Joseph Clarke Parent Bulletin

Issue: 18 Week Commencing: 09/11//2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all our pupils back after the half-term break. We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable half term ahead.

We are delighted that Elizabeth Class will be starting their swimming sessions next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence, independence and skills in the water.

A reminder that **Friday 13th November will be a non-school uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need**. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes, and parents and carers are invited to make a voluntary donation if they wish. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to wish all our families celebrating Diwali this weekend a wonderful day filled with joy, light and happiness.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Chadia

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

. Non-School Uniform Day Children in Need: Friday 13th November
. Vaccination UK Catch Up Session: Tuesday 17th November
. School Photos are on Thursday 19th November
. Reminder to check and clear any outstanding balances on Arbor before December.
. We are a NUT and COCONUT FREE school

UPCOMING EVENTS:

. Parent Information Sessions:

Post-16 Pathways & Accreditations - Wednesday 11th November 9:30-10:30am (Online)

Habilitation - Thurs 12th November 9:30-11:30am (In person)

. Elizabeth Class Swimming Lessons: 9th-13th November 10-11am

. Children In Need: Friday 13th November

. School Photos: Thursday 19th November

. Awards Ceremony: Wednesday 25th November

. Festive Market/Wear something festive: Friday 11th December

. Christmas Pantomime: 15th December

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 09/11/26

Monday:
Option 1- Tomato Basil Pasta Bake (contains gluten (wheat) & milk gluten free version available)
Option 2- Vegetable and Chickpea Curry
Side- Garlic & olive oil wholemeal focaccia (contains gluten (wheat))

Tuesday:
Option 1- Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken
Option 2- Lemon & Herb Roasted Halloumi (contains milk)
Side- Roast Potatoes

Wednesday:
Option 1- Jacket Potatoes with 5-Bean Chilli & Cheese (contains sulphites & milk)
Option 2- Jacket Potatoes with Tuna Mayonnaise (fish)
Side- Included in main

Thursday:
Option 1- Jerk Chicken (contains sulphites)
Option 2- Jerk Butternut Squash and Chickpea (contains sulphites)
Side- Rice and peas

Friday:
Option 1- Fish Fingers (contains gluten (wheat) and gluten free version available)
Option 2- Crispy Fried Sweetcorn Fritters
Side- Skin on Chips with Tartare Sauce & Homemade Ketchup (contains sulphites)

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Weekly whole school attendance: **88%**
If your child will be absent from school you must report it to us by **9:30am** each day.
You can do this by calling the school office on 0208 523 4833, or leaving a message on the absence line. Thank you.

EXTERNAL EVENTS:

. BeeZee Families in Waltham Forest are holding a FREE Healthy Lifestyle programme which runs across 12 weeks. If you are interested, or would like more information about this, please click the link below:

https://wlf.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/

. The Music Man Project - Music Education & Performance Club for children and young people with disabilities aged 8+, children will learn to sing, sign, play and dance. This runs weekly on Saturdays 11.30am-12.30pm in Walthamstow. If you are interested, please click the link below:

https://thetogetherspace.co.uk/events/the-music-man-project

BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

Breakfast club: 8:00am - 8:45am

After school club: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

For more information on these or sign ups please contact the school office or Sarah Bent.

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term:
3rd September - 17th December 2026
Christmas Holidays: 18th Dec - 5th Jan

Spring Term:
5th January - 24th March 2027
Half Term: 15th - 19th February
Easter Holidays: 25th March - 9th April
INSET Days: 4th January 2027

Summer Term:
12th April - 20th July 2027
Half Term: 28th May - 4th June
Bank Holidays: 3rd May & 31st May
Summer Holidays: 21st July - 2nd Sept
INSET Days: 28th May & 25th June 2027

Have a lovely weekend!