

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,
 Newsletter No. 7 – Autumn Term

Friday 19th October 2018

Year Group	% Present
Nursery	97.1
Reception	95.5
Year 1	96.6
Year 2	96.4
Year 3	95.3
Year 4	96.5
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	96.3

Attendance & Punctuality – Autumn 1

The figures given today are for the whole of the half-term. Well done to Year 5 for achieving the highest attendance for KS2. Nursery children achieved the highest figure of all with 97.1% - a great start to their school career.

This morning we have celebrated a special Attendance Assembly where the winning classes received their award, which they will keep for the next half term.

100% Attendance Certificates were awarded to a total of 97 children who have been in school every day since term began. Well done to everyone!



Any child who achieved one week of 100% attendance was entered into a draw and one child from each key stage is the lucky winner of a £10 book voucher. The winners this half-term are Eliza J and Natnael – Congratulations!

We look forward to a continued upward trend in our attendance after the break!

RE Homework - ADOREMUS

With this newsletter you will find an attachment about the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress. Schools and parishes across the Diocese of Westminster are being invited to make 'Our Eucharistic Journey' together, deepening our love for Jesus in Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.



Also attached is a sheet with details of the whole school homework task for the half-term. You are welcome to take up the ideas on the sheet or, if you have your own ideas, please feel free to be creative in your response. Ms Logue will be choosing the best examples of work for a display which she will create in the hall after half-term. Here are some examples of similar displays to give you some inspiration!



Pope Francis Tweet



This week the Pope reminded us of our call to holiness. We must not be afraid to seek God's face and to keep striving for holiness and praying to be more like Jesus every day:

The world needs saints, and all of us, without exception, are called to holiness.

We are not afraid!



CAFOD Harvest Appeal



If you still have an envelope to bring in for this appeal, please keep it safe and bring it in when we return from the break. We will let you know the final total in our next newsletter. You can find out more about CAFOD's work at: www.cafod.org.uk. In summary, they describe their work as follows:

CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development), is the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales, and part of Caritas International. We work through the local Church to reach people and places that others can't.

Across the world we bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice. We work on long-term development as well as responding to emergencies.

WWF Fundraising

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported this exhibition and performance today in aid of the World Wildlife Fund. **Year 1** have worked hard all week learning lots about tigers, producing artwork,

poems, maths problems and other activities and we hope you enjoyed seeing the fruits of their labours today! Thank you also for your generous donations which amounted to a total of £103.05.

Reception children joined in a walk earlier this week and raised a total of £107.00. Well done and thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

Coffee Morning - Four Walls Charity

Thank you to Tina Daniels for leading us in prayer yesterday morning. Parents then listened to a brief presentation by Becky Wilson, the founder of the local 'Four Walls' charity for the homeless. She explained that the charity works towards three main purposes:



- Providing hot food, clothing and other items, plus fellowship, through a twice weekly outreach in the Camden, Westminster and Islington areas;
- Promoting a 'housing first' approach, working with boroughs towards providing accommodation for rough sleepers, in order to enable them to find employment – this is almost impossible without having an address;
- Releasing accommodation for rough sleepers, e.g. Four Walls' first residential centre in Islington will soon provide around 27 rough sleepers with a roof over their heads.

Becky shared some of the work and insights from the KS2 workshops in the Summer Term and shared how impressed they had been at the understanding and compassion shown by our children in these sessions, as well as their enthusiasm to make a difference to the people they see every day, as they walk to and from school.

How can St Joseph's help?

Following yesterday's discussions, we plan to support Four Walls by providing 'care packs', in the weeks leading up to Christmas, which can be distributed to homeless people in our locality. We will provide details shortly about how this will work but, in the meantime, families can already start to collect small, inexpensive but essential items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby wipes etc.



Four Walls will talk to the children at a Worship assembly soon after the half-term break to launch this appeal. Watch this space!

In addition, at parents' request, a proportion of the funds raised by the Choir at Christmas will, this year, be donated to Four Walls.

Christmas Cards – A Half-term Activity

One of our parents has also expressed the wish of herself and her daughter to raise money for the homeless by making and selling simple Christmas cards. We would like to invite all the children to make at least one Christmas card over the half-term break, but hopefully more than just one. This does not have to cost a lot of money, but will need a small investment of your time. Have some fun creating a card with your child and the cards will then be sold at our Advent Fair. Hint: Make sure the size fits a standard envelope!



Any unsold cards can be included with the care packs and will bring some Christmas cheer to those who really need this.



Poppy Appeal

This year we have some different items to sell as part of the annual appeal for the Royal British Legion. These will be available when we return from the half-term break, so have some pennies ready!

