

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Thank you to all parents who joined us for our Sport-a-thon Assembly. It was wonderful to celebrate this fantastic fundraiser and I would like to pay particular thanks to our **PE Lead, Miss Armstrong**, as well as our dynamic and creative **SJSA Sport-a-thon Lead, Florence**. I feel truly blessed to have such a giving community of parents and teachers. **Thank you all.**

Our next fundraiser is the annual SJSA Christmas Ball on Saturday 7th December and tickets are now on sale. Please do contact the SJSA if you would like to support this amazing event.

On Thursday, Laura Page from Westminster City Council visited our school. She was delighted with the behaviour of the children, their attitude to learning and was also impressed with our whole our safeguarding procedures. My thanks indeed to all of the children for being such fantastic ambassadors and my heartfelt praise to Didi, Felicitas, Nina, Gael, Caroline and Archie for being such wonderful safeguarding experts.

I am delighted to announce that our Y5 and Y6 children have been invited to participate in the Little Venice Ward's Christmas Light Switch On. This will take place on Monday 2nd December at 5:30pm, opposite St. Saviours Church. We will be sending out letters in the next few days and would be most grateful if you could let us know by Friday 22nd November if your child is able to attend. This is indeed a beautiful way to mark the start of Advent – beginning on 1st December – and the children will be joined by Yvette Murphy, our singing teacher and choral director of Westminster Cathedral, as well as the St. Saviours' School Choir. I am certainly looking forward to it!

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for the auspicious carol singing service at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14th December. If you have not already signed up, please see the attached letter and do not hesitate. **This is a beautiful service and our school and indeed our children deserve to be well represented.** Mr Bowles and I will be accompanying all of those children and parents attending, **leaving St. Joseph's at 12 on Saturday 14th December**, so that we can meet all of the participating schools outside Westminster Cathedral at 1pm. **Please do not hesitate to ask me or Mr Bowles or indeed Miss Murphy, if you would like any further information regarding this event.**

Also, during these final weeks of November, please do share the Eternal Rest Prayer with your little ones:

Prayer for Eternal Rest (The Requiem Prayer)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them

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May they rest in peace
Amen

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Dr. N. Fernandes-Viana

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	97.9%	0.0%
Y1 PINK 1	93.2%	2.4%
Y1/2 PINK 2	100.0%	1.3%
Y2 PINK 3	93.6%	0.7%
Y3 BLUE 1	98.5%	0.7%
Y4 BLUE 3	94.2%	0.6%
Y5 VIOLET 1	98.6%	2.4%
Y6 VIOLET 3	97.8%	1.7%
Totals	96.7%	1.2%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

November

Tuesday 19th

Netball (selected team) competition @ Paddington Rec'

Thursday 21st

Art Workshop Year 5 am

Friday 22nd

Feast of St Cecilia

Father Alex classroom sessions with Y1 & 2

Monday 25th

Pink 3 visiting Forest School

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Tuesday 26th
Spirituality Day

Thursday 28th
Art Workshop Year 5 am

December

Monday 2nd

Aim High Writing workshop Y5 & Y6 representatives
Y5 & Y6 attending Little Venice Ward's Christmas lights switch on @5:30pm
Last week of afterschool clubs

Tuesday 3rd

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex @ 9am

Thursday 5th

Art Workshop Year 5

Monday 9th

Nursery Nativity - school hall @2pm
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
@ZSL London visiting Santa & the animals

Thursday 12th

Y5 Art Workshop am
KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall @ 9:30am Y1 PARENTS ONLY
KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall & 2pm YEAR 2 PARENTS ONLY

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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Friday 20th

School Ends @ 1:30pm

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