

# Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School November 17th 2017 No 1042 Newsletter

Dear parents: .... Nomophobia and "an auction of promises". I'd never heard of them either until this week, answers below so read on. There is so much toxicity out there at present with language about Brexit, climate change, gun massacres, racism, global migration crisis, Trump, North Korea and this week ambulance crews being assaulted daily and abused for simply doing their jobs. I have long thought that social media is frying people's brains and what it is doing to our children's minds heaven knows! A brilliant recent article by the great writer John Lanchester on Facebook "You are the product" tells it all. London Review of Books. Also this week a study of teenage anxiety when they are separated from their phones for even tiny amounts of time. It's called Nomophobia. Fascinating in that the Zuckerberg's of this world are restricting their own children's on-line habits, or their nannies are. Anyway I received the email below from a concerned resident on Monday. I did write back asking how he knew it was only OLSI parents and not De Beauvoir as well. I explained all about our Gold Awards from Hackney for encouraging walking, cycling etc. Got a much nicer email in return. Please do read it and no need to be abusive to anyone is there really? Chill and put the phone away. On Monday morning there was a truly horrific head on crash in Tottenham Road between a BMW and a scooter around 10.00am. It looked really bad !! So please do drive carefully and please don't stare at your phone while driving. Park safely too as traffic wardens are about ... Anyway I am happy this week ....my first ever Irish passport arrived after a six week wait!!! Yeeeha !!

# School news this week !!!....

Monday .... 11.00am Remembrance Day service was truly memorable

Tuesday ..... parent governor surgery 8.00 - 9.00am took place in the staffroom.

Wednesday .. Reception year assembly 9.15am great fun as Reception took us around One World and counted in Spanish. Well done Ms Woodhouse and her 4 and 5 year olds.

Thursday .. Year 3 visited a Synagogue in Triangle Road.

Friday .. lots of prospective parents came round



**DIFFERENT STROKES** Is this bizarre feature in an 1860s painting proof of time travel?







pics of the week .... a picture in this weeks papers iPhones in the 1860s time travel ?? .... sad times for Italian football as 3 of my great legends and heroes bow out Buffon, Chiellini & Pirlo

## School news next week !!!....

Monday .... my 10.15 assembly

Tuesday ..... Year 1 @ LSO for a "Cat called Scratch". 1.45pm Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme

Friday .. Year 6 @ Cinderella "Hackney Empire" free panto!!

### A concerned resident writes ...

I am writing to you as a concerned resident about some of the parking outside the school during schools drop off and pick up times. It has become more and more antisocial with parking on the pavement and parking across the cycle barriers on Tottenham and Buckingham roads. I have challenged a few drivers only to be verbally abused. Perhaps the school could actively police this antisocial behaviour. In Spring 2018 the TFL will permanently be closing the junctions of Stamford road and Tottenham road at Kingsland road? Perhaps it is time to discourage people from driving children to school like other Hackney schools, to create healthier safer environment for your children and local residents.

### New on the website...

Loads ...pictures of assemblies, liturgies, fireworks night, class work, RE development plans, October and November and our gardens in Aumun and on Wednesday our new ISDR ?? was published. It's a brand new publication tells you everything about the school, its make up and how we are doing. I love the front page!! As a Lead Inspector for Ofsted it is the key document that I now have to look at before I inspect a school. New this year. It tells you on the front page areas of weakness to investigate ...... ours is ..... well it's blank!

### Go with the Flow...

Is really easy to understand and is for the health and safety of everyone. In one gate and out the other... in Culford Road out Buckingham Road. Anyone deliberately ignoring this may face a ban from entering the school grounds.

and finally ...love the BBC and Blue Planet, Masterchef and above all Motherland make Autumn a delight ..... watched "the Fund Raiser" episode 2 this week where they held an Auction of Promises fundraiser in school ..best comedy since The Office and getting rave reviews. Sunday Times this week .."it examines that particular strand of genteel hysteria that seems to swell up in only one place: North London's primary school gates..... classic old British sitcom ... weirdly it just makes you want to laugh. Weirder still it manages it". On the iPlayer a joy ... the average Brit spends 2 hours 9 minutes on their phone & teens over 5 hours.. Go for a walk and enjoy the beauty of Autumn instead.