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Newsletter 6

Lots of 'Joseph' information!

Dear parents and carers,

The preparations for our very exciting whole school production of 'Joseph and his technicolour dreamcoat' are well under way. Mr Pegden has begun teaching all of the songs (I can imagine parents are hearing some of them at home already!), we are beginning to rehearse the acting parts and each class will shortly start rehearsing their dances. This week I have also been telling the Biblical story of Joseph in assemblies so that we all understand the story and where it comes from.

All staff members are part of one of several teams leading on the organisation of different parts of the preparations – please read the messages and appeals for help from parents from each of these teams below. This production is a big undertaking for the school, costing far more than one of our usual arts projects, and is primarily funded from our Arts Project reserves, all of which has been previously donated by the Friends Association. We will be asking for parental help for specific tasks and for parents to donate towards elements of the project – please do help us if and when you can. I know that all the preparation and rehearsal will be well worth it to create an experience on stage for all the children that they will never forget! And hopefully an unforgettable experience for the audience, too!

With many thanks in advance for all your help and support with 'Joseph',

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



'Joseph' whole school production

Every child will take part in our production this term. The performances will take place in the Church and we are

hiring a stage and lighting to make the experience extra special. There will be two performances and we would

love parents to help us make sure that all children can take part in both performances, even though one is outside the normal school day. The performances will take place on:

Thursday 22nd March at 2pm (all children should be able to be collected at 3.20 as usual, or just a bit late)

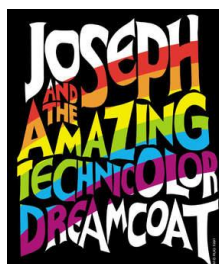
Friday 23rd March at 6pm (we are putting on this later performance to help working parents to come to watch). Children will need to be collected from school at 3.20 as usual and we will send home details nearer the time of the time we would like them all back at school before the performance.

Costumes

We are buying or making costumes for every child that they will be able to keep after the performances and we would be really grateful if parents could send in a voluntary donation of £10 per child towards the costumes. This way we will be able to make savings by buying in bulk and we will only be asking parents to support us with providing very basic items such as shoes. We can also make sure every child has the costume they need. If you are happy to donate the £10, please send this into the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name before half term. Thank you very much in advance for your donations.

We are also looking for any parents who are great with a sewing machine to help us with making some simple items or who might like to help us with creating the all-important multi-coloured coat! If you would like to help please contact Mrs Stokes in the office who is leading the costumes team.

Thank you from Mrs Stokes and the costumes team



Our School New Year Resolutions

Each class contributed to our whole school new year resolutions for 2018. These are:

- Be on time and ready for school and lessons
- Be the best listeners we can be
- Be positive about new things
- Make a difference to others in all sorts of ways
- Keep our school tidy
- Be outside whenever we can
- Be eco-friendly
- Keep ourselves and others happy!

The resolutions are displayed in the hall and we will be reviewing our progress at different points through the year.

Please keep us up to date!

Please let the school office know if you change your telephone number, your address or any of your emergency contact information.

Class assemblies

Spring term class assemblies - 10am

Friday 2nd February – Reception class assembly

Friday 9th February – Year 5 class assembly

Friday 23rd February – Year 3 class assembly with parent workshop on writing beforehand at 9am

Friday 2nd March – Year 6 class assembly

Friday 9th March – Year 2 class assembly

Tickets

The tickets will not be available through the school office, but will be available to buy in the junior playground from **8.20am on Monday 26th February and Tuesday 27th February**. There will be a seating plan for the church and tickets will be purchased for specific seats. Tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis and will cost £10 each. If you cannot make it into the playground, please do arrange for another parent to buy your tickets for you. Ticket sales will initially be limited to **three per family**.

For the chance to win a front row seat, you will be able to enter our raffle! Raffle tickets will be available for £5 and will be sold in the junior playgroup on Thursday 22nd February from 8.30am. Winners will be drawn on Friday morning and the winners informed that day. If you are unable to come to watch Joseph, the performance will be filmed and distributed (further details to come).

Thank you from Mrs Pagnello, Miss Parsons and the tickets and filming team

Set and backdrop

We are currently looking for any parents or carers who would like to help with creating decorations for the Church. We are specifically looking for help from parents with sewing machines to sew large piece of material together and hemming long fabrics to create the backdrop. If you are at all interested in helping, please sign up at the front office and we will be in contact shortly. *Thank you from Miss Allen, Miss Innes and the set and decorations team*

Anti-bullying week

Thank you to Miss Innes for organising such a thought-provoking anti-bullying week in January. Thank you also to Year 5, who as our trained Anti-bullying Champions, helped to lead many of the activities. We hope that parents found the parent workshop useful and that all



children brought home the excellent leaflet that Year 5 produced which summarised all our anti-bullying work and messages. There are spare copies available from the school office if you need one. The 'odd sock day' was a great success in promoting the 'all different, all equal' message and we raised £110 for Kidscape, who came to speak in our assembly about the work they do to support children who have been bullied. Thank you if you donated.

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Information and reminders

School medium term vision consultation

Thank you to the 84 parents who completed the online survey and to the 14 parents who are taking part in our discussion groups about the school's medium-term vision. It was really important that we collected the views of as many parents as possible so thank you if you took the time to respond. We have, of course, also been finding out the views of children, staff and governors and we should be able to share some summary results with parents and the rest of the school community next month.

Reduced price self-portrait calendars

We still have a few self-portrait calendars left – you can buy them for the reduced price of £3 each from the school office.

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the month

To remind parents and pupils that we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we continue to include a different article from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in each month's newsletter.

Article 32

The Government should protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health or education.



School competition: Grand Bug designs!

We are entering a competition to create a new insect-friendly space for our school. The Royal Parks are challenging pupils in London to design the most inventive invertebrate home possible. If any children have ideas for the a grand bug hotel idea they should let their CREW or School Council representatives know or put your drawings in the suggestions boxes in your classrooms. More information can be found at:

Tinyurl.com/TWJ-grandbugdesigns



Dates

February

Sunday 4th, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Tuesday 6th 9.50am – Music assembly

Monday 12th – Friday 16th – Half term

Thursday 22nd, 8.30am – 'Joseph' front row raffle tickets on sale in the junior playground

Week beginning 26th – Digital citizenship/E-safety week

Monday 26th, 9am – E-safety parent workshop

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th from 8.20am – 'Joseph' tickets on sale in junior playground

March

Thursday 1st – Dress up as a book character for World Book Day, Friends Book Sale

Saturday 10th – Friends 'Around the World' Event

Monday 12th, eve - Choir singing at Camden Music Festival at Royal Albert Hall

Week beginning 12th – Last school clubs this week (no clubs 14th and 15th)

Wednesday 14th 3.40 – 7.30pm - Parents evening

Thursday 15th 3.40 – 6.00pm – Parents evening

Thursday 22nd 2pm – Whole school performance

Friday 23rd 6pm – Whole school performance

Sunday 25th, 11am – Children in church – Palm Sunday, school choir singing

Thursday 29th, 11.15am – Easter Service in Church

Thursday 29th, midday – children home for Easter holidays

April

Monday 16th – children back to school for the summer term