

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

**Thank you to all of our Reception parents who joined us your Parent Teacher Consultations.** KS1, KS2 and Nursery Parent Teacher Meetings will be taking place next Wednesday and Thursday if you haven't already done so now is the last chance to book your consultation via your Parentmail app. We look forward to seeing you then. **This week, we received a number of visitors from the SJSCAT including the Chief Executive Officer, Paul Stubbings and the School Improvement Advisor, Karen Wyatt. Both were exceedingly impressed with our children, our staff and our wonderful parental support.**

**On that note, I would like to invite you all to our Sport-a-Thon Launch Assembly taking place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9:30 in the school hall.** We are all extremely excited at the prospect of our first ever Sport-a-thon and I know that the children are also already making great plans for the number of challenging sports activities they will be sampling! Andrew Grant will be judging our competition for the photo depicting the most adventurous sporting activity. Do not forget to send in your photos of abseiling, juggling, deep-sea diving, cartwheeling or uni-cycling for a chance of winning a gold, silver or bronze prize. Please see the end of the newsletter for a reminder of the plethora of sporting activities on offer and **please do not forget to send your children in their PE kits every day next week for maximum participation.**

On Monday afternoon, at 1:30pm, we will also be commemorating Black History Month with a special assembly where we will be learning about the achievements of Asquith Xavier, our SENCO's family member who was a veritable pioneer for black people in this country. Please do follow this link to learn more:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-66976704>

On Tuesday we also welcomed Fr Alex who led a wonderfully interactive workshop with Reception and KS1 on Baptism. We look forward to welcoming him back again next week for our **Harvest Festival Service on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9:00.** **Parents are most welcome to join us for this celebratory thanksgiving for God's great bounty and we ask that you send in tins, cereal or pasta so that we can then distribute the same to the Food Bank at Quex Road** for those in need. I would also like to remind you that the children will not be in school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October because we have a whole school staff inset day. As in previous years, children can bring their donations to the school hall.

**Sport-a-thon launches on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Week 1 (week commencing 21.10.24): All children across the school to come in PE kit every day.** Children will have additional PE lessons, including yoga, gym and dance.

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**Week 2 (Half Term, week commencing 28.10.24):** All children are encouraged to participate in physical activity outside of school.

**Final week 3 (week commencing 4.11.24):** All children return to school and wear PE kits on scheduled PE days. On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, all children to wear PE kits for our final Sport-a-thon activity: a whole class walk around Paddington Recreation Ground. Our thanks to Andrew Grant, Miss Armstrong (our PE subject lead) and all of our staff for their efforts ensuring that our first ever Sport-a-thon will be a memorable one. Our thanks also to all of our parents and children for their wonderful enthusiasm for this fund-raising event.

During the Sport-a-thon, we also ask parents to join in our competition for the most adventurous sporting activity. Send in your photos of abseiling, juggling, gymnastics, karate or cartwheeling children for the chance of winning a gold, silver or bronze prize.

**All entries should be posted in the collection box outside Mr Bowles' office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **Class Prize -Nursery- Year 2**

Strictly Dance-a-thon with Andrew Grant – disco moves, salsa and waltzing at the ready!

## **Class prize – Years 3-6**

The class which raises the most money will take a guided tour around Lords' Cricket Ground and even play cricket with the coaches!

Prizes will also be given to the biggest individual fundraiser in each class.

**Our target amount is £15,000.**

Thank you parents in advance for your outstanding support. We know that we can rely on all of you to encourage your children to participate as much as possible. Our first ever Sport-a-thon will be launched at our assembly on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and children will bring sponsorship forms home then.

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	-	-
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Elizabeth	Victor
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Santiago	Chloe
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Kerry	Lucas
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Nathan	Emily
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Filip	Harry
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Oliver	Chloe

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## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	92.8%	0.8%
Y1 PINK 1	97.6%	0.0%
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.7%	2.7%
Y2 PINK 3	97.9%	0.4%
Y3 BLUE 1	97.6%	0.0%
Y4 BLUE 3	97.7%	0.6%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.3%	0.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	97.4%	1.7%
Totals	96.8%	0.8%

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### October

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Sportathon Assembly 9:30am

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9am KS1 & KS2 Harvest celebrations  
Climate Workshop Y4

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parent Teacher Consultation 2 – 5:30pm

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Climate Workshop Y5  
Parent Teacher Consultation 3 – 6:30pm  
Term ends 3:30pm

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Inset day (staff professional training day school closed)

### Half term

### November

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Feast of All Saints

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**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Term begins

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Flu immunization team Rec – Y6 (nasal spray)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Sportathon Family Walk @ Paddington Rec' time tbc

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Y3 Blue 1 visiting Forest School am  
Y4 Blue 3 visiting Forest School pm

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Open day – drop in session from 10am-12pm (for prospective parents Rec and Nursery 2025)