

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

**Dear Parents and Carers,**  
**Newsletter No. 35 – Summer Term**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Attendance and Punctuality (25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**



Year 5 topped the attendance figures again last week with a brilliant 100% which is very encouraging. Well done Year 5! The average percentage for the week was 96.7%. This is a pattern we would love to see repeated and continued so please do keep it up.

Late marks were down very slightly to 16 over the week. I know we can do better. Children should arrive at school by **8.45 am** and don't forget that after 8.55 am the main door will be closed. Let's make a real effort to get those late marks below 10 for the week at the least.

A special prize is in store at the end of the year if any child has achieved 100% attendance all year round. There will be a draw to determine the final winner.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	93.0%
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	96.1%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Year 6	95.9%

**Support Staff for September 2018**

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, all our classroom based support staff will be staying with us next year. The teaching Assistants and Nursery Nurses will be deployed mainly according to the table below, although circumstances may cause this to change subject to needs and priorities during the year:

Class	Support Staff
Nursery (Leopard)	Miss Shuhela Khanom (Nursery Nurse)
Reception (Panda)	Mrs Sarah Guillou (Nursery Nurse) Miss Teila Duffield (3 days)
Year 1 (Tiger)	Miss Teila Duffield (2 days) Mrs Frances Davis Miss Kerry Defreitas Ms Chevone Kellman
Year 2 (Polar Bear)	Mrs Nina Bear-Nicastro Miss Kelly Smith
Year 3 (Dolphin)	Miss Kath Collins Miss Arooba Safdar (3 days)
Year 4 (Rhino)	Mrs Mia Colson (3 days) Miss Arooba Safdar (2 days) Miss Laura Iglesias-Mateos (2 ½ days)
Year 5 (Elephant)	Miss Caisa Martin Miss Laura Iglesias-Mateos (2 ½ days)
Year 6 (Orang-utan)	Miss Francesca Bear (4 days)

**Sunscreen and Water**

Don't forget that you can apply a 'once a day' sunscreen to the children in the morning, whilst this hot weather continues. A water bottle and sun hat are also useful but please be sure to NAME EVERYTHING as these items are easily lost.



## Sports Day – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Miss Quirke has already sent out a letter which sets out the details of our upcoming Sports Day next Wednesday at Coram's Fields. A few main reminders follow:

- Sprints will take place at 10.15 am instead of the afternoon, due to the hot weather;
- School dinner children will all be provided with a packed lunch by the Caterlink kitchen staff. These will be brought to Coram's Fields in time for lunch.
- Children who usually bring in a packed lunch should bring this along as usual;
- Lunch will be eaten in the shady area outside the main pitch and children will sit in their year groups.
- **AN IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTE**, therefore, is that **no children should be taken elsewhere by a parent unless the teacher is specifically aware**. Teachers will be counting heads and checking registers during lunch to make sure everyone is safe.



All children will need:

- A **drink bottle** and **plenty of water to drink** (there are water fountains for the children to refill their bottles).
- A **sun hat**
- **Sun cream** – to be applied before the children come to school, as well as bottle for them to apply throughout the day.
- A **t-shirt in their house colour**, as well as PE shorts/leggings and trainers.

Do come along and support the children at this annual event, which is always a lot of fun for everyone.

### Summer Concert

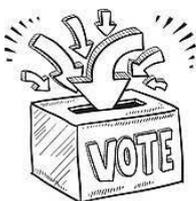


Anyone who was lucky enough to attend this year's amazing summer concert with our choir, hand bell team and djembe drummers will most definitely agree that the children gave their absolute 'ALL' and gave a fabulous performance despite the heat! A huge well done to everyone and thank you as always to the brilliant Miss Cotter for her hard work and dedication.

We are also grateful for the cash donations collected at the end of the concert, which raised a fantastic total of £251.72. These funds will enable us to pay for essential safety castors and brackets and specialist tuning to be carried out over the summer on the beautiful piano which was donated to the school some months ago. We look forward to enjoying the upgraded piano come the Autumn Term.



### Parent Governor Vacancy - IMPORTANT



Information is being sent out with this newsletter regarding voting in the Parent Governor Election, following receipt of two nominations from Mr Nick Awde and Mrs Rosa Muccio. Votes must be received in the school office by **9 am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. These will be counted according to the rules of governance and the result will be announced before the end of term. This is a very important process so please be sure to cast your vote in time. Thank you to Rosa and Nick for coming forward; you can read their 'bios' in the information attached.

NB: We have sent out two ballot papers and two envelopes per family. The letter explains that each parent has one vote i.e. one vote per parent per family.

