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Lots more 'Joseph'
information!

Dear parents and carers,

This is a very busy month for all of us at school as the excitement builds and whole school rehearsals start for our 'Joseph' production! We are all singing, dancing, acting, sewing and painting our way towards the performances on 22nd and 23rd March. There is some important information for parents about timings for the performances below – please read this carefully and do come and ask if you have any questions.

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our online survey about the school's medium term vision last month and thank you also to the parents who came in to take part in the discussion groups. Parents' views are really important to us as we start to plan the next steps for the school in the next two to three years. Attached with this newsletter is the report written by Helen Ridding, the LDBS consultant who we commissioned to carry out the consultation for us. It contains some lovely feedback for the school and our staff team about the school's strengths and some very practical and thought-provoking suggestions for considerations for future development of the school. We will be discussing the report within the staff team and with governors over the coming weeks and beginning to formulate plans about how to address these considerations in the short and medium term. I will share these plans with parents in a newsletter later in the year. Please do take a few minutes to read Helen's report and thank you again to parents for their views and suggestions.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Joseph performances later this month!

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

'Joseph' whole school production

Timings for performance days

Thursday 22nd March

- 1.30pm – main church doors open for audience (you must have a ticket)
- 2.00pm – performance
- 3.30pm approx – children collected from school as usual (no clubs)

Friday 23rd March

- 3.20pm – all children collected from school as usual (no clubs)
please make sure children have something to eat and a bit of a rest!
- 5.00pm – all children return to school
(we will not let children back into school earlier than 5pm)
- 5.30pm – main church doors open for audience (you must have a ticket)
- 6.00pm – performance
- 7.30pm approx. – children to be collected from school, signed out from classes

We really hope that all children will be able to come back to school to participate in the Friday evening performance but if your child is unable to be here then please let their class teacher know as soon as possible so that they are aware of this for rehearsals.

Costumes

Thank you very much for all the £10 costume donations – this has been a great help. Letters went home to Reception – Year 5 last week setting out the basic items we would like parents to supply (shoes and socks mostly). These



items should be in school by Monday 5th March at the latest please. If you missed this letter or if you have any questions or concerns about the costumes please do come and ask Mr Hollings or Mrs Stokes.



Class assemblies

Spring term class assemblies - 10am

Friday 2nd March – Year 6 class assembly

Friday 9th March – Year 2 class assembly

Dates

March

Wednesday 7th - Friends Book Sale – **NEW DATE**

Thursday 8th – Dress up as a book character for World Book Day – **NEW DATE**

Saturday 10th, eve – 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 – performance

Friday 23rd 6pm – 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

Photos – programmes and local press

We have taken class photos of each class for the Joseph programme. The Friends would like to use these photos for an Easter book they are producing and we need to ask parents' permission for sharing the photos like this. If any parents do not want us to share their child's photo for the Friends' book then please let Mrs Forsdyke know.

We have invited the Camden New Journal to take photographs at our Joseph dress rehearsal. We will make sure that children are not identified by name in any captions or articles, but if any parents would like us to ensure that their child's photograph does not appear in the local paper then, again, please let Mrs Forsdyke know.



Digital Citizenship week

This week all classes are learning about how to be safe and considerate online with workshops, activities and assemblies for all classes. Thank you

to the parents who came to our workshop led by an expert from the CLC on Monday – look out for the parent information and links that will come home via book bags and email next week. This is such an important topic and it would be great if parents could discuss the topic and reinforce the children's learning at home.

Parents evenings

Wednesday 14th March 3.40-7.15pm and Thursday 15th March 3.40 – 6.00pm

- **Appointments** - sign-up sheets will be in the Junior playground from Friday 2nd March. If you are not able to come into the playground to sign up for an appointment, please ring the school office.
- **Children's work and books** will be available for parents have a look at – please come a little early to take a look. Children in many classes will have identified the piece of work of which they are most proud; we will be asking parents to comment on this piece too.
- **Siblings** – please do not make appointments for siblings directly after each other. It really helps us to keep to time if you make these appointments at least two slots apart.
- **Child care** – we will run limited child care for children in our school during parents evening. This will take place in the Year 5 classroom, be supervised by one of our Teaching Assistants and children will be able to watch CBBC. We will ask all children in school to be in this classroom rather than around the school or in the playground. If you can find alternative arrangements for your children, please do.
- **Senior staff** will be in many parent meetings to support staff and discuss wider school information, such as extra support.
- **Keeping to time** – we try hard to keep to time, please help us to do this by arriving on time and accepting that more complex issues might need a further appointment for you to discuss them in more depth. Thank you

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 17

Children have the right to reliable information from the media. This should be information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



Welcome

A warm welcome to Shaolin who has recently joined our Year 5 class. Welcome also to Mr Zetter who has started working in the school as a Teaching Assistant. We are saying goodbye to Mr Parkes this month who is going to the USA to run football camps!

Information and reminders

Annual LDBS voluntary donations

A letter went home to all parents before half term about the annual voluntary contribution towards the LDBS buildings maintenance scheme. Please send any monies or forms back to the Clerk to the Governors in the school office. If you need another copy of this letter please ask in the school office. (Please note that parents who already make a monthly voluntary donation to the school governors did not receive a letter since they do not need to make any further contribution.)

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. Please make sure we have three current emergency contacts at all times.

Please sign children in and out

It is vitally important for safety that we know which children are in school at all times. If you are taking your child out of school or if they are arriving late or at any time other than the very beginning of the school day they must be signed in or out on the clipboards in the front office. There have been recent instances of children collected from or dropped off into the playground without parents signing them in and out - all children must be signed in and out during the day.

After school clubs at New End and Hampstead Community Centre - please keep us informed

If you change your usual arrangements with New End Kidsoosa or Hampstead Community Centre, please let the school office know too so that we know whether or not to take your child after school.