



Newsletter: July 2016

Thank you for your attendance at our summer term parents' evenings and thank you for taking the time to pass on your positive comments and gratitude – it's greatly appreciated. As always, our success is a team effort - our school and parents working together for our children's benefit! Thank you ☺

Important Dates

We break for the summer holiday period on Tuesday 19th July at 2pm.

Children return to school on Wednesday 7th 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 from 9:15am on Wed. 7th Sep. – please refer to the settling-in timetable.

Nursery children in group 1 begin on Thursday 8th Sep. 2016 – 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 days (Mon. 5th & Tues. 6th Sep.) and on the first day of school – Wed. 7th Sep. from 8:00am in the nursery cloakroom.

Term Dates for 2016/17

Please see attached for the school term dates for 2016/17. 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 97.5%. We were delighted to present certificates to 63 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. 2016. 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 fantastic year - we won 7 games, drew 2 and only lost 1! Mr Dines presented his annual report and gave some prestigious awards at our whole school assembly last Thursday. Once again we won the 'Fair Play Trophy' - well done St. Joseph's! For further details visit: <http://www.lpsfl.com/2015-16-LEAGUE-TABLES>

Centenary Shield Tournament

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

School SATs Results (Y6 + Y2)

This academic year the government changed the assessment process in primary schools. Children are no longer assessed using numerical levels, but whether they have met the required standards. We are proud to share our assessment results for this year...these attainment outcomes are once again significantly above the national averages – well done everybody!



Year 6

Year 6	St. Joseph's School Test Results	National Results
	At expected standard	At expected standard
Reading	96%	66%
Maths	96%	70%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	96%	72%
Reading, Writing & Maths	96%	53%

Year 6	St. Joseph's School Teacher Assessment Results		National Results	
	At expected standard	Greater depth within standard	At expected standard	Greater depth within standard
Reading	96%	Grading unavailable for these areas	N/A	Grading unavailable for these areas
Maths	96%			
Science	96%			
Writing (teacher assessed only)	96%	61%	74%	Awaiting

Year 2

Year 2	St. Joseph's School Teacher Assessment Results		National Results	
	At expected standard	Greater depth within standard	At expected standard	Greater depth within standard
Reading	91%	54%	Awaiting	Awaiting
Maths	94%	57%	Awaiting	Awaiting
Writing	96%	48%	Awaiting	Awaiting
Science	96%	Grading unavailable for this area	Awaiting	Awaiting

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. 15th September at 5pm. Please refer to the secondary school contact and 'open day visit' information you received earlier this term, which will soon be on our website under 'Parent Info. – Letters to Parents.'

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 team. You received the school dinner/packed lunch form for the year 2016/17 this week – please return the reply slip to the school office as soon as possible, thank you.



Parents' Suggestions

Extraordinarily, we have had two contrasting suggestions about homework this term. One parent's view is that children are not receiving enough homework and another's is that the children are receiving too much. We would like to invite both parents to make themselves known to the school office so that these matters can be discussed in further detail, e.g. year groups, specific homework tasks, routine for homework, etc.

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6

At the end of this academic year we say 'Goodbye' to all our friends in year six and every year this is difficult to do. Many of our year six children have been with us since they were nursery age and we have watched them grow, play, learn and laugh. They have had an eventful last year of school enjoying exciting experiences and making memories that will surely last! Thanks to our parents and to Mrs Byrne and Mr Hoyes for a truly successful year! We are proud of our Y6 and all their achievements! We wish them every success and happiness in the future! May St. Joseph bless you and be with you always!

Staffing

Once again, our sincerest best wishes are offered to Mr McInroy and Miss Walsh who are leaving us at the end of this academic year – we thank them for their hard work and commitment to our children.

We also say a temporary goodbye to Miss Ryan & Miss Bates in July as they are expecting new additions to the family! And on that note, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Lewell, who left us last year, has had a bouncing baby boy, 'Tommy – weighing 7lb 5oz!' Mum, Dad and baby are all doing well 😊

We also say goodbye to Mrs Edmond and Mr Okakwu and thank them for their help and support with our children this year across the school – it is much appreciated 😊

We would like to welcome Miss Prior, Mr Brady, Miss Sharvin and Mrs Kingman to our teaching team next year! Please join us in making them feel very welcome. We also welcome Miss Fant to our admin. team, who is adjusting very well to the fast pace of school life! Lastly, we are pleased to welcome Mr Hoyes to our extended management team! He has been appointed as our new Y5/6 Phase Group Leader and we are excited about the fresh energy he will bring to the team!

Community Notices

Please continue to pray for two members of our local community who have sadly passed away. Sister Cecily, who was the co-founder and college director of the Bosco Centre, and Jim Guild who was greatly involved with the Salmon Centre. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.



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 'The Big Friendly Read' – celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl, the famous storyteller! 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.

See website for information on summer activities: 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 2016/2017

<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. 7 th September 16 <i>* Thurs. 8th Sep. for nursery (see settling-in timetable)</i>	Fri. 21 st October 2016	3 days + 6 weeks	Mon. 5 th and Tue. 6 th Sep. INSET days
Autumn Half Term Break	Mon. 24 th October 2016	Fri. 28 th October 2016	1 week	
Autumn Term – 2 nd half	Mon. 31 st October 2016	Wed. 21 st December 2016 <i>Finish at 2.00pm</i>	7 weeks + 3 days	Holy Day of Obligation: Tue. 1 st Nov. All Saints Day
Christmas Holidays	Thurs. 22 nd December 2016	Wed. 4 th January 2017	2 days + 1 week + 3 days	Bank Hols. 25 th , 26 th and 27 th Dec. 2016 + 1 st January 2017

Spring Term – 1 st half	Thurs. 5 th January 2017	Fri. 10 th February 2017	2 days + 5 weeks	Tue. 3 rd and Wed. 4 th Jan. 2017 INSET days
Spring Half Term Break	Monday 13 th February 2017	Friday 17 th February	1 week	
Spring Term – 2 nd half	Monday 20 th February 2017	Friday 31 st March 2017 <i>Finish at 2.00pm</i>	6 weeks	
Easter Break	3 rd April 2017	14 th April 2017	2 weeks	Good Friday 14 th Apr. 2017 Easter Monday 17 th Apr. 2017

Summer Term – 1 st half	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017	4 days + 1 week + 4 days + 3 weeks	Bank Hol. Mon. 1 st May 2017
Summer Half Term Break	Mon. 29 th May 2017	Fri. 2 nd June 2017	1 week	Bank Hol. Mon. 29 th May 2017
Summer Term – 2 nd half	Mon. 5 th June 2017	Fri. 21 st July 2017 <i>Finish at 2.00pm</i>	3 weeks, 4 days, 3 weeks	Mon. 26 th June 2017 INSET
Summer Holidays	Mon. 24 th July 2017	___ September 2017		Bank Hol. 28 th Aug. 2017