

Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School Newsletter 1204

Dear parents: Some sunshine at last in June. So its Euros, €euros and European films. I'm sure everyone is dead excited about the Euros which start tomorrow I usually am thrilled but a bit meh!! this time. Can't make any light hearted comments or jokes any more even about the home nations matches of Wales and Scotland. Also seems odd to still be staging it in, is it 11 different countries. ?? It'll probably grow on me but anyway two Newsletters today with Super Provisional Summer Dates and lots of information on them as who knows about June 21st but looks unlikely. We will do what we can within the rules and regs etc. If travel plans are anything to go by it could be a bit of a mess. We still have lots of plans for the Summer and will do our very best. You can have 18,000 people at the cricket yesterday but maybe not a few hundred at an outdoor Summer Fair ??? Hmm ... anyway Newsletters have a musical theme this week with a link to a famous songquite easy actually. Answer on Newsletter Page 2. Enjoy.

Admissions for Reception Year 2021 -2022

I've moved this to the left hand side of this weeks Newsletter might get more luck. If you still 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.

Attendance: . for the year now running at 96.7%..

Also just had today figures for over the pandemic period our absence rate was Q5 quintile lowest 20% which is great to read.



Yakob's Rose: planted in memory of a young pupil Yakob Ethiopian - Eritrean boy who passed away a few years ago in the Whittington Hospital after a brave fight with illness now in full bloom in his memory.

Recent Social Media and Email Reports of Child Abductions ...message from Hackney Education

A recent social media campaign by certain concerned parents have been circulating reports regarding 'children being kidnapped'. Some primary schools within Hackney have now received these messages. These reports appear to emanate from Enfield. We have been reassured by the Metropolitan Police that there have been no such recent episodes or incidents within Hackney or Central East London. The following statement has also been issued by Detective Chief Superintendent Treena Fleming, the borough commander for Enfield.

"I fully understand the concerns from parents and residents in Enfield following recent reports of a suspicious incident that occurred on Saturday, 15 May in the Enfield Lock area involving a white van and then a separate incident on Tuesday, 18 May whereby a 10-year-old boy was reported missing. Please be reassured that extensive enquiries have been conducted on both of these incidents and at this time I do not believe that any offences of child abduction have been committed on either occasion. Thankfully, incidents of child abduction are very rare, but when allegations relating to public safety are received they are taken very seriously indeed. There has been a great deal of coverage on social media around these two incidents and whilst I understand the need to be updated on such important matters, I would respectfully ask the local community to allow us the time and space to investigate and to refrain from engaging in speculation that can unnecessarily increase the fear of crime and cause great upset amongst our communities.

It is my public duty to protect our residents and our officers work hard to do this on a daily basis. If I have concerns around public safety, please be reassured that I will make use of every means of communication available to me in order to make the community aware and keep them informed.

To stay up to date on local policing information follow @MPSEnfield. To contact police in an emergency dial 999 or call 101 in a non-emergency situation.

To provide information about crime without giving your name please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit crimestoppers_uk.org."

These reports will have been alarming to parents and we would recommend in the first instance that you reassure both parents and children that the social media reports are not reliable and remind them of the usual safeguards such as not speaking with strangers, going straight home at the end of the school day and alerting an adult if they see or hear anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

If you have any concerns or would like further guidance please contact your Safer Schools Police Officer.

and finally first Euros I ever watched properly was the famous Panenka final 1976 Czechs beat West Germany .. 1984 the sublime Platini, maybe my favourite ever 1988 Gullit and of course Van Basten for the Dutch Euro 1996 was on school journey Isle of Wight as we beat the Dutch all a bit dull since anyway hope Superjack Grealish uses his Gaelic football skills to glide us into the finals aided by Declan Rice who also played GAA Foden and Mount and Rashford all great but weak defence ... quarter final get knocked out on penalties ... outside bet Italy on a winning run just now boring but hard to beat maybe I will watch some after all. Wimbledon soon as well ...