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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 31 – Summer Term

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Welcome back to everyone, following the half-term break. I hope it was restful and enjoyable for you all. A special welcome to Sofia, the latest new member of the St Joseph's family, who joined Reception on Monday.

Attendance and Punctuality (21st to 25th May 2018)

During the week before half-term it was Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance, with 99.3%. The average for the week was exactly 95%.

However, late marks reduced greatly, with only 7 late marks being recorded. Well done and keep it up! You will have perhaps met with our Educational Welfare Officer on Monday morning, who was monitoring punctuality for us. He will visit us again shortly.

Class Reps

Following the poster competition before the half-term, we will shortly be sending out brief information about what the role entails and how you can put yourself forward.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	93.3%
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	89.6%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	97.8%



DUCKLINGS!

The duckling eggs arrived at St Joseph's this week and it has been so exciting to watch them hatch out and begin to fluff out and grow in our Reception and Nursery classes – a fantastic learning opportunity for our Early Years children. Thank you again for your support in fundraising to make this happen for them.



Four Walls Charity (for the Homeless) – They did it!

While you were all relaxing over the half-term break, Jennifer and John walked an amazing total of 83 miles from Greenwich to Dover, in sunshine and in rain, still smiling all the way!

If you haven't donated and would like to contribute to help the homeless in the local area, you can contribute online at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fourwalls> or donate in cash via the School Office.

We hope to invite the young people who founded and run this charity to speak to parents at a coffee morning later in the term. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about their work, go to the Just Giving link above or visit: <https://www.fourwallscharity.com/>, where there is information about how you can volunteer and get involved in what they do. We hope to support them as a school community in the months to come.



RMHC PJ Day

We have been made aware of a special place in Camberwell, Ronald McDonald House, where families are able to stay close to their children whilst undergoing treatment at Kings College Hospital. This has been especially important to one of our families and we would draw your attention to the Charity and invite you to donate at: <https://www.rmhc.org.uk/our-houses/camberwell/>.



The charity has provided free accommodation to the families of children staying at King's College Hospital since April 2000. The House is equipped with 24 bedrooms, communal areas and a children's play area. In 2017, the house helped 389 families stay close to their children in hospital.

Do support this cause if you can. Thank you.

Cashless Payments

As you know, we have been using the ParentPay online service for some time now, very successfully. We are now moving to being a totally cashless school, so that no cash payments will be accepted in the school office. This is for reasons of security and efficiency. If you are not able to pay online for any reason, many of you will already know that the office can provide you with a barcoded letter for each activity or payment item. You can then take this to any shop displaying the PayPoint sign, where your cash payment will be accepted and credited automatically to your child's account.



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	Ella Mae – for writing her name with really neat and consistent handwriting	Sabrina – for being kind to her friends		
Reception	Olivia Clarke for working so hard over half term writing a book!	Liv and Eliza W for working so hard on a challenge they set for themselves – to count 100 people.	Raul	
Year 1	Jeaniren for fantastic presentation and handwriting in not just Literacy, but every subject.	Ethan for coming back to school calm, hard working and ready to learn lots of new things.	Martim	
Year 2	Jasmin for excellent research and fact finding on Queen Elizabeth I.	Laura – for starting off the week full of enthusiasm and ready to do her best learning.	Luca	
Year 3	Skye , for a much improved effort in literacy.	Emily , for amazing skills in PE! You go girl!	Angieli	
Year 4	Oliver for his grippingly spooky setting description of an abandoned forest!	Ryan for a huge improvement in attitude-keep it up!	Alejandro	
Year 5	Ellen for planning, researching and editing her holiday homework designing a dinosaur park	Oliver for working hard in all his subjects.	Lucia	
Year 6	For their positive attitude towards writing now that SATS are finished.		Ella	

Building Fund Update Donations so far have reached a total of £2,468 since September 2017



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

Summer Term 2018	
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Science Challenge at Regent High School – Year 5
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Fire Safety workshops – Year 2 & Year 5
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Lord Mayor's Roundel Competition – Presentation Assembly
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Class Photographs
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Year 2 visit to Covent Garden Piazza
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	Summer Learning Workshop - Nursery
Thursday 21 st June 2018	Safety Workshops for Years 2 & 3 & Reception
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Google Online Safety Assembly – KS2 classes
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
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

With every good wish as we start this last but important section of the school year.

Kind regards,

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