



The Federated Schools of St Joseph's Catholic  
Nursery, Infants and Juniors



## Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has indeed been a very busy week! You may be aware that we had our Ofsted Inspection in the Infants on Wednesday and Thursday. The outcome of those results will be shared with you formally by Ofsted within the month.

There is however one thing that stood out to me over the course of the two days - our sense of community and team spirit. A real test for how good you are together as a team is when you need them the most. It was wonderful to see how our parents, staff from across both schools, governors and children came together to share with Ofsted all the positive things they love and care about in our school and offer their support if needed. As head teacher, I am blessed to work in such a wonderful community and thank you for your support.

While we await the final result, I would like to thank all our parents who took the time to respond so positively about our school. Once again, your kind words were so overwhelming and if anything I am delighted that you recognise how much we love and care about your children. I am unable to share any of these comments yet but hope to into the near future.

I wish you a restful weekend,

God bless

Mrs D'Souza and all the staff at St. Joseph's

### Upcoming Dates

#### PE Days

Reception: Thursday

Bridges: Wednesday & Thursday

Attenborough: Wednesday & Friday

Mandela: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3: Wednesday & Friday

Year 4: Tuesday & Friday

Year 5: Tuesday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Friday

#### Nurse Drop in sessions at infants

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### Non Uniform Day

28th January 2022

25th February 2022

25st March 2022

29th April 2022

27th May 2022

#### Bank Holidays

Friday 15th April 2022

Monday 18th April 2022

Monday 2nd May 2022

Monday 30th May 2022

#### National Storytelling Week

Week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
2022

#### Chinese New Year

Tuesday 1st February

The year of the Tiger!

#### Safer Internet Day

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### Half Term Break

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th  
February 2022

#### Science Week

11th March – 20th March 2022

#### Easter Holidays

4th April – 18th April 2022

### Infant School After School Club Activities

Please take note that you can continue to book a place for your child on the after school club activities on ParentMail. All clubs started on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and continue this week. Please ensure you pick up your child on time on the playground.

### Junior School After School Club Activities

We started our After School Club Activities this week which were:

Monday – Year 3/4 Mixed Football, year 3/4 Book Club, year 3/4 Computing

Tuesday – Year 5/6 Boys Football, Year 3/4 Book Club, Year 5/6 Computing

Wednesday – Year 5/6 Book Club

Thursday – Year 5/6 Netball, Year 5/6 Book Club, Year 3/4 Arts and Crafts

Friday – Year 5/6 Girls Football, Year 3/4 Italian club

### Congratulations to Mrs Hill and Mrs Braganca

Congratulations to Mrs Hill and Mrs Braganca our Reception Teaching Assistants who completed their NELI Speech and Language training. As a school, we strive to ensure all our staff receive the best training to deliver high quality intervention to our children. We are delighted that they passed with flying colours and are excited to start their intervention in the oncoming weeks!

### Junior Redecoration Project

We are pleased to say that you will begin to see some developments to the entrance to our junior school parent waiting room and corridors in the oncoming weeks as we begin the first phase of our redecoration schedule. Thank you to our new caretaker, Mr Smart, who has been working diligently to help give the office reception area a little bit of a face lift. We cannot wait to see what it looks like in a few weeks' time!

### Sickness and Absence

Please call the school office **every day** that your child is sick or absent from school. Messages can be left on the answer machine or you can also log your child's absence on ParentMail. If you do not contact the school when your child is absent, you will receive a phone call from the school office in line with our safeguarding procedures. If your child has tested positive for Covid-19, please make the school aware as soon as possible.

### Nurse Drop-in Session at Infants

The next drop-in session with the school nurse will be on Tuesday 8th February 2022 from 2pm-3pm. If you or your child would like an appointment to see the nurse, please pick up a registration form from the school's office. The nurse can only see a limited number of people so please book by 2pm on Monday 7th February. Appointments will be given on a first come basis.

Please be reminded that the Drop-in sessions are held every second Tuesday monthly (term time only).

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Jayden who celebrated his birthday this week!



## Attendance

Well done to 3RC for having the highest attendance this week- 97.7% Keep it up!



## Office Hours

Please be aware that the school office opening hours are now from:

**8:15 am to 3:15 pm**

If you need to report an absence, please contact the school office on 020 8539 5971.

## Safeguarding

Please remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and schools have a responsibility to promote and protect the welfare of our children. If you have a concern regarding the safety of any child, please speak immediately to a member of our school safeguarding team. Any discussions are treated in confidence.

The designated Safeguarding Team at **St. Joseph's Infant School** is:

Mrs Subebe	Assistant Headteacher
Ms Lykoura	Key Stage 1 Phase Leader
Mrs Nogales	EYFS Phase Leader

The designated Safeguarding Team at **St. Joseph's Junior School** is:

Mrs Le	Year 3 & 4 Leader
Mrs Carmody	Year 5 & 6 Phase Leader
Mrs Poku	Year 5 class teacher

In the event of a safeguarding emergency, please contact the MASH team at Waltham Forest.

Telephone: 020 8496 2310

Email: [MASHrequests@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:MASHrequests@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## Recent Updates

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January is School Census Day (CES)**

Please ensure your child is in school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January as this is our School Census Day. Please see the attached school menu which is a special 'Favourite's Day Theme Menu'. We would like as many children to have a school lunch on this day. Even if your child is usually packed lunch on this day, please give our school dinners a try on this day.

### **Holy Communion**

Please collect a Holy Communion form from the Junior school office if you would like your child to make their Holy Communion this year. You need to supply a copy of your child's baptismal certificate with your application even if they were baptised at St Joseph's. The first parents meeting for this year's programme will be held on Saturday 29th January 2022 at 12noon in the church. Registration is still open up until 12th February 2022

### **Junior School Hall Letting**

We are able to let of our junior school hall on a Saturday morning for anyone who is interested in using the space for a club or for a children's party. If you are interested in hiring the hall, please contact the junior school office on 0208 539 5971.

### **Key Stage Two Library Visits**

KS2 will continue with their library visits this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed going to the library so please remember to send your children into school with their books and library cards on their allocated days:

Monday	Year 5 Seacole at 9:30am
Monday	Year 5 Angelou at 2:00pm
Tuesday	Year 6 Matisse at 9:30am
Tuesday	Year 6 Tubman at 2:00pm
Wednesday	Year 4 Class 1 at 9:30am
Wednesday	Year 4 Class 2 at 2:00pm
Thursday	Year 3 at 9:30am

## Star Pupils

**Congratulations to those children who have gone above and beyond in their learning this week. Great job and keep up the good work!**

**3RC : Nyah, Matteo**

**4T : Owen, Emily**

**4K : Amber, Victor**

**5A: Nathan, Nicole**

**5S: Faith, David**

**6H: Erel, Julia**

**6T: Cassie, Antonio**