

St John XXIII Catholic Primary School



Newsletter – Friday 10th November 2017

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PLAYGROUND ETIQUETTE

Please could all parents ensure they supervise their children in the school playground at drop off and pick up time. The outdoor equipment in both playgrounds is not to be used at these times. The signs clearly state they are only for use for pupils during school hours with staff supervision.

We have spent over £70,000 to redesign our playground. This has to last us for many years; which it will do if it is treated with respect. This equipment was purchased for our pupils to enjoy during the school day. Unfortunately it is already showing signs of damage due to parents sitting or leaning on it – please only sit on the benches outside the classroom if you need to.

Children should not be riding on their scooters in the playground. As soon as they approach the school gates they should wheel them to the scooter shelter.

If you choose to eat in the playground please ensure you take your rubbish with you or use one of the bins provided.

Please help us to keep the children's playground in immaculate condition by working together and following these points on a daily basis. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPORTS NEWS



Our girls team has made us very proud again by winning 3-0 against Good Shepherd last Friday, the whole team played very well and the winning goals were scored by Talia & Victoria, this is an excellent start to the competition with them winning both matches so far. The boys have yet to win but we are sure their next match will be victorious!

On Thursday, the Athletics squad competed in the borough's indoor event at Burlington Danes. The children performed excellently, they represented the school with a super attitude and were great ambassadors. Overall the children came 4th out of 11 teams with the boys winning their 4 x1 lap relay event and the girls won the 2 x 2 lap race being the highlights. Well done to all those who took part!

ADVENT CALENDARS



Just to let you know our Minnie Vinnies from Y4 will be selling religious advent calendars in the next few weeks, we will let you know.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – 3pm on Friday 8th December



Thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA meeting this week to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Fair. If you were unable to attend the meeting but can help in any way please let us know! We are hoping to have lots of stalls including a Tombola, children's Tombola, Filipino food, mince pies & mulled wine, cakes, sweets and many more. There will be an own clothes day on 5th December, please bring a bottle for the Tombola!



We will be sending home a cellophane cone for the children to fill with little things and return back to school, we thought this would be a nice idea for the children's Tombola and fun for the children to do.

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

Every half term we run an attendance competition for children in Reception – Y6. The winning class has a special movie and popcorn afternoon. Here are the results for this half term so far, well done to Y6 who won last half term.

Reception AC - 95%	Y3 – 97.33%
Reception SE - 96.6%	Y4 – 97.33%
Y1 N - 95.71%	Y5 – 99%
Y1 M - 98.8%	Y6 – 97%
Y2 B - 97.92%	
Y2 N - 96.09%	



Parent Christmas Choir

Parents are invited to join Mr Dalledone for rehearsals on Fridays at 2.30pm from 17th November at the school.

Come along if you can!

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

All the children will be having their photos taken on the morning of Friday 17th November. We will also organise for them to be taken with siblings in the school. If you would like a photo taken with any pre-school siblings please arrive by 8.30am. Please note all children should wear school uniform on this day, if it is your child's birthday they can wear their own clothes the previous day.

Dates for your Diary – Please check the school website for dates next year

13 th – 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November	Y4 Trip to Ealing Gudwara Deanery Mass, Our Lady of Fatima 5.30pm (Choir invited to sing please arrive 5.15pm)
Friday 17 th November	Children's Individual Photos Mayors Cup v St Marys
Thursday 23 rd November	Y1M Assembly
Thursday 30 th November	Y3 Assembly
Tuesday 5 th December	Own Clothes Day – bring a bottle for the Tombola
Thursday 7 th December	Internet Safety Coffee Morning
Friday 8 th December	Mayors Cup v Greenside Christmas Fair (3.00pm)
Tuesday 12 th December	Choir & School of Rock Trip to Hammersmith Town Hall
Monday 18 th December	EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 19 th December	KS2 Carol Service in Our Lady of Fatima 6.00pm
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Term Mass (9.30am) End of Term (1.30pm)

***** Please note the date for KS1 Christmas performance has been changed, we will notify the new date asap *****

Mini Vinnies Tea Party



On Friday 20th October some members of Year 4, who have the important roles of being our Mini Vinnies in the school, organised a tea party for some of the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima including Fr Richard to join us after lunch. Inspired by St Vincent, Mini Vinnies work hard to provide charitable acts within the local community. Theo, the Mini Vinnie Vice President said "I enjoyed escorting the parishioners to the tea party, I really enjoyed it and I'm looking forward to the next one!". Some Reception children also joined the tea party to meet the parishioners, and the choir entertained us all. The parishioners and children thoroughly enjoyed the tea party- and Year 4 are already thinking of ideas for the next tea party!

SAFEGUARDING

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team (Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs Finn or our Designated Safeguarding Governor, Ms E Uwalaka). In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.