

St. Joseph's Camberwell Schools' Catholic Federation Newsletter



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Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you were able to relax and enjoy some quality family time over the summer and that your children return to St. Joseph's with refreshed energy and enthusiasm, ready to face the challenges of the new school year.

It was a pleasure leading assembly this morning, seeing both familiar faces and a few new ones as well! The children have settled in well and I look forward to welcoming the new Reception children on Monday. It was also fantastic to see so many children looking smart in their school uniform, it really helps them to feel part of the St. Joseph's family.

Once again, the children have impressed us with their maturity and confidence on their return, getting straight down to learning with their new teachers and support staff. We have already set them several challenges, some of which will be explained further in this newsletter. We are looking forward to a happy, hard-working and successful autumn term ahead and would ask you to talk to your children about their aspirations for the year.

School Uniform

The strong community ethos of the school is reinforced by the school uniform we ask the children to wear. Please could I reiterate school policy that shoes are expected as footwear and **not** trainers. We have high expectations of all our children and it is the responsibility of the adults to ensure that the children come to school wearing the correct uniform. If you are unsure about the school uniform please see the uniform list at the end of this letter.

Many thanks for your support.

PE Kit

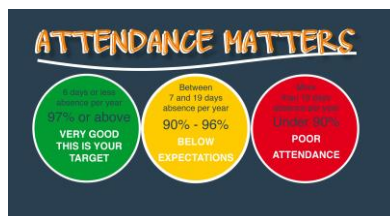
Until further notice on the days that the children have PE, they are to come in wearing their school PE kit only. **NO** other sports wear is acceptable. There should be no logos – Plain white t-shirt, Plain Navy blue shorts and Plain navy blue tracksuit bottoms.



Start of the day routines

A reminder that the children are to be dropped off at the school gate from 8:30am for Juniors and 8:40am for Infants'. This will ensure that the children arrive on time and registers can be taken promptly, with lessons starting on time.

We completely understand that, occasionally, parents have messages to pass on to the class teacher and are fully supportive of this happening. This is why we always have adults placed at each entrance who will ensure that any messages are passed on to the class teacher. However, if a longer conversation is needed, then please do inform the office or arrange an appointment with the class teacher for the end of the day. I know that they are only too happy for this to happen.



Meet the Teacher

On **Monday 13th September** we will be running our yearly 'Meet the Teacher Meetings'

This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and learn about the expectations of the New Year group. We will be running these as 3 workshops, one at 3:30pm, 3:50pm and 4:10pm, giving parents an opportunity to move between classes more easily, without missing any vital information. To keep numbers as low as possible you will be asked to sign up to indicate which session you will attend. We will only be able to accommodate a maximum of 10 people per session.

There will many changes over the coming term as we continue our journey to excellence.

We have a new Senior Leadership Team, who will be working with the other teachers to ensure that we continue to provide the very best education for every child.

Mrs louanno, who is the leader of learning for Reception and Year 1.

Mrs Sheriff, who is the leader of learning for Year 2 and Year 3.

Ms Rutherford, who is the leader of learning for Year 4 and Year 5

And Mr Higgins, who is the leader of learning for Year 6.

Staff Contact Details

The first point of contact for any concerns is always with your child's class teacher. Should you need to discuss something further then you will need to contact the following members of staff.

Reception and Year 1 – Mrs louanno – pastoral1@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Year 2 and Year 3 – Mrs Sheriff – pastoral23@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Year 4 and Year 5 – Ms Rutherford – pastoral6@josephs.southwark.sch.uk

Year 6 – Mr Higgins – pastoral6@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

If you wish to speak with someone with regards to SEND (special needs support) you can contact our SENCo's

Junior School SENCo – Mrs Reilly - senco1@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Infant School SENCo -Ms Breedon – senco2@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

**If you are still unable to resolve the issue then you may contact Mrs Mokogwu – Head of Schools
admin@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk**

General inquires please email – office@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

Ms Jameson can be contacted on – head@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

PTFA

As you well know the success of any school depends on parents, teachers and the wider community working together. Therefore, I am looking for some parents who would be interested in working together to set up a Friends of St Joseph's parent group. Your role would be to support and help organise events and fundraising for the children at our school.

If you think this is something that you would be interested in, please fill in the 'Get involved' form attached.

Upcoming Dates

Secondary School Transfer Meeting – Year 6

Tuesday 7th September 6pm

Meet the Teacher

Monday 13th September

3:30pm / 3:50pm / 4:10pm

Beginning of Year Mass for Children

Friday 17th September

Reception Reading and Phonics Meeting

21st September- 9:15am

Year 1 Reading and Phonics Meeting

23rd September -9:15am

Reception Welcome Assembly

24th September - 9:00am

MacMillan Coffee morning

TBC

Black History Month begins

1st October

Open mornings

5th, 12th, 13th and 19th October – 9:30am

International Day/Last Day of ½ term

22nd October

Half Term

25th – 29th October

Deadline for secondary school applications

31st October