St. Joseph's Camberwell Schools' Catholic Federation Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with deep sadness that we write on behalf of the school staff and governing body to express our sincere condolences on the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Her Majesty was an outstanding public servant who gave her life to the service of the Country and the Commonwealth. She will be remembered as a most cherished and loved Sovereign.

As a school, we came together to celebrate her 70 years of service, a historic milestone. It was a wonderful occasion and one which we will all fondly remember.

We are aware that this sad occurrence may be hard for some children to understand, and the staff will be working to support children and provide an opportunity to talk about grief and grieving.

We are awaiting guidance on whether the day of the funeral will be observed as a bank holiday and what arrangements will be in place for schools on this day.

Archbishop John Wilson has released a statement following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It can be found on the link below.

www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/statement-from-archbishop-john-wilson-on-the-death-of-hm-queen-elizabeth-ii/

We now have a new head of state,

His Majesty, King Charles III, we will keep our new king and his family in our thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of their mother.

"God Save The King".

Have a blessed weekend,

Miss Jameson Executive Headteacher



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.

<u>PE Kit</u>

There should be no logos – Plain white t-shirt, Plain Navy two-tone blue shorts and Plain navy-blue tracksuit bottoms. PR kit comes in the school PE bag for Junior children. Infant children, bring PE kit in on Monday and this will be returned on Friday for washing.

Please do not send children in to school with rucksacks, we do not have space within the school to store them. To avoid accidents please remember that rucksacks are not allowed in school.

Please label ALL uniform, we have already had parents coming in looking for lost uniform. It is very difficult to help you find lost uniform which has no name in.

Second hand uniform is on Sale at the start and end of school in the Infant playground.



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 ask the Infant parents please stay with your child until the bell rings.

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.

A reminder to all parents, school starts at 8:45am for Junior children and 8:55 for Infants.

St. Joseph's Saints Names

As mentioned at the end of the year we have changed the names of the classes to Saints names. The children will learn about the different saints as they progress through the school.

During their RE lesson all of the children will learn about our School Patron saint – St Joseph's as well as their class saint.

On the feast day of their House saint the children will be allowed to wear the colour for their saint.

Reception – St Mary Year 1 – St. Luke and St Rose Year 2 – St Martha and St Andrew Year 3 – St Martin de Porres and St Josephine Bakhita Year 4 – St Lucy and St John Paul Year 5 St Clare of Assisi and St Mark Year 6 – St Cyprian and St Angela

Welcome to our new reception children and their families -



There will be a welcome assembly for the new children on Tuesday 20th

September at 9:00am



Meet the Teacher

Next week we will be running our yearly 'Meet the Teacher Meetings'

Monday 12th September – Years 1 & 6 Tuesday 13th September – Years 2 & 3 Wednesday 14th September – Years 4 & 5

This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and learn about the expectations of the New Year group. We will be running these as **2** workshops, one at 3:30pm, and the other at 4:00pm, giving parents an opportunity to move between classes more easily, without missing any vital information.



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.

Our first meeting will be during the coffee morning on **Tuesday 20th September** after the reception Welcome assembly.



Staring in October we will be running a Parent and Toddler group on Thursday mornings. Look out for more information to follow.





Well done to the children in the Infant school, we have just received news that they have been awarded the **Alice Street Perprtual Cup** for the **Best Display of Spring Bulbs** in this year's Summer Garden Competition. We will attend an award ceremony at the Guildhall to receive our trophy.

Well done children!

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 Ioannou – pastoralr1@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

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

Year 4 and Year 5 – Ms Rutherford – pastoral45@josephs.southwark.sch.uk

Year 6 – Mr Benserghin – 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 - <u>senco1@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk</u>

Infant School SENCo -Ms Breedon - <u>senco2@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk</u>

If you are still unable to resolve the issue then you may contact Mrs Mokogwu - Head of School

hos@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk

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

Ms Jameson can be contacted on – <u>head@stjosephs.southwark.sch.uk</u>



Clubs on offer this term

Name of Club on offer	Day of the Week	Year group
Athletics	Tuesday	3 , 4, 5, 6
Lego Challenge	Tuesday	Reception, 1 , 2
Drama	Tuesday	Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2
Homework	Tuesday	Year 6
Girls Football	Wednesday	3, 4, 5, 6
Boys Football	Thursday	3, 4, 5, 6
Gospel Choir	Friday	2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Letters for after school clubs for this term, will be going out shortly.

Upcoming Term Dates 2022-2023

<u>September 2022</u>

Thursday 8th September – Secondary Transfer Meeting Year 6 and Year Parents

Monday 12th September - St Lucy (Y4) - Swimming

Monday 12th September – Meet the Teacher Year 1 and Year 6 at 3:3pm /4:00

Tuesday 13th September - Meet the Teacher Year 2 and Year 3 at 3:3pm /4:00 Wednesday 14th September - St John Paul (Y4) - Swimming

Wednesday 14th September – Meet the Teacher Year 4 and Year 5 at 3:3pm /4:00

Wednesday 14th September – Phonics and Reading Meeting Reception Parents at 3:3pm /4:00

Friday 16th September – Start of Year Mass for Children at Sacred Heart Church 10:30 (TBC)

Monday 19th September – CLUBS TO START THIS WEEK

Monday 19th September – Jeans for Genes day (TBC due to the death of the Queen this may need to be moved)

Tuesday 20th September – Reception Welcome assembly – all reception parents invited 9:00am

Wednesday 21st September – International day of Peace

Thursday 22nd September- Reading and Phonics Parents Meeting 9:00am / 4:30pm

Saturday 24th September- Memorial Mass for Mrs Lynch (Former Headteacher of Infant School)

Monday 26th September – Children's individual photographs

Thursday 29th September- MacMillan Coffee morning 9:00am

Friday 30th September - Start of Year Mass for Schools' at Cathedral

<u> October 2022 – Black History Month</u>

Thursday 6th / 13th /20th October - Parent and Toddler Group 9-11

Friday 7th October – Year 2 Harvest Assembly 9:00

Friday 7th October – Year 6 Harvest Assembly 2:30

Monday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 18th October - Parents Consultations – St Mary's / Years 3 / 4/ St Angela – (9:00- 5:30)

Wednesday 19th October – Parents Consultations – Years 1/2/5 and St Cyprian- (9:00-5:30)

Wednesday 19th October – INTERNATIONAL DAY

Friday 21st October – Break up for ½ term