

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

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Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! It is good to see that the children have come back with a really positive and enthusiastic attitude to their work.

This eagerness to learn requires constant support and encouragement for your child to achieve their potential. A key part of this is linked to their attendance and punctuality. As we begin a new year, please remember that days off school add up to irreplaceable lost learning. **Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success.**

We recognise that attending school regularly, and on time, has a positive impact on learning progress and, therefore, the life chances for our pupils.

There are **365** days per year. There are **190** school days per year. That leaves **175** days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

We expect all our children to have attendance of a minimum of 95% or above. Did you know? A pupil who has 80% attendance misses an average of one day a week – nearly 40 days in a year – approximately 8 weeks of every year – that's over 200 hours of learning missed!

Arriving at school in plenty of time is equally critical. As you know, in order to make the most of the learning day, our pupils come straight into class enabling them to be settled and fully prepared for work.

Being on time:-

- Gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind.
- Sets positive patterns for the future.
- Leads to better achievement because your child doesn't miss the important beginning of a lesson.
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable.
- Helps you develop a sense of responsibility for yourself and towards others.
- Is respectful to your child's teacher and classmates and builds good habits for later in life.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable term ahead of us!
Have a good weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Sutton', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

P Sutton

NEWS

WOW BADGE WINNERS – AUTUMN TERM

Well done to the following children:-

Tomi & Ava (3P), Joanna & Jan (3W), Michael (4T), Harry & Rocco (4D),
Jonathan & April (5P), Olivia & Annie (5GP), Rohan & Bowie (6W) and Shannon (6B)



GREAT WORKERS AWARDS – AUTUMN TERM

Well done to:- Senan & Gaby (RC), Luca & Sarah (RS), Akunna & Kian (1K),
Ava-Rose & Maxwell (1C), Patrick & Alex (2S) and Christina & Patrick (2J).

READER AWARDS – LAST HALF TERM

Well done to:- Maeve (RC), Yethum (RS), Anthony (1K), Mark (1C), Malachy (2S),
Liam (2J), Olaf (3W), Connor W (3P), Daniel (4T), Tom (4D), Cara (5GP), Frankie
(5P), Braden (6W) and Bruna (6B).

WRITER AWARDS – LAST HALF TERM

Well done to:- Arthur (RC), Sophie (RS), Sophie (1K), Clara (1C), Aidan (2S),
Adelina (2J), Sagar (3W), Ciara (3P), Zahir (4T), Natalie (4D), Matthew (5GP),
Caitlyn (5P), Ben (6W) and Caroline (6B).

STARS OF THE WEEK

	W/E: 05/01/2018	W/E: 12/01/2018
RC	Fabiola	Patrick
RS	William	Aine
1C	Tyler	Ava-Rose
1K	Whole Class	Maisie
2J	Connor	Kayla
2S	Whole Class	Heidi
3P	-	Joseph
3W	-	Summer
4D	Whole Class	Holly
4T	-	Ella & Daisy
5GP	Whole Class	Nathan
5P	Whole Class	Luis
6B	-	-
6W	-	-

IMPORTANT DATES

31 Jan & 1 Feb (4-7pm) –Open Evenings
 9 February – Inset Day – School Closed
 12/16 February – Half Term Holidays
 29th March – School ends 2.30pm

NURSERY ADMISSIONS – SEPT 2018

Application forms are now available on our school website. The closing date for receipt of applications is:

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2018

HELP WANTED PLEASE

Please call into the school office if you own a sewing machine and can help with making (cutting out and sewing) our school chair bags used in Years 1&2. Any help would be very much appreciated.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPT 2018

The closing date for receipt of **September 2018** applications (DOB: 01/09/2013-31/08/2014) is

MONDAY, 15TH JANUARY 2018

Please apply online to Harrow Council and complete our school supplementary forms.

This Wednesday's Words: **NEW START**

"After meeting Jesus, the two disciples immediately noticed something new in their hearts. The newness which God brings into our life is something that gives true joy." Pope Francis



This new year presents an opportunity for us to make a new start. Each of you say what is the best thing that you've ever started. What did you like about it? Ask your child if they have made any new starts in 2018. If so, how is it going?

The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all pupils and if staff see signs which suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse, staff will (as is required by law) follow the procedures laid down by the Area Child Protection Committee. N.B. Such action in no way infers that any parent/carer or other individual is being accused of wrong-doing. A full version of the school's Child Protection Policy is available upon request. Mrs C French, Mrs A Panacides & Mr J Fay

If you would like to contact the School Governors, please email:

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