



## St John's Catholic Primary School



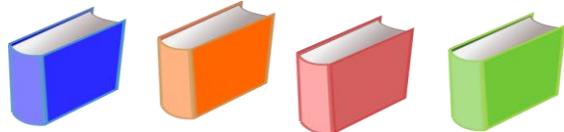
**Newsletter: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**Next Newsletter: February 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

### **Information Session for Parents tomorrow!**

As, publicised in the Newsletter last week, on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.45pm** there will be a meeting for parents and carers on the new system of assessing without levels.

This will be informative for all parents of children throughout the school. We will share with you the new system of assessment we have and also inform you of the changes at the end of KS1 and KS2 and how this will be reported to parents. **We hope as many of you as possible will attend.**



### **A successful audit**

The Local Authority visit this school regularly to ensure standards of learning and teaching. Likewise, the same scrutiny is given to our use and management of money. We are pleased to report a positive outcome for our most recent financial audit.

This should help reassure those of you who raised a complaint regarding the mismanagement of funds to the Local Authority and Ofsted.

### **Results of the Parent Governor Election**

The closing date for this was Friday. The Returning Officer was Mr. Augustine Oyekan, an impartial representative. **We are very pleased to announce that the new Parent Governor is Maria Donovan.**

Thank you very much to the other candidates for putting themselves forward.

### **Events for this week**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.45pm –**

Information session for parents in the Hall on assessment without levels.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm -**

Year 3 Class Assembly will start at 3pm promptly. All parents are welcome. Please ensure you arrive before 3pm as the assembly will begin on time; we cannot keep the children waiting.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

A group from Year 6 will be taking part in a Hockey Competition.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

The Year 2 class and the Year 5 class are having the annual session by the Fire Brigade Education service on fire safety in the home.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Surrey Docks Farm will be visiting to talk to children in KS2.

### **Parents' Evening**

Letters have been sent out informing you of the details of the Meetings which will be scheduled to take place on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please indicate your appointment preferences.

### **Save the Date**

**Here are some dates you might like to make a note of (details will follow).**

Class assembly dates - Thursdays at 3pm

11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 4

10<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Class

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm – We have organised an e-safety Information Meeting for parents and carers. This is following requests from parents. It will be most informative and we have an outside speaker. There will be more information in the next newsletter.





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## Celebrating Success

## KS2



## Year of Mercy

This week we have introduced to the children the Year of Mercy. Each child has been given a special prayer card – please find some time at home to say this prayer together.

Having introduced the Year of Mercy to the children we will continue to make this a focus during Lent, in particular when we are looking at ideas for fund raising.

## EYFS

Our Early Years Staff met for cross federation training with the staff of St. James the Great to discuss the development of the 'key person role' in Early Years. Being part of a federation allows for colleagues to work together, give support and share ideas.

Have you seen the new notice board outside the Nursery? This will be regularly updated with news and information so please check from time-to-time.

## KS1

Year 2 have been busy learning to Code, they have been working through Course 1 on [www.code.org](http://www.code.org). The children all took home certificates to say how many lines of code they completed, it was well over 100 each! Please visit [www.code.org](http://www.code.org) to continue coding at home. You don't need to log in to go through the courses.



## A report on the trip to London Zoo by Alan

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January Year 6 visited London Zoo. I think that it was a great experience seeing all different types of animals and their different habitats. The best thing about the workshop for me was touching the snails. In my opinion, I loved the trip and I'm sure everyone else did.



## Trinity Laban Music

On Wednesday Year 4 and Year 5 took part in a workshop run by the Trinity Laban Music Centre.

Here is a report from Year 5:  
'The jazz performance was amazing, the musicians were very talented. The best instruments were the huge double bass and the noisy drums. We really liked the loud singing of the centipede song!'