

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,
 Newsletter No. 11 – Autumn Term

Friday 14th December 2018

Attendance & Punctuality – data for the two week period: 26th November to 7th December 2018

Year 3 achieved the highest attendance in the two week period shown. However, overall this term it was **Year 1** who were the overall winners for the Autumn Term with 97.2% up to and including 16th November. Therefore, they will be enjoying a trip to the Hospital Club on Monday morning, for a special screening of a Christmas movie. Well done to all!



Year Group	% Present
Nursery	95.6%
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	95.0%



Punctuality has deteriorated over the same two week period, which is very worrying. It is so important that the children start the day promptly and settle down to work calmly at the beginning of the day. Please make a New Year's Resolution for 2019 to arrive **at 8.45 am every day!** We know you can do it!

Staffing News

We can now confirm that we have made a provisional appointment for the part-time Reception post, as Mrs McQueen is leaving the London area for family reasons. We look forward to welcoming Ms Alana Redmond to St Joseph's in January 2019.

Advent Fair

A huge thank you to all those parents and staff who worked so hard to make our Advent Fair a great success. There is still more money to come in for Auction Prizes – Do come in to the office to pay for and collect your items if you were one of the successful bidders! We also have raffle prizes here to be collected so please come in on Monday to pick up your prizes. At the last count, the total raised including the raffle and auction is an amazing **£955**, which will go towards our Building Improvement Fund. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support this or contributed in any way.



Carolling at Holborn Tube Station

Once again this year our Choir and Hand Bell Team have excelled themselves and together have raised just over **£1,640** with their music-making outside Holborn tube station this week. This is such a great achievement and a big thank you goes to Miss Cotter and all the children, parents and staff who supported this event and braved the chilly temperatures together. They will be singing and playing again on the last morning of term and we will let you have a final total after that. The money will be shared between our school building fund and the Four Walls Charity for the homeless, as agreed at a recent Parents' Prayer & Coffee meeting.

The Choir also attended the annual Christmas event at Central Saint Giles, one of the school's great supporters over the years. They enjoyed some festive fun at the venue in return for more amazing music.



Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

It was lovely to see so many children in their festive jumpers today. The amount donated today came to **£91.00**. Can we ask anyone who has not donated to please send in £1 on Monday, so that we can really support this annual fundraiser and make a difference to children whose Christmas will be very different to ours. Thank you.

Four Walls – Care Packs for Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for the Care Packs for those who are homeless, having to sleep rough on the streets of our local area.



Although the deadline was today, we will still accept items up until next **Thursday morning, 20th December**. On that afternoon, from **1.30 pm**, parents are invited to join Rebecca Wilson, who founded the Charity, staff and some of our older children, to put the packs together. If you plan to come along, please let us know, so we have an idea of how many helpers to expect – thank you! A reminder of the shopping list is at the end of this newsletter.



You can find out more about how to support the charity in other ways by visiting their website at: <https://www.fourwallscharity.com/>.

Christmas Carol Service – KS2 – Wednesday 19th December at 4.30 pm.

A separate letter has already gone out to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, with details of the Carol Service next Wednesday evening. All children are expected to attend and will stay on at school after 3.30 pm, for which they will need a small healthy snack. Classes will then walk over to Corpus Christi Church for 4.30 pm, when the service is due to start. It will last for approximately one hour. Therefore, if you are unable to attend for any reason, please collect your child(ren) directly from the Church at 5.30 pm.



Christmas Events



Next week is very busy with various events. Class parties are on Thursday 20th December and children are allowed to wear their own clothes on that day. Please make sure, however, that they are dressed comfortably and in a way that is suitable for school. NB: No football kits please! Teachers will have put up lists for food contributions so please ask them about this and send in what you can on the day.

RE Newsletter from Ten Ten & Whole School RE Homework

Attached is the December issue of the Ten Ten RE newsletter. Please share this with your children.

In our last newsletter we asked that the children think about the three words that Pope Francis mentioned at the World Meeting of Families when he said: 'We are one family in Christ spread throughout the world. The Church is the family of God's children.' He asks all of us to learn three words: *'please, thank you and sorry.'* For each key stage:

EYFS - draw a picture illustrating how we say please, thank you or sorry

KS1 - write an example of when you did these three things at home

KS2 - saying sorry can sometimes take a lot of courage and strength. Write about a time when you said sorry and why it is important for us to say sorry when we have done something wrong.

If there is any more of this homework outstanding, please send it in early next week.

Thank you message from Sister Lucina

We received this lovely message via Father David, which we thought we would share with you. A special thanks to those who helped to prepare the tea and worked with the children to make a very special afternoon for a very special lady. We will share with parents in January which gifts the classes have chosen to give to CAFOD, with the money that Sister entrusted to them to spend.



The farewell you gave Sr Lucina was just absolutely outstanding. The Assembly, the beautiful presentations of the children and the fabulous old-style afternoon tea has left such a very deep impression on me, and I know for Sister it was an experience she will go on treasuring into eternity.

Thank you so much for all the thought and hard work that clearly went into it, and I just hope all the children and teachers can know that they made Sister Lucina so happy and very loved by you all, and the encouragement that she goes on being part of the St Joseph's family.

