved the highest attendance last week with 97.5% and the average for the whole school was 95.1%. There are just a few weeks left of term so let's aim really high and see everyone in school as much as possible as we head towards the summer holiday!

A total of 18 late marks were recorded during last week. You must aim to arrive at school by **8.45 am** so there is no rush and plenty of time to be "ready to learn" at 9 am. Thank you.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	89.0%
Reception	97.1%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	95.6%

Staffing News for September 2018

As we near the end of the Summer Term, we can now confirm several staff changes which will take place for the new academic year 2018-19.

Sadly, we will be bidding 'Farewell' to the following staff and wish them all well as they take the next steps in their career and with their families:

- Mrs Nicola Scott-Phillips is leaving to take up a position as Deputy Head in an independent school. We wish her every success and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for seven years of service with us at St Joseph's;
- Mrs Sarah Shaw is returning to her previous school to take up a new position there;
- Miss Amy Croxon is travelling to Australia to begin a new life there with her partner;
- Miss Lucy Smith will be moving to Norfolk with her partner;
- Miss Ellie Trigg is taking up a new post closer to home;



We are happy to confirm the following new appointments, which herald a change in our Senior Leadership Team structure. Miss Tyler, Miss Logue and Mrs Blanchfield will now form the Senior Leadership Team. Severe budget restraints have caused us to take a fresh look at our staffing at this level and we are excited to move forward in a new and positive way with highly qualified and experienced staff.

- Miss Gabriella Logue will join us as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion and RE & Worship;
- Mrs Jennifer Blanchfield will take on additional responsibilities at Senior Leadership level, as our School Business & Administration Leader;
- Mr Sean McEleney will teach Year 6 and will be part of the Leadership Team;
- Miss Emma-Loren Barrington will join us to teach Year 3
- Ms Temi Fanoiki will be our new Nursery teacher;
- Mrs Annika McQueen will be job-sharing with Miss Susko in the Reception class, as Miss Pascoe will be moving to Year 1.



The staffing picture will therefore be as follows:

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	Autumn 2018
Headteacher	Miss Helen Tyler
Assistant Headteacher & Inclusion Leader	Miss Gabriella Logue
School Business & Administration Leader (SB&AL)	Mrs Jennifer Blanchfield
Year Group and Class Name	Autumn 2018
Nursery - <i>Leopard</i>	Ms Temi Fanoiki
Reception - <i>Panda</i>	Ms Olga Susko Ms Annika McQueen
Year 1 - <i>Tiger</i>	Miss Cathrine Pascoe
Year 2 - <i>Polar Bear</i>	Miss Deanna Quirke
Year 3 - <i>Dolphin</i>	Ms Emma-Loren Barrington
Year 4 - <i>Rhino</i>	Miss Danielle McCarroll
Year 5 - <i>Elephant</i>	Miss Katie Stewart
Year 6 - <i>Orang-utan</i>	Mr Sean McEleney
Music teacher	Miss Sue Cotter
PPA Cover Teachers	Ms Lilith Keller Ms Sophie Smith-Tong Mr Clive Caines
Nursery Nurses	Autumn 2018
Nursery	Miss Shuhela Khanom
Reception	Mrs Sarah Guillou
School Office	Autumn 2018
School Business & Administration Leader	Mrs Jennifer Blanchfield
School Administrator & Attendance Lead	Miss Aija Plivda
School Administration Assistant (part-time)	TBC
School Premises	Autumn 2018
Premises Manager	Mr Jamie Ansley

Teaching Assistants

All of our teaching assistants will be staying with us next year.

Midday Meals Supervisors

All Teaching Assistants support the children during the lunch time. In addition we have 3 Midday Meals Supervisors: Mrs Sue Bridges (Nursery); Mrs Theresa Morena; Mrs Sam Hawkins.

Sunscreen and Water

As the hot weather continues, please remember to send in a water bottle with your child; we provide water jugs and cups in the classroom but it is also useful for them to have a drink with them in school, especially if the children might be heading out to the park some afternoons. Sunscreen should also be applied in the morning; there are products which will last the day, as it is not possible for staff to apply this on your behalf. Thank you.



Class Reps

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to take on the role of Class Rep from September. There is still time to come forward, if you have been hesitating!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have received two nominations for this vacancy and will therefore be sending out information and ballot papers early next week.



Coffee Morning - Tuesday 10th July at 9 am

Parents are invited to a coffee morning on this date, **hosted by Miss Tyler and Mrs Scott-Phillips**, who will share information about **RE & Worship** and the Catholic Life of the School in general. Do save this date and come along to find out about how RE is taught across the year groups and how you may support your child in their learning and their spiritual journey.

Early Years Graduation

Don't forget to 'Save the Date' for the Early Years graduation on Tuesday 17th July 2018. There will be a brief assembly / performance followed by a picnic in the school hall. The event will begin at 9.30 am and will finish promptly at 11 am, when midday staff will need to set up the hall. This is always a very special morning for our families and we look forward to enjoying this milestone with you all. A letter will follow with full details shortly.



