

St John's Catholic Primary School



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School Matters!



We have received lots of positive comments about our new school sign.

Did you realise that if your child's attendance is 90% during the school year it means they have lost approximately 19 days of school which amounts to 100 lessons!

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

**SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents –
Tuesday 17th January 2.30pm**



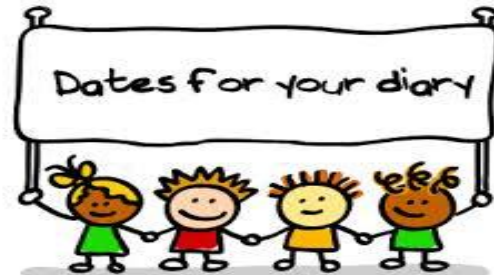
Thank you to all of the parents who attended this essential meeting. It was great to see so many of you there. We hope it has helped you to understand how different the new SATS tests are and how best you can support your child in the coming months.

Signing of Passports / Official Letters

Please be aware that given the number of these currently being requested and the time they take to complete, there will be a £5 donation for the School Fund payable at the time of the request.

Outdoor PE kit

During this cold weather we advise you to provide your child with navy blue tracksuit bottoms, labelled clearly with their name.



Thursday 26th January – Year 3 Class Assembly, please arrive by 2.55pm
Thursday 2nd February – Year 4 Class Assembly, please arrive by 2.55pm
Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th February – Year 4 swimming lessons at The London Aquatic Centre in Stratford

Class Assemblies

Please note – we cannot allow parents/carers to attend assemblies if they arrive after 3pm. Late arrivals are disruptive to the children performing.

Please be advised that once the assembly has started a sign will be put up on the school door, there will be no further admittance. We advise you to be here for 2.55pm!

Term Dates

Spring Term 2017:

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10th February 2017

Half-Term: 13th February – 17th February 2017

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March 2017

Easter Holidays: 3rd April - 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2016:

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May 2017

Half-Term: 29th May – 2nd June 2017

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2017



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School Council News by Jordan



In the School Council Meeting this week we discussed the section of the school's Teaching and Learning Policy, which is about the pupils.

Some of the things we talked about which are important in helping children to learn are:

- Being on time for school
- Listening to your peers and teachers
- Remembering Homework
- Having good manners
- Smiling
- Contributing to lessons by putting your hand up and answering questions.

We will be sharing these in assembly next week.

Celebrating Success

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In Reception Class the children are learning about people who help us. The children visited the Canada Water Library and the Librarian talked to them about the job she does and how she helps people who come to the library.



KS1

On Friday 20th January, Father Francis from Saint Gertrude's Church came to visit the school. In Year 2 Father Francis shared the books he uses during Mass. This was really useful as 'books' is the RE topic this term. Father Francis also taught the children some of the Mass responses and talked about his life as a priest.

Louie said, *'Father Francis came to see us. He showed us his special Bible that he uses in Mass. He was nice and he made us laugh.'*



KS2

The Year 5 assembly on Thursday was a great success. The children taught everyone about space and how to remember the order of the planets. They also sung their own rendition of Michael Jackson's 'Earth Song' taking everyone's breath away with their beautiful voices whilst reminding them to look after our planet.





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