



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

It has been a fantastic year at SJF. The children continue to demonstrate positive attitudes to learning and resilience in all they do - the children are a credit to our school and you (their) families, please have a safe and happy holiday.

Key dates for September

Tuesday 5th September INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
 Wednesday 6th September INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7th September WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Reminder - Times of the school day

Please try to arrive on time

School day start time- **8:45am**

School day finish time - **3.15pm**

The school gates will open at **8.30** and the children will go directly to their classrooms.

The afternoon gate will open at **3.15pm**.

To help you understand why being on time is important below is a table that breaks down how much learning time is lost when your child is late.

If you are late each day Number of lost days Number of lost lessons by:-

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from school	25 lessons
10 Minutes	7 days of school	49 lessons
15 Minutes	10 days of school	70 lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 days of school	100 lessons
30 Minutes	21 days of school	150 lessons

Please contact the school office if you have any concerns.

Have a safe and happy holiday - Miss Sarah Griffin

School Dinner update

From September 2023
ALL children will receive a free school meal every day.

COMMUNICATION

Please remember to keep the school office updated with new telephone numbers, email addresses and home addresses.

We use a text system to communicate with parents - this system is linked to our School Admin System. If you do not keep us updated you may miss important messages.

Contact information -

Email address -

office@sjf.bexley.sch.uk

Telephone Number - 0208 310 7311





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We have decided to keep the children coming to school in their PE kits on PE days as so much time is saved during the school day.

To give advanced warning - the children will not be allowed to wear tops with logos on them - please buy a plain tracksuit for child.

Plain White Tee Shirt

Plain Black or Navy Shorts or Leggings

Plain Black or Navy Tracksuit (Jogging Bottoms and sweatshirt)

Trainers

In September ALL children are expected to be in correct school uniform.

GIRLS

GREY SKIRT

WHITE SHIRT OR WHITE POLO SHIRT

SCHOOL TIE

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT

SCHOOL CARDIGAN

BLACK/GREY/NAVY/WHITE TIGHTS

YELLOW CHECK SUMMER DRESS

BOYS

GREY TROUSERS

WHITE SHIRT OR WHITE POLO SHIRT

SCHOOL TIE

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT

PLAIN GREY OR BLACK SOCKS

BLACK SHOES

Please make sure that your child/ren DO NOT have different colour braids or patterns cut into their hair.

Girls - hair same colour as their natural hair and ALL long hair tied back.

Boys -hair ONE length all over - No patterns/lines cut into their hair.

GOODBYE

Today we say Goodbye to staff who are leaving the SJF Family for new adventures.

We thank you for all you have taught us.

We thank you for your unconditional love.

We thank you for believing in us!

Goodbye - we will miss you!

Miss Sholade

Mrs Alabi

Mrs Englehardt



Attendance

Parents every time you arrive late to school or collect your child late from school their class misses out on winning 'Attendance Ted' and 'Punctuality Panda'.

Please make an effort to get your child(ren) to school on time and collect them on time.

Please remember **ALL** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must be collected by an adult.

This is a safety measure put in place to keep your child safe.

We will report persistent absence or lateness to the EWO.

ALL children need to bring to school on

Thursday 7th September - Black Plimsolls.

The children change daily into these plimsolls and use them for indoor PE lessons.

ONLY SCHOOL BOOK BAGS ARE TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL DAILY

These are available from the school office

NO PENCIL CASES TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL - WE PROVIDE EVERYTHING THE CHILDREN WILL NEED





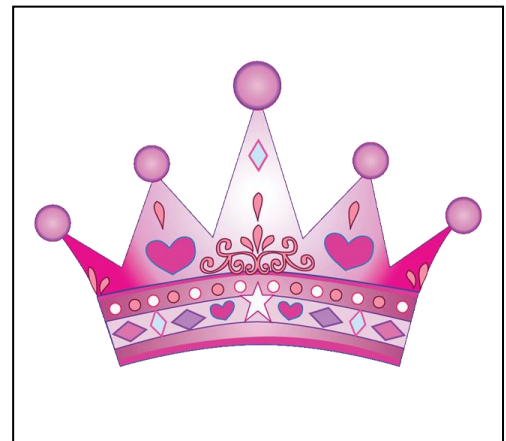
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Times Tables Kings and Queens

