



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 5 – Autumn Term

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Attendance & Punctuality

Just three classes did not make the 96% target this week. Well done to our Year 5 children, whose attendance reached 98.9%. We would still love to see more weeks at 100%.

A total of 20 late marks were recorded. This really is still too high, so please allow plenty of time for your journey to school, giving the children the best possible start to their day.

Don't forget the half-term prizes of book vouchers; let's make a real effort to raise these figures and sustain them throughout the year to come ☺

Year Group	% Present
Nursery	95.6%
Reception	92.0%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	97.2%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
Year 6	97.0%

### Exceptional Leave Requests

Please make sure you complete a form requesting any absence other than for illness or medical reasons, at least two weeks in advance. This leave will only be authorised in circumstances that are deemed to be truly exceptional; please do not expect authorisation to be given for family holidays or visits to family abroad. This must be taken during school holidays. Thank you.

### Cycle Training

Camden have asked us to let parents know about free places which are still available on their Level 1 half-term cycling courses as follows (this is aimed at children who can already ride):



**DATES:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**TIMES:** 1.00-2.30pm both days

**VENUE:** Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill, NW3 2BQ

**BOOKING DETAILS:** Contact **Andreas Goldner** on 020 7974 1451 or email [cycle@camden.gov.uk](mailto:cycle@camden.gov.uk)

### Bloomsbury Festival Art Competition

We have attached a flyer with information about how to enter this competition ahead of the Bloomsbury Festival, which takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018. All budding young artists are invited to apply!



### Data Collection Forms

We are currently carrying out our annual update of the data we hold for your children. Data collection forms will be sent out to all classes from Year 1 upwards, over the next few weeks. Please check the information carefully and let us know of any changes. If everything is correct, we still ask that you confirm this by signing and returning the form to us.

### Pope Francis Tweet

Pope Francis' message from earlier this week talks about the role of guardian angels in our lives. You will have heard from the children about the special role of our St Joseph's 'guardian angels' who have been asked to take care of others and lead on the child-led worship in their class. In this way, they help their friends to live out their lives like Jesus. You may know that the Church celebrated the feast of the Guardian Angels on Tuesday this week.



**The presence of our Guardian Angel in our life  
is not just to assist us along the journey,  
but to show us where we need to go.**



**Red Book Awards** - Congratulations to all children who have been commended by their teachers and support staff for excellent work, effort or behaviour:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	<b>Niamh</b> – for a lovely re-telling of the story: “Going on a bear hunt”	<b>Noah</b> - for settling in well and coming into nursery with a smile.	<b>Elyesha</b>	
Reception	<b>Sabrina</b> – for a fantastic effort at writing the names of People Who Help Us at school to accompany her drawing.	<b>Sienna</b> – for settling in beautifully to the class routines each morning and completing her handwriting practice with a smile.	<b>Zoe</b>	
Year 1	<b>Adonay</b> – for trying very hard with forming his letters correctly in his Handwriting Booklet	<b>Harry</b> – for always being an outstanding example in Tiger Class when it comes to behaviour and school work.	<b>Belle</b>	<b>Xavier</b> – for always playing fairly and with kindness when outside with his friends
Year 2	<b>Teddy</b> – trying hard to improve handwriting	<b>Ethan</b> – for persevering in every single lesson	<b>Ariyana</b>	
Year 3	<b>Yasmine</b> – for her amazing recount of Hannah and Gorilla’s night-time adventures.	<b>Luca</b> – for always being so helpful and friendly. He is an example to peers for his perseverance through difficult tasks.	<b>Ivy</b>	
Year 4	<b>Rukaya</b> - for using the model appropriately to magpie ambitious vocabulary.	<b>Jackson</b> - for his positive attitude towards his learning and always having a big smile on his face.	<b>Emily</b>	
Year 5	<b>Sienna</b> - for using relative clauses to add to her powerful description of a journey at sea.	<b>Zoe</b> - for showing determination in maths and persevering through challenging activities.	<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Princess</b> – for always following instructions
Year 6	<b>Ellen</b> - for writing an amazing diary entry of Ernest Shackleton’s adventure. Using an array of fabulous grammar structures and including amazing vocabulary.	<b>Jayden</b> – for being a model pupil. Jayden really sets the standard in year 6. Always conscientiously working and doing the right thing – he is a credit to Year 6.	<b>Jaedon</b>	

### SLEEP Workshops for Children with SEN

Camden Special Parents Forum have sent information about a Sleep Workshop on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Please see the attached flyer for details.



### Baby Congratulations



Welcome and congratulations to baby Lillie, born on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and weighing 8 lbs 8 oz – a new baby sister for Matthew Thomas and Hollie. We look forward to meeting her soon!

### Secondary School Admission for September 2019

Parents of children in Year 6 will be thinking about their secondary school application, as this process opens in September, with a **deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

[Camden's secondary schools](#) aim to help your child reach their potential whatever they want to do in adult life. **We are still awaiting a full class set of booklets from Camden.**



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](#).



- [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.

Mr Nuttney has kindly compiled the following list of the dates of various secondary school open days or evenings. However, we would advise you to check the schools' websites carefully, in case of any changes that may occur. **There is a form you should request from the office, to let us know if your child will be out of school to attend any of these events.** Thank you.

- St Michael's Catholic College Bermondsey 24th September 9.30am or 4.30-7.30; 26th September 9.30am; or 1st October
- La Sainte Union 27th September 4-7pm, or 4th October 10am, or 10th October 2pm
- Sacred Heart 13th or 19th Sept 9.30am or 4.50pm
- Maria Fidelis every Termtime Tuesday 9.30am
- St. Thomas More Language College 13th September or 19th September 4.15pm
- London Oratory 13th, 18th or 25th September 6.30pm, or 1st October 2.30pm
- Cardinal Vaughan 18th or 27th September 4.30pm
- Greycoat 25th September or four dates in October (booking with the school required)
- Marylebone School for Girls 11th September 8.45am; 12th September 5pm; 14th September 8.45am; 18th September 8.45am; or 19th September 8.45am
- Central Foundation School for Boys 20th September 6pm; 27th or 28th September 9.30am
- Elizabeth Garrett Anderson 24th to 28th September 9.15am; 3rd October 6pm; 9th or 10th October 9.15am

#### **Individual Meetings re Secondary Transfer – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Several of you have already spoken with Mr Nuttney this week. If you have not been able to meet with him and would like to do so, please contact the office.

#### **Reception and Nursery Admissions – Deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Parents of our current Nursery aged children can already apply for a Reception place for September 2019. This must be done online with the Local Authority and our own Supplementary Information Form is also required. Contact the office or visit the school website for details.

Children who will have their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 can apply directly to the school for a Nursery place starting in September 2019. Information is on our website.

#### **Dates and Events**

Please check the dates in the table below, which are correct at the time of writing. Thank you.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

*H Tyler*

Miss Helen Tyler  
Headteacher



# Autumn 2018

Autumn Term 2018	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Citizenship Event- Y6
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.00	Parents' Coffee Morning - TBC
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30 am	Harvest Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Flu Vaccine Nasal Sprays – Reception, Years 1 to 5
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Coffee Morning – Prayer Meeting from 9 to 9.30 am, followed by a presentation from the Four Walls Charity for the homeless.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Terms end at 3.30 pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half term break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	All Saints Mass at Corpus Christi
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery TBC
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00 pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10.00 am	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Carol Concert at Corpus Christi
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Class Parties and Own Clothes Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Term ends @ 1.15 pm

