

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday, 25th October 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Thank you to all parents who joined us for our Parent Teacher Consultations this week. I hope you found these informative as we all look to working together to provide our children with memorable experiences as part of our education offer. If, for any reason you could not meet your child's teacher this week, please arrange another time through the school office. Please note, any missed appointments will normally be made by telephone.

Our Sport-a-thon has got off to a great start. The children have embraced the week and we look forward to the children sharing their activities after half term. Parents are warmly welcomed to join us for our family walk at Paddington Rec on Wednesday 7th November. Children will start to leave from school from 9:30. Please see below for further details.

To highlight Black History Month, children across the school took part in a special assembly this week. Mrs Joseph, our SENCO led an assembly on her relative Asquith Alexander and his fascinating life. **Please see below for events celebrating Black History Month at Maida Vale Library.**

Maida Vale Library have asked me to share the following:

Autumn events for children at Maida Vale Library, Sutherland Avenue

Tuesday 29th October 2.30-4.00

Pokemon Swapsies: Come and get a free Pokemon trading book and cards and colour in some Pokemon pictures.

Wednesday 30th October 10.30-11.15

Through the Elements: Join Little Wild Theatre for the first in a four week programme of interactive shows that take children on an adventure through the elements of nature. For children aged 0-4. Booking essential—speak to a member of staff or call 020 7641 6200.

Wednesday 30th October 2.30-4.00

African masks: Make your own African mask to celebrate Black History Month.

Thursday 31st October 2.30-4.00

Hallowe'en crafts: Witches' hats, spooky bats and more!

Friday 1st November 2.30-4.00

Autumn Mural: Come and help us decorate our Autumn mural and see your picture on the library wall.

Saturday 9th November 2.00-4.00

International Games Week: Join the fantastic Young Dragons for a session of Dungeons and Dragons. For children aged 9-16. Booking essential—speak to a member of staff or call 020 7641 6200.

Please note: Unless stated, children of all ages are welcome at our events but adult help is recommended for younger children.

Nursery and Reception Classes: 10:15

Years 1 and 2: 10:00

Years 3 and 4: 9:45

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Years 5 and 6: 9:30

All children should wear their PE kit on this day, including trainers.

Thank you to Fr. Alex for the Harvest Festival Celebration this week. Your generous donations will help those in need who access the foodbank services from Quex Road Church.

The annual SJSA Christmas Ball takes place on Saturday 7th December. Preparations are in full swing for this event. As in previous years, children are encouraged to take part in a small way. Children will be making decorations with their photograph inside. Judging by past items, these will be as impressive as always! Please do let Mr Bowles know if you do not wish for your child to take part.

Thank you to Mrs Marsili for her efforts with Christmas Cards. Children have brought home mock ups and **order details are available via the QR code.**

On Friday 8th November, Rose Carr and **Mary** Meadway will be holding a parent workshop on the topic of Reading. **Parents of children in Years 1,2 and 3 are warmly invited to the school hall on Friday 8th November from 9:00-9:45** to learn more about how they can help their children. They have a proven record of First Quality Teaching and significant subject knowledge of early literacy achievement. They are Literacy teaching and learning specialists (including Literacy Assessment and Resource Training for Scholastic UK) and also authors of teacher literacy resources.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Filip in Year 5 for being such a wonderful member of our school. Filip and his family are returning to Poland and we wish him and his family the very best of luck. **Thank you Filip for being such a wonderful ambassador of our school.**

I wish you all a restful break. School starts again on Monday 4th November.

Dr. Ninette Viana
Mr. Kevin Bowles

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

| YEAR GROUP | Percentage Attendance (target >97%) | Late % |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| RECEPTION 1 | 97.1% | 0.6% |
| Y1 PINK 1 | 92.5% | 0.5% |
| Y1/2 PINK 2 | 98.9% | 1.7% |
| Y2 PINK 3 | 94.6% | 1.3% |
| Y3 BLUE 1 | 99.4% | 0.0% |
| Y4 BLUE 3 | 93.1% | 0.8% |

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| Y5 VIOLET 1 | 91.7% | 0.4% |
| Y6 VIOLET 3 | 98.9% | 1.6% |
| Totals | 95.8% | 0.9% |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

November

Monday 4th

Term begins
BWW MIND assembly

Tuesday 5th

Flu immunization team Rec – Y6 (nasal spray)

Wednesday 6th

Sportathon Family Walk @ Paddington Rec' begins 9:30am

Thursday 7th

Y3 Blue 1 visiting Forest School am
Y4 Blue 3 visiting Forest School pm

Saturday 9th

Open day – drop in session from 10am-12pm (for prospective parents Rec and Nursery 2025)

Monday 11th

Year 5 visiting Tower of London

Wednesday 13th

Maths workshop for KS1 parents 9:10am
Y5 Cinema trip (Children's University)

Thursday 14th

Assembly re St. John Hospice @ 9:10

Friday 22nd

Feast of St Cecilia
Father Alex classroom sessions with Y1 & 2

Tuesday 26th

Spirituality Day

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December

Monday 2nd

Aim High Writing workshop Y5 & Y6 representatives

Last week of afterschool clubs

Tuesday 3rd

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex @ 9am

Monday 9th

Y6 attending Light up a Life service @ St. John's Wood Church

Tuesday 10th

Reception Nativity play to parents – school hall @ 9:30am

Wednesday 11th

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm

Thursday 12th

KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall @ 9:30am

Monday 16th

KS2 carol service 2pm @ the Church of Our Lady's

Tuesday 17th

Science Day (potions workshop) Y4 & Y5 @ Middlesex University

Wednesday 18th

School Christmas lunch

Class parties

Non uniform day

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