RECEPTION	Idris and Simisola
Year 1	Darrell and Chinenye
Year 2	Aba and Islam
Year 3	Emmanuel and Adeolu
Year 4	Jamal and Rahel
Year 5	David R and Elena
Year 6	Chinemerem and Godiva



Spelling Kings and Queens

RECEPTION	Elijah and Sasha
Year 1	Jibril and Tomiwa
Year 2	Naomi and Islam
Year 3	Chinonso and Joyann
Year 4	Feranmi and Chisom
Year 5	Melinda and Desmond
Year 6	Chinemerem and Kosi



Our termly Spelling/Times tables Kings and Queens Challenge is becoming so difficult now as the children are displaying such talent for both spelling and times tables. It is wonderful to see such drive and desire to be the best that they can be. As it says in 2 Chronicles 15:7 - ***'But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded'***. The hard work and dedication the children have shown again this year is truly being rewarded.





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Prize Giving

2023

James Bush Shield - Overall Achievement

Micah Osayande

Matthew Clarke Cup for English

Godiva Oteng-Adjei Sorye Manuel

Maths Cup

Kyra Laoshe

Yvonne Wylie Plate for Drama

Chinemerem Ngama Jessica Dinh

Kosisochukwu Ikegbunam Ria Vinluan

Peter Adeogun Cup - Performing Arts

Joelin Sampson Beatrice Agoro

Juliana Afolabi Charlene Ajaegwu

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Kamdilichukwu Anih

Governors Shield

Lawrence Glover

Head Teacher Special Award

Dorothy Ochekwu Regan Day





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It is with great sadness that we are saying GOODBYE to Mrs Jackson.

Mrs Jackson has been part of the St John Fisher family since 2005 - her dedication and continued support will be deeply missed. Mrs Jackson is more than a teacher to the children she is like their mother, her caring and loving nature, always ready to comfort those who are sad. It is not only the children who will deeply miss Mrs Jackson but the staff also. Her wit and humour is second to none. Many a staff meeting ends with tears of laughter. On a personal note I know my sadness will be greater than most as Mrs Jackson is more than a work colleague; she is my friend whom I love dearly.

Some words to describe how we feel about you Mrs Jackson

'The backbone of a good school is not made from fancy classrooms and large campuses. It comes from within and in what you have shared and taught us all.'

'Teachers like you make a difference in the lives of all you have taught - we thank you!'

'Good teachers teach not just by reading out textbooks, but by lighting up imaginations.'

'Forget the laptop, forget the Kindle and forget the iPad... your words have been the greatest learning tool we could have ever had.'

'Mrs Jackson you didn't just teach us how to read, write and count you taught us how to make ourselves count.'

Please as you go take these words with you and remember you will forever be part of the SJF Family - *'The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'* —Psalms 32:8





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Below is the list of teachers and teaching assistants for each year group for the school year 2023- 2024

YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	TEACHING ASSISTANT
RECEPTION	Miss Baldwin	Mrs Sanni
YEAR 1	Mrs Brady	Mrs Connigale
YEAR 2	Mrs Clarke	Mrs Sproat
Year 3	Miss Idowu	Mrs West
YEAR 4	Mrs Keto-Edwards	Mrs Fawcett
YEAR 5	Mrs Bennett	Mrs Hodkin
YEAR 6	Miss McLaughlin Mr Goldner	Mr Davie Mrs Lenney

We are sad to see some staff leave our family but equally we look forward to welcoming our new staff in September.

This is a time of change but we must remember that change happens and we must embrace the changes - as the SJF Family everything is possible.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..." Ecclesiastes 3:1





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Good Bye and Good Luck Year 6 We will miss each and every one of you!



Year 6 please keep these words from Galatians in your minds as you continue on through your educational journey.
'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'
Galatians 6:9

