



SJRC News



Friday 17th November 2023

To The St. Joseph's Family,

This week's liturgy was focusing on the idea of being ready for Jesus' return by ensuring we are putting his example in to action through our love and care towards each other. The children's challenge throughout the week has been to be "The Kindest Child in the Room" and it has been wonderful to see this throughout the school, particularly with our focus on Anti-Bullying week! Preparation is also a key word for this time of year, with our wonderful decorations beginning to festoon our upper hall and dining hall, hymns and carols echoing the corridors and important rehearsals taking place every day – my thanks for all of your support in these efforts to mark the coming of Jesus at Christmas and the hope He brings with him. Finally, today we will take part in sponsored walks to further engage with that hope by supporting Children in Need – the children will be following the example of the Sisters of Mercy in "Getting Their Boots on" and putting their faith into action to raise money for children in every corner of the UK.

As ever, thank you for your support in helping the children realise their power in enacting change and helping others.

Mr Coffey

(Headteacher)



Congratulations!

St. Joseph's is proud to announce that we have been awarded with the School Games Gold Award for giving the children numerous opportunities to participate in physical activities including; sponsored walks, competitions, SEND groups, and providing chances for the gifted and talented to excel. A special thank you to Mr Humm for all his hard work and ensuring the children can flourish through PE.



Dempsey Class Assembly

Today, Dempsey Class participated in their Class Assembly on the theme of talents. Ms Oye, Mrs Cook and Mr Dixon worked to support the children's superb singing and sharing of the Parable of the Bags of Gold. The children reminded us of the message that everyone has talents and it is important for us to use these talents for God's purpose. They sang a rendition of 'This is me' to remind us that God has made us the way we are and we should celebrate that! Well done, Dempsey Class!



Children in Need

Today, the children have joined in the national fundraising for Children in Need! All children were resilient in their walk and lived out our Faith Through Action, supporting those in need. Thank you to everyone for your support and sponsorships! We will update you on the grand total next week. If you are still collecting your sponsorship money, please continue to send it in to school early next week.



Odd Socks Day

This week, the children recognised and celebrated 'Odd Socks Day' as part of Anti-Bullying week. The children understand the importance of making a noise when bullying or unkindness is happening! We are proud of how many children have gone above and beyond this week to show kindness and care to one another!



Mass at St. George's Cathedral

Mr Coffey and members of the Spiritual Life Committee attended the Memorial Mass at St. George's Cathedral on Wednesday, joining representatives from Notre Dame Girls' school, one of our sister schools within the SELCAT family, and from St. George's Cathedral Catholic Primary. In a moving Mass, the memorial crosses were presented at the altar and the some of the bidding prayers were read by our representatives – their confident presentation in part thanks to the kind coaching and reception exhibited by the girls of Notre Dame who all made us feel so welcome. A further reflection from the SLC will follow in a forthcoming newsletter as they look back on their part in an important act of remembrance.



Reminders



School Photographs on Wednesday 22nd November.
If you want your child's photograph to be taken, you
MUST return the permission slip form. Contact the
office if you need a new one.

Get your FREE tickets for the Bingo and Quiz night
from the office!



Please drop off any donations of mince pies, mulled
wine or hot chocolate to the school office!

Don't forget to purchase your Christmas baubles
from the school office for £2.00! Decorate them and
bring them back so they can go on the Christmas Tree
at school! You will then get them back at the end of
term.



Music Fun
Instruments Singing

Stay and Sing!

You are invited to stay and sing!

Children aged 0 - 4 years old.

Every Monday 9:15am to 10:00am
(Term Time, from 6th November 2023)

Thames Room,
St. Joseph's Primary School,
George Row,
SE16 4UP

CALL 020 7237 4267 FOR MORE
INFORMATION

Ignite, Flourish, Connect
Faith through Action - Living in Harmony

SELCAT

The Foodbank is open every
Wednesday 9:00—9:30am and 2:30 –
3:00pm



Come along! Tell family and friends in the
local area. We had a fantastic first session
this week!

Coming up!

Road Safety Week

Next week is Road Safety Week. The children will be doing activities in class. You could practice crossing the road safely with your child and talk to them about why road safety is important.



Red Wednesday

On Wednesday 22nd November, we will be celebrating Red Wednesday. The children will learn the importance of the day and will make something red in class to bring home! Children need to come to school wearing their full winter school uniform on this day.

Nativity Performances

The children are working hard on their Nativity performance. Please encourage them to practice the songs / lines at home! We are looking forward to it. Please check ParentMail for further details of the performance you are invited to.



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 22nd November—School Photographs (individual and siblings) [Please ensure your child comes wearing their full winter uniform. Bring back the permission forms!](#)

Friday 1st December —St. Joseph's Bingo and Quiz Night (Adults Only) 6pm—9pm
[Order your FREE tickets from the school office. This will be a ticketed event to manage numbers.](#)

Friday 8th December —Nativity Performance (Reception Parents / Carers) [Doors open at 1:30pm. See the letter sent on ParentMail for further details.](#)

Friday 8th December —Carols in the Playground [3:15pm—4:30pm \(see the poster for further details\).](#)

Monday 11th December —Nativity Performance (KS1 Parents / Carers) [Doors open at 1:30pm. See the letter sent on ParentMail for further details.](#)

Tuesday 12th December —Nursery Nativity Performance [Doors open at 1:45pm.](#)

Thursday 14th December —Key Stage 2 Advent Carol Service [2pm, Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead.](#)

Tuesday 19th December —Christmas Parties in school [Children can come wearing their party clothes for the day \(Look out for details on ParentMail in December\).](#)

Wednesday 20th December —Last Day of Term [School finishes at 2pm.](#)

Dates for
your diary

Birthday Shoutouts

*We would like to wish those who have celebrated their birthday this week or have a birthday coming up, **a very happy birthday!***

Oluwatoni — Fisher Class

Milana — Baptist Class

Leroy—Elizabeth Class

Micah—John-Paul Class

Ethan—Joseph Class





Stars and Superheroes of the Week



A massive congratulations to the following children for being awarded Star of the Week in their class today!

Well done to;

Dimitrios for always helping when an adult asks him to in **Nursery Class**.

David for following instructions and being a positive role model in **Peter Class** !

Bethany for consistently being a positive role model in **John Paul Class**.

Gabriella in **Elizabeth Class** for her great effort in writing and being a positive role model.

Alex A and ***Sadie*** for being great listeners and helping adults in **Baptist Class**.

Dennie for being focused and trying hard with his learning in **Jerome Class**.

Sonma in **McAuley Class** for putting in extra effort in with her reading record entries every week.

Bella trying hard in all learning in class and at home in **Felton Class**.

Sebastian in **Joseph Class** for working with increased independence and confidence in class, applying himself fully to task to ensures he achieves his potential.

Joaquin in **Campion Class** for his amazing application of direct speech in his writing.

Denzel for being a positive role model, always making the right choice and working hard in **Dempsey Class**.

Seyi for consistently maintaining a hardworking and committed approach to her learning in **Fisher Class**.

We are very proud of you all!

