

# Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School Newsletter

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**Dear parents: ....** World Cup fever has started. Missed it all yesterday as I was driving home from an inspection. I drew Uruguay in the works sweepstake. With my friends I drew Spain and ... Saudi Arabia!! Hmm. A troubling week in many aspects. On Monday at 17.21pm as I was about to go home a large gang came swaggering down the middle of Culford Road all masked with hoodies and bandanas. The outriders were on bikes and behind them came a large gang on foot. 5 minutes later sirens everywhere. I know lots of parents witnessed this too. Two of my teachers very recently saw a gang armed with machetes running down the middle of the road in broad

daylight. Hackney has edgy hipsters and coffee shops and craft beers etc but it can be very dangerous just now. I place the highest priority on safeguarding so please do understand why gates must be locked at almost all times. If you see one open be alert and report it. Also had to deal with one Year 6 boy who came in with colours (a scarf). These can get you killed these days. Just now dealing with a horrible Year 6 Whats App group that has come to light. Not a pleasant world in many ways just now. More details of a violent game below that some of our pupils are playing and others watching. It is brain poison and toxic to young minds. Be alert and do your best. There is only so much we can do as a school. The legal age for Whats App is 13 and what I am reading just now is truly sickening.

## School news this week ....

Monday .....Phonics screening check Year 1 all week.

Our SIP 3 final visit of the year.

Fr Derek came in to talk to a group about Corpus Christi.

Wednesday .. a joyful Nursery assembly and celebration afterwards. Well done Ms Marshall and all the Nursery staff.

Our Attendance Officer came in Anastasia Georgiou for her last ever visit. Being cut for being too successful!

Friday ... Year 5 visit to UBS bank.

#### Governors Fund....

An extra £100 came in to £5,308.00. 139 of 162 families have paid something. 86% of all families.

#### Tombola ....

Donations accepted now so bring in what you can and make it a bumper year.

#### Fortnite ....

All over the BBC news website this week. Ms Woodhouse told me that children as young as 5 are watching their older siblings play

this violent game. Please be alert to this as it is so unsuitable for young developing minds

Pics of the week... our beautiful Corpus Christi procession and our Prayer

Garden with Fr Matthew a

lovely day.

## School news next week ....

Monday ... Cycle training Year 5 all week. Adoremus assembly. England v Tunisia.

Tuesday ...KS1 music concert 2pm

Wednesday ... Year 2 assembly 9.15am

Thursday ... KS2 Music concert 2pm

Friday ... Final day of assessments for early years.

### Green for Grenfell ....

We walked the Daily Mile track in silence this afternoon. £263. 26 raised for the Hackney SVP.

More details next week of todays events. Year 1 raised the most and Year 6 the least.

#### Attendance ....

Still running at around 97.07% which is still well above the national average of 96%. Persistent absence is also good @ 2.45% national 8%

Do keep up this high level for the rest of the Summer please. Attendance matters.





and finally .. World Cup off to a flier and my favourite cook won Britain's Best Home Cook last night so some good news in a really troubling week. Has London ever felt less safe ?? Not in my lifetime. Be aware.