

Newsletter: June 2015

Dear Parents,

The children have been preparing hard for our sports days; we are grateful for good weather so far and hope it continues through the week! Our sports days are always fun school events anticipated by all our community so we do hope you are able to come. Please ensure your child has the correct school PE kit for their sports day ☺

Uniform

Summer uniform should be worn during this summer school term:

- Girls – summer dresses (blue and white check) and blue cardigans
- Boys – light blue polo shirts with either grey shorts or trousers and grey jumpers
- Nursery children continue to have the choice of a summer uniform or the nursery track suit

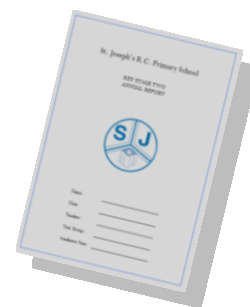


Please remember jewellery, shaved hair patterns (including distinct styles) and trainers are **not** permitted. Please also ensure long hair is tied back. We would appreciate parents reminding their boys to tuck their shirts in also! Thank you.

Important Dates

Parents' Evenings:

- Nursery – Thursday 2nd July from 4-7pm
- Reception and Year groups 1-5 (inclusive) – *Thursday 2nd July from 3:30-7:30pm*
- Year 6 classes – *Thursday 9th July from 3:30-7:00pm*



Please remember children are not permitted to attend parents' evenings.

Reports will be distributed in the week beginning 29th June. Letters detailing your child's next class and teacher will be distributed on Thursday 9th July.

Winter Uniform Sales for 2015/16

- Mon. 13th July 2:30-4:00pm
- Thurs. 16th July 2:30-4:00pm



Term Dates

We break for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July at 2:00pm.

We return to school on Wednesday 2nd Sept. at **8:55am** (supervision in the playground from 8:40am).

Our new Reception children begin at **9:30am**, on Wednesday 2nd Sept. please refer to the settling-in timetable.

Our new Nursery children begin on various days – refer to the settling-in programme, which will be given out in the Nursery Welcome Meeting on 25th June.

The school term dates for the next academic year 2015/2016 were distributed in February earlier this year. They are also available on our school website, (web address detailed at the top of this letter), or upon request at the school office. Please keep these dates for your future reference, especially when organising family holidays *ensuring* these do not fall in term time.

Dismissals

Please remember to notify the school office if another adult is collecting your child and please ensure s/he knows which gate to collect your child from.

School Meals 2015/16

Healthy school meals continue to be funded for all primary school age children, through both local and central government schemes.

The healthy school meals programme aims to make sure children have a healthy meal at lunchtime and as a result achieve of their best in lesson times. All children from reception to year 6 will automatically be included in this scheme.

Families who are eligible for free school meals, under the pupil benefits system, will still need to complete the required forms. Administrative staff will provide further information and help with this.

You can find out more information about the scheme at: www.southwark.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Parents' Suggestions and Comments

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. The parents' suggestion box is located in the entrance area of the school. Please complete a suggestion slip if you would like to make a comment – admin. staff are available if you would like some assistance with this.

Staffing

At the end of this academic year, we say goodbye to Mrs Lewell, Mr Taylor and Miss Flannery.

Mrs Lewell leaves after a period of nine years for new experiences and challenges in a school in Charlton! Mrs Lewell began teaching at St. Joseph's in September 2006 as a newly qualified teacher and has spent many years leading learning in her middle management role. We thank her for her valuable contribution to the many staff teams and the children she has taught over the years and for her great leadership in the curriculum areas of Science and RE! Many thanks Mrs Lewell – do visit when you can!



Mr Taylor is leaving us after seventeen years at St. Joseph's!! He is taking advantage of increased teaching days at a school in Camberwell. Mr Taylor has been an important part of many school celebrations and services and has made a difference to many children learning to play specific instruments. We thank him for his consistency over time in delivering our varied music curriculum and for the contribution he has made to our children during his years with us. Thank you Mr Taylor!

Miss Flannery leaves us after a successful first year of teaching to return home to the 'emerald isle' to seek teaching opportunities there! We wish Miss Flannery every success for the future and thank her for her hard work and commitment this year.

Welcome!

We welcome Miss Walsh and we welcome back Mr Jones! We are already looking forward to the next academic year; embedding the new national curriculum in its second year and planning more fun, learning initiatives!

Warm Weather

We will be reminding the children of how to play safely in the coming warm weather during break times. Please remember school caps can be purchased from the office and these are advisable for sun protection. Also sun cream should be applied before school on your child's face, neck, arms and legs.

Water bottles remain part of the school uniform. Please ensure these are brought to school full.



Many thanks, St. Joseph's School