

St. Joseph's Camberwell Schools' Catholic Federation Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a superb second week back at school. Having our children return to a sense of 'normal' was tear jerking, to say the least. Coming together as a whole school for Gospel assembly and mass, listening to the children's singing, celebrating the Year 6's receiving their Ambassador roles and welcoming our new Reception children full time was a reminder of all we have missed so keenly.

What a privilege!

It was amazing to see so many of you during the 'Meet The Teacher' and 'Meet The Headteacher' meetings this week. I know that I and the teachers found it helpful to be able to share with you the learning which will take place this year for your child/ren.

The PowerPoint presentations will be available on the school website for any parents who were unable to attend. I also was grateful for the opportunity to share with you my vision for the school and how we can work together on our journey to excellence.

I do ask, however, that we remain vigilant to the many needs of our community. People deal with life's challenges in different ways and we may not know what people are going through. If you or anyone you know needs our support in any way, please do come and let us know.

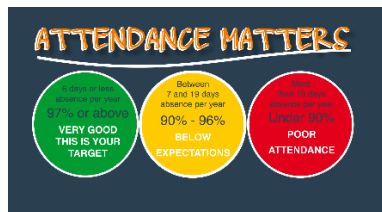
Be kind always.

Headteacher Headlines

- **Dates for your diary.** Please take note of the dates contained in this newsletter – we look forward to seeing you more often now that we can.
 - **Attendance.** Attendance so far has been okay – well done to all those who are managing to get to school on time and everyday. Please continue to avoid taking your children out of school unless absolutely necessary. If you need to request an absence, you must complete an Absence Request form from the school office. This will then be given to the Headteacher for authorisation. Please do not inform us via email. Please note that authorisation for absence will only be granted in **exceptional** circumstances.
 - **Weekly Register Monitoring.** Attendance and punctuality monitoring will be carried out weekly. If your child is regularly absent or late more than 3 times in a week you will receive a letter from the school, so that you can address this. If this continues you will be invited in to come and speak with the school attendance officer or Education Welfare office from Southwark.
- Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time.** Thank you in advance for your continued support in this area.

- **Uniform.** Thank you to the majority of parents who have ensured their children are wearing the correct school uniform. We are still finding children turning up in trainers when they do not have PE, and wearing black, instead of navy blue shorts.
- **School Bags.** There are a large number of pupils, especially in Years 5 and 6 who are bringing in large rucksacks to school. Our school uniform consists of the **Red school bag** for Infant children and **Blue school bag** for Junior children. Please ensure that your child/ren have the correct school bag. We do not have space in our school for such large bags and this are unnecessary because the school provides everything the children need for the school day.
- **Behaviour.**

Please continue to help us in keeping up our high standards.



Thank you all for a wonderful week. With your support, I have no doubt this is going to be a very special academic year for us all.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Ms Jameson

Executive Headteacher

Curriculum Letters. Attached to this letter you will find a copy of this terms TermTalk, curriculum letter to inform what your child/ren will be learning in class this term. You will also receive a copy of the RE newsletter for your child's Year group.

Homework: Information regarding homework will come from your child's teacher. Please remember children should be reading daily for at least 10-15min. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary after you have listened to them read.

It's Good to Grow from Morrisons, collect free gardening equipment for your school:

From September, for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons, you will get one grow token that we, as a 'Good to Grow' school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

For more details or to register please use the link. <https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>



Both schools' are registered – St Joseph's Catholic Infant's and St Joseph's Catholic Junior School.

Clubs

Club letters are beginning to go out so keep an eye out so that you do not miss out. As things open up more opportunities will arise so please do be patient.

Breakfast club.

An email will be going out shortly for parents to apply for their children to attend breakfast club. There will be a short google form which you will need to complete.

Leaving School

If your circumstances have changed and you are not returning to school, please could you kindly contact the school office.

Absence reporting:

If your child is unwell or absent due to any other reason, please communicate this clearly to the school office before 9am on each morning of the absence remembering to state your child's name and class. **If an absence is not reported it will be marked as unauthorised.**

Contacting the school:

In order to direct your query or concern to the correct staff member, please see the following information:

For General day-to-day enquiries:

admin@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk 02077033455 / 02077039264

For Special Educational Needs support:

Ms Breedon – Infants' senco2@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Mrs Reilly – Juniors senco1@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

(Please note Ms Breedon and Mrs Reilly work Mon-Wed)

For pastoral or academic concern regarding your child:

We have a team structure, which encourages any pastoral or academic concerns to go through the correct staffing channels:

1. **Contact your child's class teacher**
 - If no resolution
2. **Contact the Standards Leader of learning for your child's phase**
 - If no resolution
3. **Contact the Head of School**
 - if no resolution
4. **Contact the Executive Headteacher**

Standards Leaders of learning

Reception and Year 1 – Mrs Louanno – pastoralr1@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Year 2 and Year 3 – Mrs Sheriff – pastoral23@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Year 4 and Year 5 – Ms Rutherford – pastoral45@josephs.southwark.sch.uk (please see amendment from previous newsletter)

Year 6 – Mr Higgins – pastoral6@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Head of School

Mrs Mokogwu – hos@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Headteacher

Ms Jameson – head@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

For Safeguarding or child protection matters:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Ms Delia Jameson – head@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Deputy DSL's

Mrs Mokogwu - hos@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Mrs Chys – Teaching Assistant KS1

Mrs Alison Grant-Canning – Learning Mentor

Your child's Medical Information:

It is of utmost importance that the medical information you have supplied us with, is current and up to date. Please inform the school of any new diagnoses or changes in medical conditions, as soon as they happen, so that we can update our health records.

No NUTS in School:

We are a nut-free school and we would like to remind all parents/cares and childminders that nuts or food products containing nuts e.g. Peanut M&M's snickers are not allowed to be consumed on school premises. We have several children with severe nut allergies, for whom, exposure to nuts is serious enough to cause anaphylaxis.

Special Food Requirements:

Please can we ask all parents whose children have known food allergies or require special dietary requirements for medical reasons to email the school office to ensure that we have up to date and accurate details for your child. Similarly, please ensure that you update the school office with any new diagnoses or changes in health conditions as soon as they happen.



Pupil Leadership Team 2021-2022

Year 6

Head Girl – Angela

Head Boy – Increase

Deputy Head Girl – Madeleine

Deputy Head Boy – Jesse

House Captains

Joshua I, Heodie, Gloria, Gerard

Sports captains

Samson and Chinwendu

Chaplaincy Team

Rebecca A Orange Class

Serwah Yellow Class

Aaliyah 3C

Alexander 4A

Prince 4B

Joshua A 5H

Angelo 6F

Joyce 6F

School Council

Joseph Blue Class

Josiah Yellow Class

Claudia Green Class

Mathieu Orange Class

T.J. 3C

Daniel 3D

Naomi 4A

Ayomide 4B

Jordan 5I

Mirabel 5H

Kye 6G

Alexander 6F

Upcoming Dates

Reception Phonics Meeting

21st September- 9:15am

Year 1 Reading and Phonics Meeting

23rd September -9:15am

Reception Welcome Assembly

24th September - 9:00am

Individual / Siblings School Photos

27th September

Reception Introduction to reading –(External Visitor)

29th September - 9:15am

MacMillan Coffee morning

TBC

Black History Month begins

1st October

Year 3 Mass

6th October

Open mornings

5th, 12th, 13th and 19th October – 9:30am

Flu immunisation

21st October

International Day/Last Day of ½ term

22nd October

Orange Class Assembly

22nd October

Half Term

25th – 29th October

Deadline for secondary school applications

31st October