

Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School Newsletter 1208 Newsletter 1208

Dear parents: Sadly we had to ask Year 2 to self isolate on Monday after a child tested positive. Papers are all saying this will change come September as it must do. Telegraph today writing about one girl in the North of England being sent home 7 times recently. We put on a Google Meets and work is available online and also in paper form but it is not the same. Not the way I wanted to start the week. Lots happening so read on. Oh and there is the small matter of a game at 5pm today. I always remember that famous quote from the great Muhammad Ali when asked about Joe Frazier's chances: "Frazier's got two chances. Slim and none and slim just left town" that is how I feel about tonights game against the German mannschaft. We have won one knock out stage Euro match in the last 59 years and that was against Spain on penalties. Our last meaningful victory against Germany was in 1966 when it was still West Germany only 55 years ago. Reports almost all signed and ready to go out. A big thank you to all parents who have volunteered to talk about their jobs and careers next week also had new Reception parents in all week. Busy days

Admissions for Reception Year 2021 -2022

If you know of **anyone** who has a child born between September 1st 2016 and 31st of August 2017 i.e. aged 4 or 5 and thought they would not get in here then tell them we have some vacancies right now. All faiths and none welcome to an outstanding primary school in this community. Tell them be quick and call the school 0207 254 7353 we will do the rest including filling out forms. Your school needs you in 2021. Spread the word asap. Places available in Reception for the first time ever. Two massive banners will be going up today hopefully outside the school. We also have posters and flyers so if anyone would like some to give out to display in local shops, churches, hairdressers, cafes etc then please let someone from the school know we're trying our best in hard times.

Year 6 Leavers Play Matilda:

Two performances Friday 2nd July this week. One in the morning at 9.15am and one in the afternoon at 2pm. 15 places for both shows. It will be filmed and all places are now taken.

PC Dean Davies spoke with Year 6 yesterday about personal safety, the law and knife crime.

Evening Standard article last week

A spokeswoman for London Councils said it is "concerned" about the effect that falling rolls have on schools, adding: "Reduced pupil numbers will lead to less funding for schools, resulting in many having to make difficult decisions about budgets... in some cases closures may be the only option." Latest figures from London Councils show that 90,000 children applied to start primary school in London this September a seven % drop on the previous year.

It put the drop down to "turbulence caused by the Covid-19 pandemic", families moving out of urban areas, the decreasing birth rate and Brexit.

By 2022, London is expected to have 84,384 surplus school places, with 84 per cent of the excess places in primary schools. London Councils' Do the Maths report into school places said the number of children under four years old in London is expected to drop by a further 6,000 by 2024. In Hackney, where there are 500 surplus places, three primary schools have already reduced their Reception intake from 60 to 30 - the equivalent of losing a class each.

Pics of the week:

Scenes from Wembley July 30th 1966 my eldest daughter was born July 30th, a good omen. My three childhood heroes and the Swiss rolling on with great joy ... fantastic evening...









and finally in 1966 a young boy sat down on his own to watch on a black and white television set England winning the World Cup. A few short weeks later his father took him and his brother to Upton Park first day of the season when 65,000 crammed in to a stadium built for 35,000. Moore, Hurst and Peters ran on first waving in the blazing sunshine as he stood on the North Bank being crushed. Little did he think that Germany would beat us every time in a major competition since. Only been 55 years. As that boy grew he came to visit Germany many times, came to love the country, its food, its people, music and of course its beer and the Reinheitsgebot. German brewing purity laws. He learned to get by in German studied its history and read some of its greatest writers including Goethe. He loved German football and its fantastic fans and knows its national anthem (well the first verse). But that young boy still dreams of one day seeing England win again. There is even one West Ham player in the team and that boy is now me. Dream on I turned off last night when Pogba scored and France went 3-1 up so miracles do happen. don't they ?? Better get back to signing final reports they're going out tomorrow.