



# St Joseph's News

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Newsletter 2

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*...He said: I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the light of life. John 8:12*

## Friends Of St Joseph's

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising events last year and making our events a success. This year, we are asking parents, staff and the community to support us further by helping us to recycle! The following items will help us generate extra money or gift vouchers towards our fundraising efforts. We need to collect the following;

- **Empty printer cartridges or toner** – any kind will be accepted. Label each empty cartridge or toner with your child's name and class as they will be entered into a competition to win a fantastic outdoor toy! Also if parents wish to have a collection box at their place of work on behalf of the school, please speak to the office staff.
- **Any old cables or wires** – any old chargers, cables from old kettles etc
- **Any old mobile phones** – it doesn't matter if they are scuffed or chipped, as long as they turn on and off.
- **Any unwanted games, DVDs and CDs** – they must have their original cases with a barcode – unfortunately we cannot accept pirate copies, CD singles or newspaper freebies.

Please leave your unwanted items in the crate by the main reception area every morning.

## Reminder Dates

Please note the following school events in your diary:

### Wednesday 21 September

Year 2 visit Tower of London  
Father Stephen to visit Year 4

### Thursday 22 September

Parents' Consultation Evening  
(3.30pm - 6.30pm)

## Year 3 Report - Visit to British Museum

This half-term's topic for year 3 is all about Mexico, so on Wednesday the children from 3A, 3F and 3M went on their first school trip of the year to the British Museum.

As we entered, everyone was in awe of the amazing Great Court building, which is the largest covered square in Europe, with a fascinating roof made of glass and steel.

We went in our class groups to the Mexico gallery where we came face-to-face with stunning statues of Aztec and Mayan gods and mythical creatures; we also saw great stone tablets which told stories from 700 years ago in Mexico, among some beautiful and well-preserved turquoise pottery and skulls including the famous two-headed serpent. We were also very lucky to have seen a crystal skull which was first believed to have been Aztec-made; however the children discovered that it was actually a fake made in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Europe or Brazil!

There was enough time for a visit into the Medieval Europe galleries, so that the children could compare what was happening in Europe at the same time as the Aztecs were living in Mexico before the Spanish invasion.

All in all the day was a great success with lots of fun being had and some exciting learning too. Children would like to invite you to see the photographs currently being shown on the TV screen in the main reception area.

*"The Aztecs gods were exciting and we had a fun day!!" – Helder*

*"It was the best day!" - Mickell*

## Staff News

You may have already heard the news that Mrs Mackey has given birth to a daughter. Ava was born on Saturday 3 September, weighing a very healthy 6lb 11oz.

Mother and baby are doing well and a very proud Mr Mackey is still getting a good night's sleep! We wish the family well and we look forward to meeting baby Ava soon.

## Attendance

This week, the best class attendance was shared by 5 classes.

Well done to 1G, 3A, 5M, 6D and 6F as every pupil in those classes attended school every day this week.

This is a great achievement and we look forward to great attendance next week too.