



# St Joseph's News

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School  
Goodson Road, Willesden, London, NW10 9LS  
Tel: 020 8965 5651 E-mail: admin@stjo.brent.sch.uk  
www.stjosephsrc.co.uk

Newsletter 27

Friday 26 April 2013

*My son, do not forget my teaching, take to heart my commands. Proverbs 3:1*

## St Joseph's - Brent Cup Finalists!

We are excited to bring you the news that the St Joseph's football team have reached the Brent Cup final for the second consecutive year. We won the trophy last year and Mrs Titus has no intention of letting it go now!

St Joseph's played Lyon Park in the semi-final match on Wednesday 24 April and raced into the lead with 2 goals from Joshua (3F). Lyon Park scored against the run of play in the second half but we responded immediately with a goal from Felix (6K) to make it 3-1. The opposition pressed hard and scored twice in the final minutes to make the final score 3-3 bringing the game into extra time. As no further goals were scored in extra time, the game had to be decided on penalties. Matthew (6K) and Shaun (5D) scored their penalties and our goalkeeper Jacquim (6K) made two great saves to secure our place in the final.

We will publish the time, date and venue of the final when it is confirmed and we will count on your support to ensure the trophy remains at St Joseph's for another year. In the meantime, we offer our congratulations to the St Joseph's football team who have successfully represented the whole school in this tournament through their hard work, commitment, adhering to the rules and their desire to succeed.

***Come on you blues!!!!***

### Lost Property

Please ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name and class. You should also check the labels frequently in case the ink has faded and needs to be reapplied.

Please also remind your children that they must take responsibility for their uniform and equipment and not leave it abandoned in the playground or other areas of the school premises.

School staff are spending a considerable amount of time dealing with lost property; trying to identify the owners of clothing items and helping children who are distressed because they cannot remember where they have left their coat/jumper/bag/PE kit.

Your support will help children take responsibility for their items and help us to locate owners of lost property. We can then focus all our resources and efforts on the core priority of the school which is teaching and learning.

### Sun Protection

Now that we have had a glimpse of sunshine, this is a good time to remind parents to ensure children are appropriately dressed and prepared for the warmer weather.

We recommend that parents apply sun protection lotion on their children every morning before school. You can purchase products with a high SPF that should give adequate protection throughout the day if applied according to the instructions. This is a parental responsibility so please do not ask school staff to apply sun cream on your child.

Please also purchase the official school baseball cap from the office to offer your child additional protection from the sun. All other headwear is banned.

Finally, please note that girls may now wear the knee-length navy/white check summer dress as part of their school uniform.

### Attendance

During week beginning 15 April 2013, Classes 3A, 4D, 5M and 6N reached 100% attendance for the week.

We are currently making the final arrangements to reward the children with outstanding attendance this year. At this stage, the number of children with excellent attendance is very high and we hope this will continue. The competition for best class attendance is very open this year with at least five classes in contention.

Please ensure your children attend every day during the summer term so they can access all the learning experiences so they may reach their full potential.

## Merit And Student Of The Week Certificates

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

Dymitr 2B, Jessica 2M, Nas 3F, Joana 3M, Dominus 3A, Letitia 4O, Nya 4K, Diogo 4D, Miriam 5NW, Aleksander 5M, Shaun 5D, Dominika 6K, Natalia 6H, Elijah 6N

**Student Of The Week Certificates** were issued to:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Naomi 3M</b>  | for being a good role model                                |
| <b>Amelia 4O</b> | for superb progress in reading, writing and mathematics    |
| <b>Laura 6H</b>  | for her great approach to assessments and excellent scores |

## Dates For The Diary

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday 6 May</b>        | NO SCHOOL - BANK HOLIDAY   |
| <b>13 May to 17 May</b>    | Year 6 SATs  |
| <b>Wednesday 22 May</b>    | Year 6 Trip To Chessington   |
| <b>26 June to 28 June</b>  | Year 6 Trip To Paris   |
| <b>Tuesday 2 July</b>      | Foundation Stage Sports Day  |
| <b>Wednesday 3 July</b>    | KS1 Sports Day (morning)<br>KS2 Sports Day (afternoon)                                       |
| <b>Friday 5 July</b>       | Summer Fundraising Event (1.30pm to 4.00pm)<br><b>School will close to pupils at 12.30pm</b> |
| <b>Friday 19 July</b>      | Last day of school for pupils  |
| <b>Tuesday 3 September</b> | Pupils back to school  |

***Please check the website, newsletters and noticeboards frequently for updates or amendments as we may need to make changes to some events owing to factors such as the weather.***

## Uniform Consultation

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to share their views on the proposed changes to the current school uniform. The vast majority of responses indicates parents agree that the uniform should be updated.

There have been some valid comments regarding costs, styles and quality which will be taken into account before final decisions are made. However, in the meantime, I would suggest that you do not make purchases of current main school uniform items as it is likely we will be introducing the new uniform in September with further details to be provided before the May half-term break.

A number of options were shown to children in assembly today to find out their preferences. Overall, only 2 children in the whole school want to stay with the current uniform style. The feedback from parents and children means we will soon be in a position to provide a display of the preferred option for the updated school uniform. We will let you know how and when this will take place.

In the meantime, thank you again for your support and co-operation in providing your views and comments. Working in partnership is key to the continuing success of St Joseph's and this will have a positive impact on your child's learning and life aspirations.

**God bless,  
Mrs Titus**

