

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term - Issue 2

Taste and see that the LORD is good ; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 38:4



Afternoon Tea for Pupils of the Week

In order to celebrate this week's Pupils of the Week we have introduced a special treat for the winners. On Friday afternoon nominees enjoyed afternoon tea with Miss Strachan and ate freshly baked cakes and drank a refreshing drink. This is the first of many afternoon teas and we hope that it will motivate pupils to go above and beyond what is expected in their learning.

Attendance & Punctuality

Last week's whole school attendance was 99.01% which is well above the national average of 96% and exceeds our school target of 97%. Well done everyone – please keep it up!

The table on the right shows the weekly attendance and punctuality for each class. The first week of staggered start has been warmly received by pupils and parents alike. However we want to remind parents of the timings for the start of the school day as there are still many families struggling to arrive at school on time. Children may go straight into their classes once the gates open at 8:30 and need to be in class ready to start work at 8:40. At 8:40 the gates will be closed and pupils arriving after this time have to enter via the doors by the main office. The school will be conducting spot checks in the coming weeks and will make contact with families failing to arrive by 8:40am.



raising standards
improving lives

On the 12th September 2017, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School was subject to an Ofsted inspection.

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who shared their views with the inspectors whilst dropping off their children or via Parent View. As soon as the final copy of the full report is received it, will be circulated to parents immediately.

A copy of the dates for the school year was sent last Friday. The purpose of this document is to ensure parents receive maximum notice for events taking place in the academic year. If you have not received a copy, please contact Mrs Hannon in the main office at your earliest convenience.

Dates for this week:

Monday 18/09/17 - Year 6 trip to Aylesford

Thursday 21/0/17 - Mass for the new School @ 11am

Thursday 21/09/17 - Reception Parents' meeting @ 3:15pm

Friday 22/09/27 - Year Liturgy (led by Year 4) & Celebration Assembly

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality % not late
Rec	100%	100%
Y1	97%	97%
Y2	99.67%	91%
Y3	98.71%	94%
Y4	100%	90%
Y5	100%	90%
Y6	97.6%	84%

Year 4 Ventures into Roman Times

On Thursday 14th September, Year 4 visited the Crofton Roman Villa in Orpington. This little gem of history is just a bus ride away from our school and once inside, we felt we had travelled back in time to Roman Britain.

We had a detailed talk from the villa specialist and archaeologist Edna Synott. She informed us that once upon a time, the Romans had invaded the local area that we now know as Bromley. She told us that the remains of the villa in Orpington were discovered in 1926 when workmen unearthed some Roman artefacts. In 1988, she campaigned and saved this historic treasure from being made into a public car park. The villa is beautifully preserved



and we were able to see the remains of ten rooms, a tessellated floor and a Roman hypocaust which was the under ground heating system the Romans used. We were able to handle Roman remains on the touch table, dress as Romans, create a mosaic and do a Roman soldier rubbing. We also saw replica Roman everyday objects such as pots and jewellery.



We would like to thank all of the staff at the Roman Villa for providing us with a fascinating insight into what life was really like during this period of history. We would also like to thank the parents who accompanied us that day and all of the parents of Year 4 for supporting our first school trip of the year.



Miss Hughes (Y4 Teacher)

New Updates

Snacks at Break Time

The government provides fresh fruit or vegetables for children in Reception Class and Key Stage 1 classes to eat at break time. Children in Key Stage 2 classes are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at break but only fruit or vegetable. No breakfast bars, biscuits or crisps are allowed. We pride ourselves on our Healthy Schools status and that was achieved in part by the healthy diet our children eat. Please work with us to ensure the children develop good healthy eating habits.

New arrangements for Clubs

Now that after school clubs have been up and running for a week we would like to implement a new way of dismissing pupils. At the end of the club we kindly ask that parents wait outside by main entrance where pupils will be dismissed by the club instructor. Children will no longer need their parents to help them get changed as they will be given time just before the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR AN IMPORTANT MEETING

Meet The Class Teacher

Parents are invited to collectively meet their child's class teacher on Thursday 28th September 2017. Sessions will take place after school:

3:30 – Year 1

4:00 – Year 2

4:30 – Year 3

5:00 – Year 4

5:30 – Year 5

6:00 – Year 6

More information to follow.