We ought to turn our minds more attentively than before to what we have been taught, so that we do not drift away.

Hebrews 2:1

Visitors From Paris!

Today, we welcomed three special visitors from a primary school in Paris. They were very impressed with St Joseph’s and commented on the way we use our resources to maximum effect. Our visitors also took part in lessons and enjoyed working with our children. We look forward to building on this relationship and sharing more news about this exciting partnership in the very near future.

Newman Catholic College - Reading Workshop For All Year 6 Parents & Pupils

Year 6 parents received a letter earlier this week which invites them to attend the special parent workshop at Newman Catholic College on Monday 26 November from 3.45pm to 4.30pm.

The workshop is being led by Ms Masters, the Assistant Principal and Literacy Coordinator. Colleagues from Brent Libraries will also be at this event which aims to promote reading strategies.

Newman Catholic College is a boys’ secondary school but parents of Year 6 boys and girls are warmly encouraged to attend this important workshop and children will also be welcome at this event.

School Website

The website is frequently updated with the latest newsletters, information, photographs and videos so we can share some of our learning experiences with our pupils, staff, parents and governors. The pupils of St Joseph’s are involved in innovative teaching and learning practices which are designed to prepare them for their ongoing educational journey and their future adult working life.

Please take a look at the website at least once a week to read the latest news and to gain an insight into your child’s learning experiences. We are continuing to develop new ideas so keep looking!

Attendance

During week beginning 12 November 2012, Classes 4D, 5NW and 6N all achieved 100% attendance. Classes 3A and 4O were very close behind having achieved 99% attendance.

Classes 3F and 5M had 100% punctuality last week so well done to those classes.

The number of late arrivals in the morning has started to increase again and this is not acceptable. We understand there can be occasions when lateness cannot be avoided but this should be the exception, not the norm.

We also request that parents **DO NOT** challenge staff who are taking the names of late arrivals as this is disrespectful and also distracts staff from their safeguarding duties. **School staff** will decide whether a child is to be marked as late on the official register but this decision can clearly be avoided if the child has arrived by 8.55am at the latest.

Have you made your Heroes & Villains outfit yet? The time for action is coming soon!!
St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Primary School

Christmas Bonanza!

Date: Friday 7 December 2012
Time: 2pm – 5pm

This year we will have Funhouse and Chair-o-Planes funfair rides and our special guest, Father Christmas, who will be waiting in his grotto to see all the lovely pupils at St Joseph’s!

There will also be Christmas stalls, face painting, Hook-a-Duck, bottle stalls, toys, raffle, tombola, cakes etc. Food will also be available and will include hotdogs, meatballs, international food, candy floss, sweets, crisps and children’s drinks.

There will also be a selection of drinks for our hardworking parents including mulled wine, Irish coffee, hot chocolate, tea, coffee and beer!

To make our event a success, we need donations of any of the following:

- Bottles of alcohol for the bottle stall and the raffle
- DVDs and CDs
- Toys
- Unwanted gifts / vouchers
- Baked goods (cakes, buns, muffins, pies etc) for our cake stall
- Any crafted goods or bric-a-brac
- International food
- Anything else you can spare to help with our fundraising efforts!

Please ensure that the items you donate are in good condition so we can resell them or use them for prizes. All donations will be gratefully received!

Your support is vital to us, to help us raise money towards the new bike shed so that pupils have somewhere safe and secure to keep their bikes during the day and to make St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Primary School the best that it can be.

**Parents, please note that if you work for a large company, we would like you to ask for donations for us – everything will help!**

Also some big companies or banks might like to price-match a stall, meaning they match the money we raise – it can’t hurt to ask everyone to support our school!

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**Attendance Policy Update**

Brent’s Education Welfare Service (EWS) has published for schools their updated procedures for dealing with unauthorised and/or persistent absenteeism.

Penalty Notices are now more likely to be used by the local authority than in previous years as parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child is attending school.

The EWS document can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or you can visit the ‘Attendance’ section of the school website. If you require a printed copy, please make a request to Mrs Studd via the school office.