School Disco / 'Prom'

On Friday 6th July 2018 we will be hosting a School Disco both during school (for children in EYFS and Foundation Stage) and in the evening (for KS2 children). Tickets will be on sale again next **Tuesday 3rd July at the front entrance first thing in the morning** and entry will be strictly by **TICKET ONLY**. Tickets are priced at £3 or £2, for the different sessions.

- The younger children, in classes from Nursery through to Year 2, will be allowed to wear their own clothes on this day, as their disco will take place at 2 pm during the school day. (£2)
- The older children, in classes from Year 3 through to Year 6, are invited to come along after school, from 5 to 7.30 pm. (£3)
- Children will be provided with a drink and a snack during the disco session.

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED A TICKET and the money will go towards School Funds.

- There will also be some goodies on sale by Year 6 children, which is part of their 'Fiver Challenge'. The challenge requires pupils to come up with a business idea and put it into practice. Their products will include smoothies, cupcakes, cookies, slime and friendship bracelets. Please allow your children a small amount of pocket money so they can support Year 6 in their endeavours. Any profit made will be put towards either class resources or a charity as yet to be chosen!

Summer Concert

We are looking forward to what we are sure will be another fantastic Summer Concert next Wednesday 4th July 2018. Siblings of choir children are welcome to come but they must be in Year 3 or above. All children must be accompanied by a family member and must behave appropriately.



The Concert will take place between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. A reminder that no photographs or filming is permitted during the performance. *Full and correct* school uniform (including a long-sleeved white shirt and school tie) and school shoes must be worn by the choir.

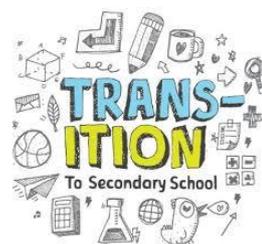
Parents of children involved will already have received a letter from Miss Cotter giving the exact details.

Secondary School Admission for September 2019

Parents of children in Year 5 should already be thinking about their secondary school application, as this process opens in September, with a deadline of 31st October 2018.

Thank you to Mr Andrew Nuttney for meeting with parents earlier this week as a first step.

In addition, we have included some information below which will help you with your initial research:



Camden's secondary schools aim to help your child reach their potential whatever they want to do in adult life.

Camden Council co-ordinates the transfer from primary to secondary school for admission to all Camden state secondary schools. Find out more about Camden secondary schools in [their annual guide](#).

- The next deadline to apply for Year 7 places will be **31 October 2018**.
- You can visit Camden secondary schools on their own open days and evenings.
- [Meet the Parents](#) also holds informal forums for primary parents at local schools across the borough.

You may also wish to access the 'Good Schools Guide' at: <https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/> where you will find details of the various options available to you.

Open days vary from school to school and from one London Borough to another, as do Admissions Policies. Please research this carefully. Faith schools will require you to complete their own Supplementary Application Form AS WELL AS the E-Admissions online form. To find out the open day dates, search online by Borough and they will be listed, e.g.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-schools-open-days-and-evenings>

Red Book Awards – Congratulations to all the children who were commended at our Worship assembly this week:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Michael for his brilliant blending and segmenting sounds in simple words during phonics.	Joshua for showing great turn taking skills when playing with his peers.		
Reception	Conor for the amazing work he did writing instructions so that Miss Quirke could do the skittle experiment with her class.	Sofia Gavin for always turning up to school with a positive attitude and putting so much effort into everything she does!	Eliza Wright	Xavier and Diego For their building and role-play games outside in the playground
Year 1	Ava for an amazing retelling of the story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector, using scripture and descriptive language.	George for always being so helpful to the teachers.	Emily	Sean For always being kind to his friends and letting others join in with games
Year 2	Beau for the huge improvement in her spellings.	Mazie for thinking about methods when solving maths problems.	Sumaya	
Year 3	Luca for amazing improvement with handwriting! You have made so much progress this year! Well done!	Kymani for playing with different children and generally being full of joy and enthusiasm for learning every day.	Skye.	
Year 4	Zak for using his oracy skills in his writing and when answering questions in class.	Abel for speaking lots more English in class and showing a positive approach to his learning!	Ryan	
Year 5	Jaedon for putting in his best effort every single week. As a result he is making huge progress.	Lucia for making a huge effort to speak more in English and listen to English at home.	Jaydon	
Year 6	<i>We wish Year 6 a brilliant weekend at PGL as they enjoy the sunshine and exciting activities over the weekend.</i>			

Building Fund Update Donations so far have reached a total of **£2,568** since September 2017.

Thank you to all those who have made a Summer Term donation.



If everything goes according to plan, we are excited that the new Early Years classroom should be ready for our new Nursery children who will join us in September. We also look forward to a new kitchen, sited in the current Nursery classroom, which will serve meals directly into the dining hall via a serving hatch. It will be a very busy summer holiday at St Joseph's!



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 (please note highlighted item where there has been a change of date):

Summer Term 2018	
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)
Friday 6 th July 2018	School Disco
Wednesday 11 th July 2018	Sports Day
w/c Monday 16 th July 2018	Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition
Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 9.30 am	EYFS Graduation – AM (Nursery & Reception)
Wednesday 18 th July 2018	Own Clothes Day & Class Parties
Wednesday 18 th July 2018	Year 6 BBQ
Friday 20 th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
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

Enjoy the sunshine over the weekend!

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher