



Newsletter: July 2015

Thank you for your attendance at our summer term parents' evenings and thank you for taking the time to share such kind words of gratitude and thanks – it means a lot. We acknowledge that our success is owed to the partnership between our school and parents working together for our children's benefit! Thank you ☺

Important Dates

We break for the summer holiday period on Friday 17th July at 2pm.

Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September in their winter uniform, (school will begin at the usual time of 8:55am. There is supervision in the playground from 8:40am).

Our new Reception children begin at 9:30am on Wed. 2nd Sep. – please refer to the settling-in timetable.

Nursery children in group 1 begin on Thursday 3rd Sep. 2015 – please refer to the settling-in timetable.



NB: Please ensure all school shoes are black/navy and that the colour of the laces match these – thank you.

Winter uniform sales have taken place this week. Uniform may also be bought on our INSET day (Tues. 1st Sep.) and on the first day of school – Wed. 2nd Sep. from 8:00am in the nursery cloakroom.

Term Dates for 2015/16

Please see attached for the school term dates for 2015/16. Please ensure you refer to these when organising all family holidays – thank you. The term dates are also available on our school website – see the address for this at the top of this newsletter.

School Attendance

We are pleased to report that our school attendance remains high at 97.65%. We were delighted to present certificates to 42 children who had perfect attendance, being present every day of the academic year!

Please remember you must supervise your children as they are brought to school directly to the pupil entrance. Please do not send your child running down George Row alone and do not leave your children outside the school unsupervised, whether awaiting breakfast club to start at 8am, or the opening of the pupil entrance at 8:40am.

Parents of children in Year 5 and 6 next year have the option to consent for their child to travel to and from school alone from Sep. 2015. Please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter you received this week.



School Achievements

Lambeth + Southwark Primary Football League

Our football team have had a good year - we won 4 games out of 11 in our division. Mr Dines presented his annual report and gave some prestigious awards at our whole school assembly last Friday. Once again we won the 'Fair Play Trophy' - well done St. Joseph's! For further details visit: <http://www.lpsfl.com/2014-15-LEAGUE-TABLES>

Centenary Shield Tournament

The St. Joseph's Centenary Shield annual competition was keenly contested again this year. This annual tournament was launched in our centenary year - St. James' School, Boucher and St Joseph's – Gomm Road took part. Well done to St. James' for taking the trophy this year and for the whole hearted efforts of all our players.

School SATs Results (Y6 + Y2)

We are proud to share our assessment results for this year...these levels of attainment are once again significantly above the national averages – well done everybody!



Year 6

L4+ in English Reading – **100%** (70% level 5+)

L4+ in Maths – **100%** (75% level 5+ and 25% level 6)

L4+ in Grammar, punctuation & spelling – **100%** (95% level 5+ and 23% level 6)

L4 + in English Writing – **100%** (72% level 5+ and 8% level 6) – *writing is teacher assessed*

Year 2

L2+ in English Reading 98% (37% level 3)

L2+ in Maths – 98% (39% level 3)

L2+ in Writing 98% (20% level 3)

Year 5 – Secondary School Transfer Meeting

Parents of children currently in Year 5 are invited to a meeting in early September to discuss the start of the Secondary Transfer Process. The meeting will be held in the upper school hall on Thurs. 10th September at 5pm. Please refer to the secondary school contact and 'open day visit' information you received earlier this term, which is also on our website under 'Parent Info. – Letters to Parents.'

E-Safety Parents' Training

Thank you to our Y5+6 parents who attended our e-safety training sessions this week. We are glad it was of value and appreciate the feedback you gave. We hope to open this training to more of our parents in the coming academic year. Please visit the following website for parent friendly information re: internet safety - <http://www.internetmatters.org>

School Dinners

Please remember that children from Y1-Y6 have a choice of school dinners or packed lunches for lunch at school. However, the choice should be made for each term, so if you wish your child to have school dinners in September, they will remain having school dinners until the end of the term in December. This ensures our admin. team can effectively organise routines and systems with our catering company. You received the school dinner/packed lunch form for the year 2015/16 this week – please return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible, thank you.

Southwark School Dinners Plan

Southwark Council has made the decision to fund free school meals for all primary school children from YR-Y6 inclusive. Please ensure you still complete the necessary forms if you are eligible for free school meals to help keep our records up-to-date and to secure your entitlement should changes be made to the funding decision in the future. Please contact our admin. team for further details.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open on the first day of school (Wed. 2nd Sep.) at the usual time of 8:00am. There are places available, so if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please see Mrs Reeve or a member of our admin. team.

