

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors

What a busy week we have had! **On Tuesday, Fr Alex launched our Spirituality Week with a meaningful assembly based on Pope Francis's message from his third encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.**

Children across the school have been reminded that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, made in His image and guided by our faith to love one another, be kind, forgiving and compassionate towards each other.

**Our KS2 children** have started practising for our Carol Service which takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and I was hugely impressed with their first rehearsal. I would like to thank you all in advance for all of the help and support you will be giving your children to learn all their words and their carols. I know that it will be worth all of your combined effort.

**On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, I am looking forward to joining our Y5 and Y6 pupils at Westminster Cathedral where they will be part of over 150 pupils from across Westminster, celebrating Carols of Comfort and Joy. I would urge all Y5 and Y6 pupils to sign up, remember to come in your school uniform and to meet myself and Mr Bowles on the **steps outside Westminster Cathedral at 1pm**. The Carol Service starts at 2:30pm and parents are most welcome to join the congregation. Please feel free to use the link below but, if you are unable to sign up, please do join us. I am sure that it will be a wonderful occasion. <https://forms.gle/QKXUMmKP7jy2291L9>.

I would also like to congratulate our budding musicians across the school who have made our Friday Celebration Assemblies so memorable - **Gisella on the cello, Alex, Blanche and Natalia on the piano and Olivia on the violin**. Please do let us know if your child would like to play an instrument during our Friday assembly and we will do our utmost to accommodate you accordingly.

With music in mind I am sure you will be interested to hear that The Triborough Music Hub will be running a Music Production club based at the Lyric in Hammersmith for years 4 -6. Please see the attached flyer for more information

**Following recent IT safety work with Miss Lawson, it has come to light that some of our pupils are using WhatsApp.** I must remind parents that WhatsApp is actually rated 16+. This means that children under the age of 16 **should not be using** WhatsApp. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and Wink all have an age rating of 13+. This means none of our children should be using these apps. Please visit the NSPCC site for further guidance: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

I must stress how important it is **for parents to supervise all online activity**, including the use of individual or group chat platforms as well as the sharing of images of other pupils. It is extremely important that **online etiquette between**

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**peers or classmates is being followed.** This online etiquette is the same for any interaction; never make friends or interact with strangers, never give out any private information, never use unkind or hurtful language or be mean to others, never share photos or videos of peers with others and never post photos or videos of peers or classmates on any social media platform. Always think about what you say and how that will affect the other person at all times. Be kind, be courteous and be a good friend. It is also important that you or your child immediately block anyone who displays hurtful or worrying behaviours. Please do make use of the link below for further information:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

Please also note that any child coming into school wearing a Phone Watch (Apple or any other make) must give said item in to their class teacher or support staff in the morning, for safe keeping (locked away in a drawer) until the end of the day. This is part of our safeguarding policy and is consistent with our mobile phone policy in Y6.

**I would like to pass on warmest thanks and appreciation from Miss Brennan who is now recovering after her cancer surgery.** Miss Brennan will undergo further treatment but we are very optimistic with her recovery and hope that she will return after Christmas. I know that she will derive much comfort from your prayers.

Tickets are available for the Winter Gala on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. I know the team are busy selling tickets. Doors open next on Saturday at 8:00pm.

With best wishes,

Dr N. Viana

Mr K Bowles

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MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERIT	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	Elizabeth	Mateo
REC2 Miss Diriye	Maria	Antonella
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Etienne	Kieran
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Keira	Gabriel
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Lucca	Gene
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Louisa	Emily
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Suraiya	Teddy
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Georgina	Youssef
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Yannick	Lev

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
Nursery	84.1	0.8
RECEPTION 1	92.8	1.1
RECEPTION 2	98.2	1.2
Y1 PINK 1	90.0	2.2
Y1/2 PINK 2	96.6	0.3
Y2 PINK 3	98.2	3.6
Y3 BLUE 1	94.5	1.9
Y4 BLUE 3	91.6	1.3
Y5 VIOLET 1	90.0	0.9
Y6 VIOLET 3	90.0	0.7
Totals	92.5	1.4

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

### November

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Violet 1 Library visit pm

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Pink 1 Year 1 Library visit pm

### December

#### Friday 1st

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Rec 1 visiting Forest School am

Rec 2 visiting Forest School pm

Primary School Enhancement Day 5 children @ SJSCAT teaching alliance

## **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SJSA WINTER GALA**

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex (pupils only)

Advent Mass – Y3 Blue 1 & Y4 Blue 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Advent Mass – Y5 Violet 1 & Year 6 Violet 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Rec visiting ZSL London Zoo

Pink 3 visiting ZSL London Zoo

Violet 3 visiting Library

## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pink 1 visiting ZSL London Zoo

Pink 2 visiting ZSL London Zoo

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am

Y6 visiting Leonora House to sing Carols

KS2 Carol Service 6pm @ Church of Our Lady's

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

KS1 Nativity @ 9:30am

KS1 Nativity @ 2pm

## **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Littlest Christmas Elf workshop - EYFS

## **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

School Christmas Dinner

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Class Christmas parties & Christmas jumper day.