### REMINDER: Coffee Morning - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Class Photos



Proofs were sent out earlier this week for the class photographs. Instructions and codes were provided with the proofs for online ordering. If you wish to pay in cash follow the relevant instructions also provided and be sure to complete the form and the envelope carefully, enclosing the **EXACT MONEY**, as the envelopes are collected from school directly and we are not able to give out any change.

NB: The last day for handing in orders is next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## Active Week

This week the children have enjoyed a variety of activities as part of our 'Active Week'. Staff from the YMCA have provided a 'Wake and Shake' session before the beginning of the school day. This has been extremely popular and has had a noticeable positive impact on the children's learning and behaviour.



Yesterday KS2 children took part in a day out at the Marylebone Playground, Regents Park, also organised by the YMCA and Miss Quirke. Despite the heat, it was an excellent day enjoyed by all.



REMEMBER  
ONCE A WEEK,  
TAKE A PEEK

**Head Lice** – We are aware of cases of head lice in our Early Years and Reception classes. Please be vigilant in checking and combing your child's hair regularly. Should you find evidence of head lice, you are advised to treat the whole family, to prevent the spread of these unwelcome visitors. Thank you.

## Early Years Graduation

Don't forget to 'Save the Date' for the Early Years graduation on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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'

Thank you to Mrs Bear-Nicastro, Miss Plivda, Charlotte Gubb and Michelle Zini for their hard work and efforts organising this event for the children. Our dedicated teaching assistants will be giving up their Friday evening and we are very grateful for their help. Thank you also to 'DJ Barry' for the disco and to Miss Quirke, who will be joining the children later on.



Year 6 pupils will be selling their wares at these events today as part of their 'Fiver Challenge' and we will report back to you on how they get on!



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

This morning our Early Years and Reception children were lucky enough to enjoy a performance of their absolute favourite story at the Lyric Theatre. We received a very late offer of free tickets for this show, hence the late notice, but I am sure it will have been worth it.

## Year 6 Leavers' Mass – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am

We will be sad to say Goodbye to our Year 6 children but at the same time excited for them as they take this next step in their school careers. Join us on the last morning of term to give thanks for their time at St Joseph's and to pray for their future together. The Mass will be at St Anselm's and St Caecilia's Church.



## Year 6 BBQ – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

If you have a child in Year 6 don't forget to 'save the date' for their BBQ celebration, which will take place in school on the last Wednesday of term. School will provide the bulk of the food and drink, but we will be asking parents to bring in additional snacks (e.g. crisps etc.). Tickets (maximum of 2 tickets per child) will be available via ParentPay priced at £3.00. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult and you will need to purchase a ticket for any adults or siblings who attend. **Tickets MUST be purchased by next**



**Friday afternoon at the latest**, to ensure that we order the correct quantity of food and drink. A separate letter will be sent out shortly and payment should be made on **ParentPay**. Once online payment has been made, the office will send out the tickets in plenty of time.



## Year 6 Leavers

Anyone with a child in Year 6 should check their account on ParentPay for any outstanding dinner debts, as these should all be cleared and accounts at zero when they leave St Joseph's. If you have a query, please check with Miss Plivda in the school office. Thank you.



### Google Online Assembly

#### Online safety workshop - Are you an Internet Legend?

Last week Years 2, 4,5 and 6 were treated to a spectacular assembly sponsored by Google and Parentzone, where they learned all about staying safe online. To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. *Be Internet Legends* empowers younger children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world. Please do ask your children about the assembly and get them to show you the game 'Interlands' at:

<https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en-gb>. There is also lots of useful information to be found on the Parent Zone website <https://parentzone.org.uk/our-services>.

### Somerset House Circus Sampler

We have been given information about this summer activity and a flyer is attached with information. The weekend events are suitable for all ages. You can also visit <https://www.somersethouse.org.uk/whats-on/circus-sampler>.

### Bloomsbury Football Academy – Summer Holiday Football Clubs

Flyers will be sent out today about these holiday camps which are open to children aged 5 and above. Full information is available at [www.bloomsburyfa.org](http://www.bloomsburyfa.org).



### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

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** – There are no awards to report this week, due to other events going on in school.

**Building Fund Update** Donations so far have reached a total of **£2,638** 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 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	School Disco
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Sports Day
w/c Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 9.30 am	EYFS Graduation – AM (Nursery & Reception)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Own Clothes Day & Class Parties
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 BBQ
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Term ends at 1.15 pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Children return to school

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

There will be **NO** school clubs during the last week of term; these will end next week.

There will be no newsletter next Friday but we will write to you once more before the end of term.

With every good wish for the weekend. May the best team win!

Kind regards,

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