



Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School

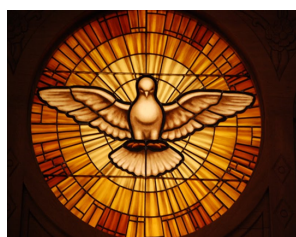
Newsletter

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Dear parents: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development today. All in full swing as I type this. Loads going on all over. A good excuse to have some fun and celebrate that which unites us as humans rather than divides us. There is enough hate in the world just now. Been a busy week with parent consultations, photographers, auditions, music and yesterday's visit from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville and Antoinette Bramble. You can almost always tell someone's character by how they relate to and speak to children and these two were outstanding. I also grabbed some time with Cllr Mete Coban - Transport who also came (I did mention West Ham will finish above Arsenal for the first time ever) and spoke about Parking and Safer Schools. He promised to check on why cameras had not yet been installed or barriers provided in the last 9 months. It was also Walk to school Week and they were impressed by how many came on bikes, scooters or on foot. It was lovely taking the Mayor and Deputy around every class. They kept commenting on how calm our school is and how positive and supportive the parents they had spoken to had been. Going around in lesson times you can hide nothing so I was quite proud to hear these comments yesterday. They then spent time in all the playgrounds and spoke at length to the children. After around 3 hours they left but both promised to return for our Summer Fair which please God will go ahead on July 9th. Maybe get them to do the raffle etc . Mayor only lives down the road. Really knows this community very well. Off for a veg samosa

Attendance: Up sharply this week now at **97.3%** and rising ...



Admissions for Reception Year 2021 -2022

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. Got the grim facts from Hackney Ed yesterday of huge fall in numbers. One nearby school has gone down to 15 applications. I know of one in another borough with no applicants for Nursery. Mayor did say big housing project coming soon where the Rose Lipman library is so some hope going forward.

Poetry Week: Week of May 24th next week Ms Ruminska has planned lots of activities around this.

Best wishes and thanks to: Ms Jade Cahill Y3 who is getting married next Saturday to Conor (ex-pupil of ours here) and also to the family moving to New Zealand this week for your lovely letter today. Really appreciated at this time. We will miss you very much and will look forward to news on the rugby and settling in. Also thank you to the parent who arranged the donation from his company it will go to a very good use.

Welcome to: Ms Charlotte Darrell who will be working with us to support children 1:1 and in small groups for the rest of the Summer mainly with writing and reading.

Pics of the week: Mayor and Deputy visit ... and Pentecost

and finally ... hailstones the size of golf balls fell on the school this week of May and everyone has discovered weather apps cannot predict showers accurately... Pentecost this Sunday one of my favourite feasts when all the Apostles suddenly spoke in tongues and other languages and were filled with the Holy Spirit sad news about the closure of a local landmark The Kingsland on the High Street closed its doors for good and is not re-opening. The last of the genuinely well mixed and well run pubs in the area and great for watching football or rugby or late night karaoke. ceasefire in Gaza great news for a while ...if you want to know why Netanyahu is so unforgiving watch Yoni - Entebbe Hero on Amazon Prime powerful and moving true documentary recommended . in true Columbo style I always save the best for last so this weekend for the first time in Premier League history West Ham will finish above both Arsenal and even better Spurs, never thought I would write that ... Europa League Channel 5 next season against obscure Latvian and Romanian sides but what joy ... I need another veg samosa....