Let me add too that I felt so very proud of you all..... Very well done, St Joseph's!

Pope Francis Tweet



Here is the message Pope Francis shared yesterday, which reminds us how we can all join together in prayer, as sons and daughters of God:

Even when we pray alone, we pray together with all the people of God.



Reception and Nursery Admissions – Deadline is 15th January 2019 IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL OUR NURSERY PARENTS

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.

Booklets about 'Starting School in Camden' have gone out to Nursery parents and contain important information about how to apply. Visit: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/education/camden-schools/primary-schools/> and be sure to meet the deadline.

Information re Adult Learning Courses from Camden:

Please [click here](#) to download our Spring term brochure CLiC (Community Learning in Camden).

FREE Adult Community Learning courses will be **STARTING IN JANUARY 2019!** **All courses are free** for adults aged 19+ and give priority to Camden residents.

We deliver English (ESOL), Computer, Family learning and Preparing for employment courses. Courses are delivered in community venues across the borough. Courses this spring term will include:

- Computer Skills Workshop (Find out more information [here](#))
- Beginners coding using Scratch
- Using iPhones and iPads for beginners
- Create your own website using Wordpress
- Digital storytelling
- Computing for active minds (for people aged over 50)
- Family learning
- MS Microsoft Office packages
- Employability courses to support people in finding work

Universal Credit

Universal Credit is being rolled out across Camden. All of our computer workshops and beginner computer courses are suitable for Camden residents who would like to improve their digital skills in order to register with Universal Credit and manage their online account.

We also have the following dedicated course:

Computer skills for Universal Credit at SHELL, Linnell House, NW8 0HS

Learn how to use your online Universal Credit account. Come along and learn basic computer skills to help you claim Universal Credit and manage your account online.

Highlighted Courses

Tell your story – a oral history project at Adult Learning Centre, Netley Campus, NW1 3EX

Learn the digital and communication skills needed to record, capture and share your own personal story online. Or you can share the story of a family member, friend, colleague or member of your community.

Money management at SHELL, Linnell House, NW8 0HS

Come along to a series of workshops where you will learn basic money management skills, budgeting, ways to save on your shopping and utility bills and much more.

Create a website using Wordpress at Pancras Square Library, N1C 4AG

Create a website for business or pleasure using the free Wordpress software.

Dates and Events

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

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and all God's blessings in the year to come.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

REMINDERS:

- **School ends at 1.15 pm next Friday 21st December.**
- **Energy Kidz WILL run on that day – please book with them directly as normal, if you need this service.**
- **Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.**

2018/19	
Monday 17 th December 2018	Christmas Movie Year 1 – Hospital Club
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Christmas Carol Concert at Corpus Christi
Tuesday 18 th 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
Monday 7 th January 2019	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Term begins





FOUR WALLS HOW TO HELP SHOPPING LIST

Below are categories of items that are desperately needed by those sleeping rough. At the very minimum, if you picked up one of the items from each category it would only add **£4.20** onto your shopping!

DENTAL CARE

Tesco Toothbrush Medium/Family 2 Pack **50p**

Tesco Fresh Mint Toothpaste 100ml **50p**

Aqua Fresh Mint Toothpaste 75ml **80p**

Colgate Cavity Protection 75ml **80p**

DEODORANT

Tesco Men's Revive Body spray 150ml **70p**

Tesco Men's Adventure Antiperspirant Deodorant 200ml **80p**

Tesco Sensitive Antiperspirant Deodorant 200ml **80p**

Tesco Cotton Antiperspirant Deodorant 200ml **80p**

PERSONAL HYGIENE

BAR SOAP

Tesco Everyday Value Soap 125 g **25p**

Tesco Uplifting Bath Soap Lemon 4 x 125g **£1.20**

SHOWER GEL

Tesco Everyday Value Shower Gel 300ml **50p**

Tesco Standard Relaxing Shower Crème 500ml **85p**

Tesco Revitalising Sea Minerals Shower Gel 500ml **85p**

SANITARY ITEMS

Tesco Applicator Regular Tampons 20 Pack **95p**

Tesco Non Applicator Super Tampons 24 Pack **95p**

Tesco Ultra Super Wing Sanitary Towels 12 Pack **66p**

Tesco Ultra Regular Wing Sanitary Towels 14 Pack **66p**

RAZORS

Tesco Everyday Value Single Blade Disposable Razors 5 Pack **30p**

Tesco Men's Fixed Head Twin Blade Disposable Razors 10 Pack **£1**

BIC 1 Sensitive Disposable Razor 10'S **£1**

WET WIPES

Tesco Everyday Value Baby Wipes Fragrance Free **50p**

Tesco Loves Baby Ultra Soft Fragrance Free **60p**

DEODORANT
RAZORS
SANITARY ITEMS
SCARVES & GLOVES

SHOWER GEL
SOAP BARS
SOCKS
TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHBRUSHES
THERMAL HATS
UNDERWEAR
WET WIPES

Email us at fourwallscharity@gmail.com or visit our website www.fourwallscharity.com to find your nearest drop off point over the Christmas period