



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy few weeks we have had in school. This week, it has been amazing to see so many of you attend our Maths and Phonics workshops for parents. The laughter and engagement was really great to hear and many parents have spoken to me about how useful both sessions were. We do have a couple of more sessions booked in to the diary so please do keep reading the newsletters and the letters that are being sent home.



The Dogs Trust have now visited all classes throughout the school. They have taught the children what dogs need, how and why they behave in particular ways, and how we should react. All sessions were taught with a toy dog as it is important that all children are comfortable with the sessions that take place. Paddy, our school dog, is in school more and more and he has become familiar with the sounds and interactions that take place across the counter. We will be sending letters home

in the next few weeks about our school dog. Do please watch out for them.

On Tuesday, Year 6 led us in our assembly on what they have learnt in their topic on Antarctica. They led us very well where they shared the many different facts that they had learnt and the importance of being resilient and persevering. Thank you Year 6.

Reception Class Admissions 2020

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you must register and apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk by the closing date **Wednesday 15th January 2020**.

Supplementary Information Forms are available from the school office or the school website – www.stjps.lewisham.sch.uk

The weather has certainly begun to change and the children will need to have an **outdoor PE kit** in school from now on. All children will need a **plain navy tracksuit**, no hooded jumpers or logos allowed. Often, the pupils will stay in their PE kit for either breaktime or lunchtime, depending on the timing of their PE lesson. All classes from Year 1 upwards will be having two PE lessons each week and they will need to have access to a full PE kit, indoor and outdoor PE kits, in school from Monday to Friday. Please ensure that they are in the children's boxes all week in order for them to take part. Please do ensure that all clothes is clearly labelled as we often have missing items of clothing that is very difficult to return to the correct owner.

We have been learning a number of new Makaton signs in school. Each week, the staff are learning new signs and teaching them to the children. Please do ask your children what they have learn so far and you can learn them with us.

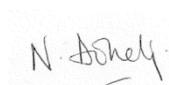
A number of children are bringing in unhealthy snacks in their packed lunches. Please remember to provide a healthy packed lunch rather than adding crisps or biscuits at lunchtime. Water is the only drink allowed. Please leave any juices or flavoured drinks at home. Thank you.

I have seen some fabulous work from your children this week. It is always a privilege to send a positive note home or give out a Headteacher's Award.

Dates for your diary for November and December:

Tuesday 26 th November	Year 2 St Mary visiting the Library Football After School Club Choir After School Club
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 4 swimming AHOY After School Club
Thursday 28 th November	Year 1 Class Mass Year 6 St Peter visiting the library Dance After School Club
Friday 29 th November	Year 6 St Luke visiting the Library
Monday 2 nd December	Reception and Year 1 to Christmas Party
Tuesday 3 rd December	Reception to Mass Year 4 Class Assembly St Barnabas to the library Football After School Club Choir After School Club
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 4 Swimming Fire Service visiting Year 2 Movie Night AHOY After School Club
Thursday 5 th December	Year 1 visiting the library Dance After School Club
Friday 6 th December	Year 3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 3 to the library Football After School Club Choir After School Club
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 4 Swimming Reception and KS1 Nativity 10am Key Stage Two Carol Concert and Recital 2pm
Thursday 12 th December	AHOY After School Club Rocksteady Concert 9:15am Christmas Fair
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – for For Jimmy Christmas Dinner
Monday 16 th December	Years 5 and 6 Big Top Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	Break up for the Christmas Holidays 2pm

Thank you for your continued support



Nicola Doherty (Headteacher)



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