



Newsletter



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St Joseph's Convent School Newsletter

Happy New Year

Christmas Begins.....

The song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the Magi and elders are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock.

The work of Christmas begins:

- To find the lost.
- To heal the broken.
- To feed the hungry.
- To release the prisoner.
- To rebuild the nations.

To bring peace among all peoples.

To make music in the heart.



Welcome Back

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school looking refreshed and rested. We have already had a busy first week with everyone settling back into the school routine. Lots of hard work, challenge and fun happening.

PGL Residential Prep 4

We are incredibly excited about our first ever residential which takes place on 11th to 15th February 2019. An exciting schedule of activities has been planned and parents will soon be invited in for a meeting to discuss final arrangements; the date of which will be confirmed shortly.

Young Voices

On Thursday 31st January, girls in Prep 3 & 4 will be singing in the Young Voices event at the O2.

If you have ordered tickets and T-shirts, these will be distributed in the days leading up to the event.

Today, parents have been emailed a link to the Children's room on the Young Voices website. This link will give children access to all of the songs and dances they need to learn for the big day! They have also been practicing in school.

Please ensure your children practice these songs to guarantee a confident performance.

Open Day for prospective parents

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to our Open Day on Tuesday morning. We have an impressive list of parents who have registered to visit, which is very encouraging. Our Prep 4 children will be showing them around and giving them an insight into our lives here at St Joseph's. The girls are our best ambassadors.

Mission Statement

We are a Mercy School
We live and work together,
as Jesus taught us,
spreading his loving friendship
to everyone we meet

Attached is a form with medical information for Parents/carers which we received from Redbridge NHS. I hope you find it useful. We have also put a copy on our website on the Parents' Page.

School News

We welcome Ms Hiscock to our staff as our specialist Drama teacher. She will be with us each Friday and will also be delivering the LAMDA club.

We also welcome Mrs Aziz to Prep 1 as the class teacher whilst we still have the absence of Miss Wood.

Next week, our new Premier Sports and Science clubs commence.

Premier Sports clubs

The girls are to wear their PE kit (trainers for football). They will be able to leave school wearing their PE kit, however they will be expected to put their school shoes back on. Please ensure PE kit is returned to school the next day. The clubs end at **4.30pm**.

Science club

Science club for Prep children commences next Thursday. The online registration and payments are administered by the Organisers, Mother Nature Science, and we have been informed that by Monday at the latest, they will email parents to let them know that their child has been accepted or not. If your daughter has not been offered a place this time, there will be an opportunity next term if the club is successful. The clubs end at **4.20pm**.

Spanish, Dance, Ball Skills and Jazz Band resume next week and will continue until the week of 25th March 2019.

Prep 4 Maths Club and Exam Revision club will continue until February half term. After half term, Prep 3 will be invited to attend Exam Revision club.

This Week's Attendance

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| Nursery | 94% |
| Infants 1 | 99% |
| Infants 2 | 92% |
| Infants 3 | 95% |
| Prep 1 | 80% |
| Prep 2 | 100% |
| Prep 3 | 99% |
| Prep 4 | 95% |

Reminders

- Swimming lessons resume on Thursday 17th January 2019 for Prep 3 and 4.
- As published in our list of dates, Parents Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February this term.

Spring Term important dates

Please see list of dates attached to this newsletter. These dates are accurate at the time of publication, but may be subject to change.

I have received letters of thanks from several of our transition schools for the references we have submitted for our Prep 4 girls; A common theme across these letters is
'What comes across very clearly is that you know your pupils extremely well, including their academic and co-curricular interests, and that you are very proud of them'.