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6

At the end of this academic year we say 'Goodbye' to all our friends in year six. We are proud of them, of their achievements, and of their contributions to our school and community throughout the years. We are grateful to all the staff who have contributed to the children's learning and development over their time with us and we especially wish to thank Miss Brady and Mr Hoyes for making the children's final year a successful, memorable and special one. We, of course, wish our children success and happiness in the years to come, and will welcome them warmly when they visit us! May St Joseph bless you and be with you always!

Staffing

Once again, our sincerest best wishes are offered to Mrs Lewell, Mr Taylor, Miss Flannery and Ms Kendall who leave us at the end of the term – Goodbye and God Bless.

We welcome, again, Miss Walsh and welcome back Mr Jones! We also wish to officially welcome Miss Allen to our staff team! Miss Allen has been teaching in John Paul Class as part of our staff since January this year and we are pleased that she has agreed to join us permanently!

Summer Holidays – Clubs, Events & Info.

We wish you all a restful and rejuvenating summer break. Southwark Libraries are running their 'Summer Reading Challenge' – the theme is Record Breakers'. Children can register for the scheme at any Southwark library. We would encourage all our pupils to participate and enjoy the pleasure of reading for entertainment. If the children read six books they will receive a certificate and a medal, which will be awarded in an assembly in the autumn term.

Please see the following website for information regarding summer activities:

Southwark...www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200246/activities_and_things_to_do/2148/summer_holiday_activities.

Your child will be given holiday homework to complete. This will be collected in on the first day of term by their next teacher, so please support your child in fully completing this. Further, if you can find a little time each day to practise the following knowledge and skills, it will be of great benefit to your child upon their return to school in September:

- Reading (listen to your child read aloud and ask him/her to answer questions - check understanding)
- Times table facts and mental addition and subtraction, e.g. $7 \square 4 = 11$, $16 + \square = 20$, $\square - 5 = 30$, Find the difference between 68 and 73
- Maths targets – please review and practise these over the summer, especially if your child has been given additional ones
- Targets on your child's annual report
- Make use of local swimming facilities
- Review spellings of key words from the school year and take opportunities to practise writing – shopping lists, cards, postcards and holiday diaries...
 - *We have encouraged all children to send postcards to the school, to let us know about all their exciting holiday adventures and activities. This will provide opportunities for children to practise their writing skills. Please help if you can, we will share the cards in our assembly next term. The full school address is: St. Joseph's RC Primary School, George Row, London, SE16 4UP.*

At St. Joseph's we all wish you a happy, healthy and safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you again in September! Many thanks - *St. Joseph's School*

St. Joseph's School Term Dates 2015/2016

<i>Terms and Half Terms</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Finish Date</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>INSETs/Bank Holidays.</i>
Autumn Term - 1 st half	Wed. 2 nd September 2015 <i>* Thurs. 3rd Sep. for nursery (see settling-in timetable)</i>	Fri. 23 rd October 2015	3 days + 7 weeks	Tues. 1 st Sep. INSET
Autumn Half Term Break	Mon. 26 th October 2015	Fri. 30 th October 2015	1 week	Holy Day of Obligation: Sun. 1 st Nov. All Saints Day
Autumn Term – 2 nd half	Tues. 3 rd November 2015	Fri. 18 th December 2015 <i>Finish at 2.00pm</i>	4 days + 6 weeks	Mon. 2 nd Nov. INSET
Christmas Holidays	Mon. 21 st December 2015	Fri. 1 st January 2016	2 weeks	Bank Hols 25 th and 26 th Dec. 2015 + 1 st January 2016

Spring Term – 1 st half	Tues. 5 th January 2016	Fri. 12 th February 2016	4 days + 5 weeks	Mon. 4 th Jan. 2016 INSET
Spring Half Term Break	Mon. 15 th February 2016	Fri. 19 th February 2016	1 week	
Spring Term – 2 nd half	Mon. 22 nd February 2016	Thurs. 24 th Mar 2016 <i>Finish at 2.00pm</i>	4 weeks + 4 days	Good Friday 25 th Mar. 2016
Easter Break	Mon. 28 th March 2016	Fri. 8 th April 2016	2 weeks	Easter Monday 28 th Mar. 2016

Summer Term – 1 st half	Mon. 11 th April 2016	Fri. 27 th May 2016	3 weeks, 4 days + 3 weeks	Bank Hol. Mon. 2 nd May 2016
Summer Half Term Break	Mon. 30 th May 2016	Fri. 3 rd June 2016	1 week	Bank Hol. Mon. 30 th May 2016
Summer Term – 2 nd half	Mon. 6 th June 2016	Tue. 19 th July 2016 <i>Finish at 2.00pm</i>	3 weeks, 4 days, 2 weeks + 2 days	Mon. 27 th June 2016 INSET Wed. 20 th July 2016
Summer Holidays	Wed. 20 th July 2016	___ September 2016		Bank Hol. 29 th Aug. 2016