



St Joseph's News

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Newsletter 3

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Be generous to one another, sympathetic, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ Ephesians 4:32

Consultation Evening

Thank you to all the parents who took the opportunity to meet with class teachers on Thursday evening.

We hope that the discussion with teachers provided information which will help you to support your child's learning at home.

If you would like to have a further discussion with a class teacher, please make an appointment at the school office.

Father Stephen Visit To Year 4

We were very pleased to welcome Father Stephen on Wednesday when he came to see the children in Year 4.

Father Stephen talked about how Matthew, Mark, Luke and John had written stories and letters about Jesus.

On Wednesday it was Matthew's 'heavenly birthday' or feast day so Father Stephen told us about Matthew's life as Jesus' follower and friend.

Father Stephen also told us how important it was for us to turn away from sin and the bad things in your lives. We must choose the right path - God's path - to do good things and help other people.

We thank Father Stephen for his visit and for his very important message.

Reminder Dates

Wednesday 28 September

Harvest Mass for Years 3 to 6

Next week, our new Nursery children will be joining us for their first day at St Joseph's. We look forward to welcoming new families and also meeting the younger siblings of our current pupils.

Year 2 Report - Visit to Tower Of London

On Wednesday of this week, the Year 2 classes went on a visit to the Tower Of London as part of their learning on the theme of 'castles'.

The children had a wonderful journey on the coach and got to see some of the other famous London sights before arriving at the Tower Of London. The children toured the Tower and got to see the famous ravens and the Beefeaters!

The teachers and assistants were very proud of the children's excellent behaviour - well done Year 2!

"I thought the trip was astonishing" - Erykah-Rose

"My favourite part was when I went inside the castle" - Wasim

"I really like seeing the king's armour" - Leah

"I enjoyed talking to the Beefeater" - Zeon

Merit and Student Of The Week Certificates

In assembly this morning, the following children received **Merit Certificates** in recognition of their effort this week:

Sylvia 2B, Joshua 2M, Shannon 3F, Rodrigo 3M, Tarian 3A, Sandra 4K, Paulina 4O, Lukas 4D, Gabriel 5NW, Gabyson 5M, Femi 5E, Khari 6D, Tiyangay 6K and Kamil 6F.

Student Of The Week Certificates were issued to:

Coner 6K - for being an excellent role model for others to aspire to

Marianne 4O - for excellent participation

Sebastian 2B - for making a hugely valuable contribution in all lessons

Attendance

This week, 326 children from Years 1 to 6 came to school every day and the whole school attendance for the week was 97.7%

The best class attendance was shared by classes 2B, 3A and 4O with 100% attendance all week.

This is a great achievement and reflects the positive attitude expected from all the children at St Joseph's - well done!

We would also like to thank all the parents who call us before 9.00am when they know their children will not be able to come to school. This really helps us with our safeguarding procedures.

It is also helpful for the school to know about absences such as hospital or dental appointments in advance so thank you to everyone who is already doing this.



5 to 9 - Be in school on time



Be In Line By 5 To 9!

It has been pleasing to see that most children attend school every day and are arriving on time. Unfortunately, there are a number of children who are regularly arriving at school after the register has been taken.

Parents must make every effort to ensure their children are punctual. Children who are late miss out on important information issued at the start of the lessons so this has a direct impact on their learning experience.

Making the effort to maintain an excellent attendance and punctuality record prepares children for their adult life when they will need to arrive at work on time every day.

If there are particular circumstances affecting your child being able to arrive at school on time, please speak to our Education Support Manager, Mrs Studd.