



Dear Parents

13 October 2017

Incredibly we are nearly at half term. What a fabulous time children have had learning in so many ways.

### Thought for the week

The children have been remembering Harvest Time, thanking God for our food, remembering those supported by CAFOD, overseas and helping families through your generous donations.



Loving God, help us to work together to build a brighter world, where each of us can become the best person we can be. Let us learn from communities around the world, who are working hard to grow their way out of poverty. We pray we may share generously all you have given us. Amen.

## Dates for your diaries !

### October

- 16 Year 5 children to Rome - 4.30am  
Assembly - 4B- 9.00am
- 18 Educational visit - Royal Festival Hall - Year 3
- 19 Mass - 4Y - 9.00am
- 20 Break up for half term - 3.20pm  
Children return from Rome
- 30 PARENTS WEEK - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### November

- 1 Whole school Mass - Convent Chapel - 9.00am
- 2 Educational visit - Dover Castle - 6B  
Mass - 4B - 9.00am
- 3 Next newsletter
- 4 Saturday School

### Highlights

Read more about our reading focus on page 2 as we have been looking at myths and legends.

Thank you for taking part in the Macmillan coffee morning. We raised nearly £300 for this wonderful cause.



The children concluded their Cultural and Black history focus on icons and inventors by performing poems. It was wonderful to share our performances at St Joachim's and see their performances too.



The children in Year 1 have been learning about portraits. They visited the National Portrait Gallery to find out about different styles to create portraits.



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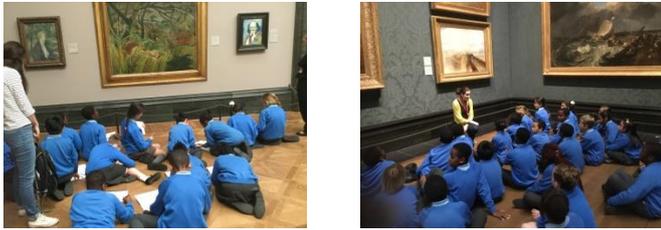


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Year 6 have also visited the National Gallery focussing on landscapes.



Our focus has finished with our usual character parade.



Year 5 have been able to improve their knowledge and understanding of Judaism with a visit to the Jewish Museum.



Teachers have also read their favourite stories to children.



### Reading Focus

We have continued to develop children's love of reading and books with our focus on myths and legends. The children enjoyed finding out about character. What do you know about Pegasus and Zeus?



The older children have been reading with young children.



### Talking about books

When you read with or to your children ask them about their likes and dislikes.



Ask your children if there are patterns or puzzles in their stories.

### Reminders

#### Punctuality

Please remember we lock the gates at 9.00am and 3.30pm to keep your children safe.



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### Parking

There is plenty of parking in Falcon Street, outside the Convent Chapel. It is only a 2 minute walk to the Falcon Street gate.

### Highway Code

It is illegal to park on double yellow lines at ALL times.



### Curriculum

All the themes and areas for study are available on the website:

<http://www.st-helens.newham.sch.uk/curriculum.html>

### Head Lice

We have experienced a few cases of head lice in school recently. It is important to check your child's hair on a regular basis and ensure all long hair is plaited. Various treatments can be obtained from your chemist.



### Cold weather

As the weather begins to get colder please ensure your child's name is on their coats, hats, scarves and gloves.



In the cold weather navy blue or black jogging bottoms may be worn for PE.



### Lost Property



Please help us to reunite children with their jumpers, PE kits etc., by writing your child's name on their clothes. Please also check your child hasn't taken someone else's items by mistake.

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