

St. Francis Catholic Primary School

28th June 2012.

Dates

We're coming to the end of this busy school year earlier than usual and there is still a lot to do, so here are some dates for your diary.

Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul.

The children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be walking to St Francis church for 9.30 Mass to celebrate the Feast of these two great saints tomorrow.

Please join us if you can.

International Day and Sports Week.

Thank you for supporting our Sports Week and for arranging for the children to wear national costume on Monday and on Friday last week. The display of national costume was really colourful and added hugely to the event.

The week was a wonderful one with all the events and activities and we were so grateful that the weather was kind to us on Friday!

The Key Stage One sports day was the only event that had to be cancelled and we are going to hold the event instead at Shoburyness, when the children are on their day visit next Thursday.

A special 'thank you' to Mrs Campbell and all those who helped to organise the lively and enjoyable week.

Poetry Competition

Congratulations are due to some of our Year 6 pupils who have written poems about the 2012 Olympics.

Their entries were judged as excellent and three were awarded

awarded a place in the top 30 poems out of over 500 entries.

So, a huge 'well done' to:

Oluwakemi Adebowale
Enoch Denkyirah
Evangeline Poku

They are going to be awarded certificates at a presentation in the Discovery Centre in Stratford next Tuesday.

After School Activities

Please note that this is the last week for sports and after school activities this term.

There will be no after school activities from Monday 2nd July until they begin again in the Autumn Term.

Reading Books

We are trying to gather in all the books that have disappeared from our classroom libraries during the year.

Please help your child to look under beds and behind cupboards etc, so that they can bring them all back into school before the term ends!

Supporting your child's school

You can do this by applying to your Local Authority for free schools meals if you are entitled to them, - even though you get them anyway at our school.

The reason we ask you to do this is as follows:

The government will provide **extra funding** for schools based on the number of pupils who meet the **national** rules for entitlement to free school meals.

So that our school can get all the money it is entitled to, we need accurate records.

The national rules mean that children are entitled to free school meals if:

- You get Income Support
- You get Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- You get Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- You are being supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- You get Child Tax Credit and Revenue and Customs has assessed your income as less than £16,190.
- You get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.

If you live outside Newham and claim housing benefit in your home area, you should have applied to your home Council for free school meals.

Please let the School Office take a copy of any letter that you have received approving free school meals or housing benefit.

Thank you for helping us make sure we get all the money to which your children are entitled. It will assist in enabling us to provide our children with the best education possible.

'Stratford to Stratford'

We are hosting a visit from a Catholic Primary School in Stratford-upon Avon tomorrow and one of our Year 6 classes will welcome them and accompany them to view the Olympic Site.