Macmillan Coffee Event – Friday 2nd November at 2.30 pm

Following your suggestion at our coffee morning this week, we have decided to host a coffee afternoon this time, which we hope will work better. Please put the date in your diaries and plan in some baking! Don't forget cakes or biscuits should be nut-free, to safeguard anyone with an allergy. It would be great to have a variety of options to include gluten free and/or vegan items if at all possible. Thank you.





Advent Fair – Wednesday 12th December

This year's Advent Fair will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th December. More details to follow!

Christmas Decorations will be put up in the school hall on the afternoon of **Friday 30th November**.

Please put these dates in your diary and set aside some time to help prepare for, support and attend if you can. Thank you in advance!

After School Activities – Autumn 2

Clubs will begin in the second week of the half-term, i.e. w/c 5th November. Priority will be given to children who have not previously attended. You will have the first week to register your children. The cost will be £15 for the half-term and will be payable only via ParentPay. For the Reading Club we ask for just £5.

Monday	Lego Club led by Miss Duffield and Miss Defreitas	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (16 spaces)
Monday	Cooking club led by Mrs Colson and Miss Martin	KS2 (12 spaces)
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts led by Mrs Bear-Nicastro and Mrs Davis.	Mixed ages (KS1 6 spaces, KS2 10 spaces) More KS1 spaces available if KS2 are not taken up
Wednesday	Lego Club led by Miss Plivda and Miss Iglesias	KS2 (10 spaces)
Wednesday	Brain Teaser/Puzzles led by Miss Duffield and Mrs Davis	KS2 (16 spaces)
Thursday	Reading Club led by Miss Smith and Mrs Davis	Year 1 & Year 2 (16 spaces)
Thursday	Spanish Club (for English speakers) led by Miss Iglesias and Miss Collins	KS2 (8 spaces)

Calthorpe Project – Community Garden in the Heart of Kings Cross

Take a look at the attached flyer, with details of half-term and weekend activities, which are free, run by qualified staff and are suitable for children aged 5-14 years. An idea for the holiday!



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 24th & Thursday 25th 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

Red Book Awards - Congratulations to all children who were commended by their teachers and support staff for excellent work, effort or behaviour during last week:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Well done to all our Nursery children for settling in to St Joseph's so well and completing a successful half-term with us.			
Reception	Harrison – for experimenting enthusiastically with independent writing.	Branick – For working hard at all his tasks and answering questions in class with enthusiasm.	Mason	
Year 1	The Whole of Tiger Class For their outstanding effort with our <i>WWF Art Exhibition and Work walk</i> . The children have spent the whole week working hard on different activities across the curriculum from fact finding, poem writing, making amazing artwork, writing books		Sofia Gomez Lopez	Natalka



	and Tiger Maths Problems. They raised £103.05 for the Tigers!			
Year 2	Naomi- for trying hard to write independently.	Olivia- for fantastic reasoning and problem solving in Numeracy.	Blanca	
Year 3	Julia for her letter in RE to the give advice on how to follow in Jesus' footsteps.	Ahsanul for contributing to a calm classroom environment.	Vincent	
Year 4	Sofia – for using wonderful expanded noun phrases and interesting vocabulary in her setting description of Tos.	Scarlett – for persevering in every subject and setting a shining example with her behaviour.	Angeili	
Year 5	Liv for her use of relative clauses and expanded noun phrases when changing the ending to our class book.	Princess for persevering with her French accent and leading a great conversation.	Miguel	
Year 6	Sonny – has worked hard in English. He has mastered the use of formal and informal language. This will allow him to write a high quality newspaper report.	Hanrui – works very hard on all her subjects. Her language barrier does not stop her from attempting and achieving all her work. Hanrui also got 10/10 in her spelling test.	Lucia	

Secondary School Admission for September 2019 - IMPORTANT

A final reminder of the **deadline of 31st October 2018**. Parents of children in Year 6 MUST have applied online with a choice of six secondary schools by this date.



Our thanks to Mr Nuttney for the invaluable advice he has offered during this selection period.

Reception and Nursery Admissions – Deadline is 15th 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 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st 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.

With every good wish for the half-term.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

REMINDER: We have an INSET Day on Monday 29th October so children do not return to school until Tuesday 30th October 2018.

See next page for dates.

Autumn Term 2018	
Friday 19 th October 2018	Terms end at 3.30 pm
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October 2018	Half term break
Monday 29 th October 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30 th October 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 st October at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 st November 2018	All Saints Mass at Corpus Christi
Wednesday 7 th November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 12 th November 2018	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 19 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery
Wednesday 21 st November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 23 rd November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Monday 26th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 27 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery TBC
Friday 30 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Monday 3 rd December 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Friday 7 th December 2018	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 13th December 2018 at 2.00 pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 14th December 2018 at 10.00 am	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Carol Concert at Corpus Christi
Tuesday 18th December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Class Parties and Own Clothes Day
Friday 21 st December 2018	Term ends @ 1.15 pm

