



SJRC News



Friday 3rd November 2023

Welcome Back

To the St. Joseph's Family,

A very warm (if slightly damp from the rain!) welcome back to a new school term. Following the Month of Mary, we now see the nights closing in as we enter a month focused on remembrance, and before we know it, the magical time of Advent and Christmas! Preparations are well under way here in St. Joseph's, and I look forward to celebrating this wonderful time with you all. Thank you to all who attended our Target Setting Evening just before the half term, it was such a positive event and a great way to focus our minds on the tasks ahead of us in this new academic year. As ever, my sincere thanks for your continued support in helping ignite the children's learning, helping them flourish and connect with each other as guided by the Gospel Values.

Mr Coffey



Spiritual Life Committee

This week, we have welcomed our new members to the Spiritual Life Committee, overseen by Mr Coffey. There are representatives from every class Years 1—6 who will work together throughout the year to develop ideas on how to move the Spiritual Life of the school forward and support the other children in their understanding of prayer and liturgy. Mr Coffey is delighted with the group who will be tasked with this important role throughout the year, and cannot wait to get started!

This week, the children had the task of leading the Mass and had their first meeting together, celebrating their achievement on an auspicious day with both Canon Alan, Father Christopher and some of the Sisters of Mercy in attendance at Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead, on All Saints Day!

Congratulations to Elijah, Jayden, Julia, Alexander, Alesha, Chinecherem, Rupert, Maya, Nahome, Ruby, Alexander, David!



Stay and Sing

St. Joseph's is starting a stay and sing for parents / carers and children, up to the age of 4 (non school based children). The first session will be on Monday 6th November at 9:15am. This is an opportunity for parents to access a FREE music session. Mrs Watchorn will be leading the session and is excited to meet everyone!

Please share this with your family and friends, as this is open to all members of our local community.



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



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Faith through Action - Living in Harmony



Children in Need - Sponsored Walk

On Friday 17th November, the children are supporting Children in Need. All children will be participating in a sponsored walk. Please encourage your child to get at least one sponsorship from family / friends. Even £1 makes a huge difference.

If you have lost your sponsorship form, please speak to your class teacher who will be able to provide you with a new one.

On the day, the children can also come to school wearing spotty / yellow clothes.

Thank you to the School Council who have helped plan the event.



St. Joseph's Foodbank

As a Catholic school, we believe in **Faith Through Action** and as such have developed a way that we wish embody this with our school community over the coming year. This week, we started a Foodbank in the Thames Room, accessible from George Row, to support parents and families in our school community who may need some further support in these challenging times. We wish to say thank you to Tesco, who are donating to our Foodbank as part of their community outreach.

Initially, the Foodbank will be open every **Wednesday 9am – 9:30am and 2:30 – 3:00pm** and will be available to all members of our school community, when needed.

If you wish to donate to the Foodbank, please drop off items to the school office. Please ensure the items donated can be kept on the shelves and **do not need to be refrigerated**.

Mrs Watchorn

(Assistant Headteacher and Community Lead)

Open Days—Prospective Parents

We are holding open days on the following dates for prospective parents.

Tuesday 7th November, 9:30am- [Book Here](#)

Friday 17th November, 9:30am- [Book Here](#)

Thursday 23rd November, 2pm- [Book Here](#)

Wednesday 29th November, 2pm- [Book Here](#)

Monday 4th December, 9:30am- [Book Here](#)

Tuesday 12th December, 9:30am- [Book Here](#)

If you have any family or friends who are looking for a Primary School or Nursery for September 2024, please share our school website with them and encourage them to book a tour to see our amazing school. We are proud of our children and all they achieve and want to showcase this to prospective parents.

If you attend any clubs or activities with younger children and would be happy to share our **new** school leaflets with parents, please speak to Mrs Watchorn, who will give you some of these.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 8th November— Y6 SATS Meeting 5:00pm [Parents' meeting to discuss the upcoming SATS—all Year 5 and 6 parents welcome.](#)

Friday 10th November— Fisher Class Assembly 9:10am [Parents / Carers welcome to attend.](#)

Monday 13th November—Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying week) [Come to school wearing odd socks in support of anti-bullying week.](#)

Friday 17th November—Children in Need sponsored walk. [Come to school wearing spots and yellow. Remember to bring your sponsorship forms and money!](#)

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





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;

Ezekiel for learning a new song rapidly in **Nursery Class**.

Mickayla in **Peter Class** for writing a super sentence, independently!

Micah for sharing with his friends in **John Paul Class**.

Elijah in **Elizabeth Class** for trying very hard when writing sentences in English and producing fantastic work.

Joshua (Year 1) in **Baptist Class** for being a great role model, always prepared for his learning, listening well and always trying his best in his work. Well done!

Callie for sharing wonderful ideas and trying her best with her writing in **Jerome Class**.

Andrew for coming back to school after half term with a positive attitude towards his learning and putting in effort in **McAuley Class**.

Danny for excellent Maths work in school and at home in **Felton Class**.

Raffaelle in **Joseph Class** for consistently working hard in all subjects and asking questions to further his understanding.

Rupert in **Campion Class** for going above and beyond when completing his homework.

George for great improvement in his behaviour and contributions in **Dempsey Class**.

Lola for being extremely hardworking and thoughtful - and for her excellent suggestions and focus when creating our class assembly script and ***Ruby*** for her positive and resilient approach to learning and for being respectful to others at all times in **Fisher Class**.

We are very proud of you all!

Extra Curricular Clubs

We wanted to inform you as to the sign up process for extra curricular clubs. There are a range of clubs that are available for children across the school. In class, the children are asked if they are interested in attending the club, appropriate for their year group. If children put themselves forward and say that they are interested in attending a club, they are given a letter for that particular one. Throughout the year, is then staggered across the phase group / year group, dependant on the club, and children who may have been interested the first time who did not have the opportunity will be given a chance to sign up for the club if it is running the following term.

If you have any questions regarding clubs, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



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!***

Deborah— Dempsey Class

Cecilia— Peter Class

Elijah— Elizabeth Class

Maliyah — Peter Class



LAST WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS



**“THE WATER I SHALL GIVE WILL TURN INTO A SPRING INSIDE THEM,
WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE.”**

JOHN 4:1-42