

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

October 2023

Well, we are almost at the end of our first half term and we have another busy half of a term to come. We are all living in very trying and challenging times but please remember we are all part of the SJF family - through the good and the bad we are here for one another.

Key dates for October and November 2023

Thursday 12 th October	Football Match v Parkway - Boys and Girls yrs5/6
Monday 16 th October	Flu Immunisations - Whole School
Monday 16 th October	Black History Week - whole school
Friday 20 th October	Black History Celebration - all are welcome - 10am - see below
Monday 23 rd October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Back to School
Wednesday 8 th November	Years 3 and 4 - Cinema Trip
Thursday 9 th November	Harvest Celebration - Led by Year 3 and Year 4 - see below
Thursday 9 th November	Years 5 and 6 - Cinema Trip
Wednesday 22 nd November	Years 1 and 2 - Cinema Trip
Tuesday 28 th November	OPEN MORNING - Reception intake September 2024 - 9.30-11.30am
Thursday 30 th November	School Sleep Over - Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

BLACK HISTORY WEEK

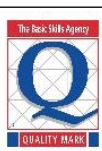
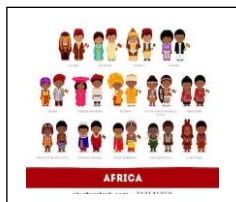
One of the greatest hi-lights for us at SJF is our Black History Celebration;

We plan to have a Black History Celebration week - starting Monday 16th October - where all of our learning will focus around Inspirational Black People who have had an impact upon our daily lives.

The children will work on class topics and share their learning with their peers.

On Friday 20th October we invite all of you to come and share with the children all they have learnt.

The children can come to school in their National Dress - this will be a wonderful way to end our celebration week - starts at 10am





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Harvest Celebration Tuesday 7th November 2023



'WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY'

The children can come to school in their own clothes and pay £1.00
The school will go shopping to buy food for the St John Fisher food bank.

Tuesday 28th November **OPEN MORNING**

Reception intake September 2024

9.30-11.30am

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 - 31/08/2020
Come along and see the school in action - have a personal tour led by the Year 6 children

Thursday 30th November **School Sleep Over**

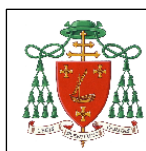
Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

More information to follow

Welcome

I would like to welcome our new Parent Governor - Margaret Akpovwa - (mother to Elijah Year 5)
It is very rewarding being a governor of a school as you learn from the inside how schools operate and the impact they have on the children and families they serve.

Thinking of these words from Nelson Mandela 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' - together let us shape, educate and change the world for our children.





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Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit

- Plain white T/Shirt
- Black/Navy Shorts
- Plain Black or Plain Navy Tracksuit
- Any trainers

Thank you to the parents who have made sure their child(ren) are wearing the correct PE kit - however there are a number of children wearing tops with large Logos across them - please make sure the top is plain.

LATENESS AND ABSENCE

Every month I meet with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) and we look at attendance and lateness.

She will be writing to all parents whose children are late or absent.

In some cases she will take legal action.
Please ensure your child is at school every day on time and is collected on time.
Late Gate fines will be issued.

Please contact the school office if you have any concerns

From October half term, no summer dresses may be worn - children need to be in full school uniform.
Please remember you must wear a tie when you wear a white school shirt.

Primary Reception Places - September 2024

01/09/2019 - 31/08/2020

The Bexley online site has now opened - www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions

(for Bexley residents) and closes on 12th January 2024.

Please make sure you complete the Supplementary for St John Fisher if you are applying for a space in our 2024 Reception Class.

Please remind friends and neighbours to put this date in their diary.

The closing date for applications is 12th January 2024.

Let us all take time and reflect upon this Proverb - '**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**' Proverbs 27:17 - Remember together we are great.

