



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Deputy Headteacher: Mr.K Bowles



*Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.*

18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors,

**Firstly, many congratulations to all of our children across the school who were commended so highly by our Ofsted inspectors this week.** The latter emphasized our children's exemplary behaviour, love of learning and articulate, thoughtful expression. **Thank you also to parents for their overwhelmingly positive comments on the Ofsted parent survey and a huge thank you to all of our staff who dedicated so much of their time to making the Ofsted Inspection a success.** We are all delighted and will share the final outcome with you before the next half-term.

**This week, our Easter Bonnet was another triumphant success with greater participation than ever in the Y5 and Y6 classes thanks to the innovative idea from the School Council. A special thank you also to Mrs Deacy for orchestrating the mammoth task** in the midst of an Ofsted Inspection and also, thank you to Mr Marvin from JAG and our Governor, Mrs Balcombe for their fairness and wisdom in picking the prize winners. Indeed, Mrs Balcombe loved it so much, she has already asked to be invited to next year's "Egg-stravaganza."

**Also this week, our Y3 and Y4 classes enjoyed their trip to the Wallace Collection in Baker Street,** widening their knowledge of unsurpassed masterpieces of painting, sculpture, furniture, arms and armour, and porcelain. We are so fortunate to live in a city where beauty, awe and wonder are on our doorstep.

**Our new catering company - Accent Catering** – launched their menu this week and the response from our children has been overwhelmingly positive with some children saying, "It feels like we're on holiday, staying in a posh hotel", others commenting on the salad bar, "I love the magic seeds" and parents sending us their feedback too, "I would like to give positive feedback with regards to the new caterers. I had 2 very excited boys, praising not only the taste but also the wonderful presentation of the food at lunch time. My son was rather pleased & complimentary of the positive attitude & kindness of the main chef." As mentioned before the Easter break, we will schedule times for parents to taste the food. Please note, **all children across the school are entitled to a free school meal.** Please do email the school office if you would like to change from a packed lunch to a school meal. **Mr Bowles will planning taster sessions for parents, which will take place in the forthcoming weeks.**

Please note, **there are spaces still available in our after school clubs, which start this Monday coming, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.** Please see Mr Bowles or Mrs Harrington for more information.

**Finally, a gargantuan “Well done!” to Chloe and Caroline in Year 5 who took part in the 2024 Young Seacole Ambassadors initiative.** Both students were shortlisted and attended a celebration event at The Underglobe, a spectacular evening events space located at the Shakespeare's Globe, on the banks of the Thames. We are also delighted to share that Caroline was commended for her entry and Chloe came first place. **Their achievement is even more impressive given that entrants included primary and secondary school children throughout the whole of England!**

With best wishes to you all,

Dr Ninette Ester Fernandes-Viana and Mr Kevin Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	Whole class	Mattia
REC2 Miss Diriye	Whole class	Thomas
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Whole class	Matthew
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Giovanni	Felicitas
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Whole class	-
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Michael	Rafael
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Daniel	Olivia
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Whole class	-
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Whole class	

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	92.6%	0.0%
RECEPTION 2	89.5%	0.7%
Y1 PINK 1	97.0%	5.7%
Y1/2 PINK 2	95.2%	0.7%
Y2 PINK 3	88.5%	1.1%
Y3 BLUE 1	91.7%	1.7%
Y4 BLUE 3	95.8%	1.9%
Y5 VIOLET 1	92.2%	0.4%
Y6 VIOLET 3	93.9%	1.3%
Totals	92.9%	1.5%

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024**

### **March**

### **April**

#### **Friday 19th**

Years 3 & 4 visiting the Wallace Collection

#### **Monday 22nd**

Reception trip to the Puppet Theatre Barge

#### **Wednesday 24th**

Y3-Y4 Tennis Competition @ Paddington Rec' 9:30am – 2pm

#### **Wednesday Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dental screening Rec & Year 1

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Aim High Writing Workshop for selection of Y3 & Y4 plus visiting schools

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dental Screening for Rec & Year 1

### **May**

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Nursery visiting Forest School am

2pm in hall - Whole school Mass – St Joseph the Worker Feast Day

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pink 1 visiting Forest school am

Pink 2 visiting Forest school pm

#### **Wednesday 8th**

Y5 residential trip to Sayers Croft

Bee workshop Y1,2,3 & 4 tbc

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

KS2 attending Ascension Day Mass at Our Lady's church @10am

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Rec 1 visiting Forest school am

Rec 2 visiting Forest school pm

Y5 return from Residential trip

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

KS2 SATs week begins

Blue 1 visiting Forest School am

Blue 3 visiting Forest School pm

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Crowning of Our Lady service

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pink 3 visiting Forest School pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Y6 Park visit – tbc

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 SATs week

Reception trip to the Transport Museum

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Y3 & Y4 Visiting Hindu Temple

HALF TERM

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May