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## Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 32 – Summer Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Attendance and Punctuality (21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018)

Last week it was Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance with 97.5%. Well done Year 3 for exceeding our minimum target of 96%. We are still below target overall for the week, however, with an average of just 93.9% across the school.

A total of 19 late marks were recorded during the same week, which is disappointing, given the greatly improved total of 7 recorded in the previous week.

As we always say, illness is unavoidable. We must stress, nevertheless, the importance of good attendance and proven correlation between high attendance and high levels of achievement and improvement. Please bear this in mind and ensure that no holidays are booked in term-time, as these will NOT be authorised.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	94.4%
Reception	96.1%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	91.9%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
Year 4	86.5%
Year 5	95.0%
Year 6	93.3%

### Class Reps

As promised, we are attaching a letter with some information about becoming a class representative from September 2018. There is a reply slip for you to indicate your interest. Please have a read and think about helping out in this way. We appreciate your support very much. Thank you.



### Parent Governor Vacancy



Included with emailed copies of this newsletter is information and a nomination form regarding the vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like to put yourself forward, please complete the form and hand it in to the school office within the timescale given. I am happy to speak with anyone who is uncertain or would like more details before making a decision. Following the closing date, should there be more than one candidate, we will hold a ballot. I hope you will consider carefully if this might be a way for you to support St Joseph's and look forward to receiving some nominations shortly!

### Year 5 Science Challenge Success!

This term Year 5 have been investigating the senses as part of a Science Challenge sponsored by the Francis Crick Institute, Regent High School and the Wellcome Trust. After working hard to investigate whether our sense of smell and peripheral vision changes as we age, Year 5 created a fantastic drama sketch to share their investigation and results in a creative way. Their hard work paid off and on Tuesday they won 2nd place in the final at Regent High School, winning £100 of Science equipment for our school. Huge Congratulations to Year 5 and thanks to Miss Croxon for facilitating this work.



### World Cup Colours

With the World Cup now underway, we invite children to wear their country's colours or their country's football kit to school on the days when there is an England match, i.e. Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please send in a donation of £1.00 for our School Funds. NB: No team kits, only COUNTRY KITS & COLOURS to be worn.



## School Uniform Policy

We are attaching our school uniform policy with this newsletter, following a recent review by governors. I would ask you all to check through it and ensure that you support this policy, which is designed to encourage practical, smart school-wear, promoting a pride in the family of St Joseph's and maintaining a level of equality among all pupils. It is important, also, that high value and branded items are not brought in to school; we cannot take responsibility for any losses or damages. Thank you.



## Lord Mayor's Roundel Competition



A while ago you will remember that three of our pupils: Clemence, Christian and Alexander won prizes for their designs in this competition. On Wednesday this week we welcomed Lord Mountevan and other dignitaries to a very special celebration assembly where the children received their prizes and the school received a sum of money to be used for art resources.

The winning design has been made up into a roundel and can be seen in school ... The competition design entries, and winners, will be publicised by Reflections of the Lord Mayor and the Glaziers' Livery Company. The winning design – made into a roundel – will be presented to the 688th Lord Mayor of London. Well done again to everyone who entered and especially to the three prize winners.

## NED Assembly – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June

On Monday we welcome staff from NED (under the company "All for Kids"), which stands for: **Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best!!** They bring a fun, entertaining show which aims to leave the children with a positive message that they will continue to remember for years to come! The 45-minute production focuses on the importance of **persistence, kindness, diligence, and excellence**. Humor, audience participation, active learning, storytelling and amazing yo-yo tricks all combine to make it a truly inspiring experience.



On the afternoon of the show at 3.30 pm the organisers will be selling yo-yos priced at £5, £8 and £11. Proceeds are used towards the cost of putting on these FOC productions at schools across the country. The attached leaflet includes details and a form. If you buy the yo-yos on the day from NED staff, there is nothing else to be done. However, if you wish to purchase anything over the next few days, please send in the **completed form AND THE CORRECT MONEY ONLY** to the office. We will then send the yo-yos out with children on the last day of sales, i.e. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## Wake Up Wednesday

The National Online Safety Team (NOS) has produced a free guide for parents and carers about 'PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds' (PUBG), a game played by millions of children and young people worldwide. You can access the guide online at:



<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1006924770657611776>

This is part of NOS's 'Wake Up Wednesday' campaign. We hope you find it useful.

**Eid Mubarak** – Wishing our Muslim families 'Eid Mubarak' as they celebrate the end of Ramadam today.

## 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
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Chelsea</b> for a lovely description of her mummy's birthday and for writing labels for the drawings using her sound knowledge!	<b>Alessi</b> for showing interest in forming numerals in shaving foam and solving maths problems in the class.		
<b>Reception</b>	<b>William</b> for trying so hard with his writing and using the ear sound!	<b>Sofia Gomez Lopez</b> for settling in to her new school so amazingly.	<b>Eliza Joseph</b>	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Su</b> for fantastically retelling the story Levi the Tax Collector in RE.	<b>Martim</b> for coming back to school ready to learn, with a great attitude!	<b>Amalia</b>	
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ahsanul</b> for his descriptive writing in a letter to William Shakespeare.	<b>Romain</b> for the strategies he used during a maths investigation.	<b>Alistair</b>	
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Luca</b> for a hugely improved job presenting his work in his literacy book!	<b>Harley</b> for settling in well and making lots of new friends in Year 3!	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Emily</b> for including everyone in all of her games and just generally being a lovely sociable person!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Mia</b> for really putting herself into Cludge's shoes for the account from his perspective.	<b>Albert</b> for his enthusiasm and perseverance during our Numeracy investigation last week.	<b>Stanley</b>	
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Drew</b> for good use of paragraphs in her RE writing about transformation.	<b>Lao</b> for his positive attitude in lessons after the half term holiday.	<b>Conner</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Conner</b> for amazing focus and helping others with ideas for their matchbox diary	<b>Amy, Isabella and Estrella</b> – for designing an interesting logo for the fiver challenge	<b>Temwani</b>	

**Building Fund Update** Donations so far have reached a total of **£2,538** since September 2017.

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

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):

<b>Summer Term 2018</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>NED Show – KS1 and KS2 Assembly</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Year 2 visit to Covent Garden Piazza</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	<b>Summer Learning Workshop - Nursery</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	<b>Safety Workshops for Years 2 &amp; 3 &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>Google Online Safety Assembly – KS2 classes</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	<b>PGL School Journey – Year 6</b>
w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	<b>Sports Week (TBC)</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>Summer Concert (Choir &amp; Hand bell Team)</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>School Disco and Gaming Evening (details to follow)</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2108	<b>Sports Day</b>
w/c Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2108	<b>Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>Own Clothes Day &amp; Class Parties</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>Year 6 BBQ</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Anselm &amp; St Caecilia</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>Term ends at 1.15 pm</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	<b>INSET Day – School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	<b>Children return to school</b>

With every good wish for the weekend.

Kind regards,

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