



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week behind the scenes at St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School. We have welcomed visitors from Harrow Council to see our new school and then on Wednesday we welcomed 2017 prospective parents.

Please could you spend some time this weekend checking your child's uniform. Firstly, that it all actually belongs to your child (some families have missing items currently) and secondly that it is all clearly named (including hats, gloves, socks). Please do continue to hand back, to any member of staff, any items not belonging to your child and we will return them to their rightful owner. If your child has an accident in school, we will help them to change into their PE kit and we will provide other pants, and socks if necessary. Please can we ask that if this happens you return the washed school pants and socks to school, as soon as possible.

Please could you also remember that no jewellery is allowed in school, as per our uniform policy, except small, plain, round studs where necessary which must be removed for PE. Our staff team have asked that any studs are removed at home before PE days. These will usually be Thursday and we will endeavour to notify you in advance if this day is likely to change. Also, children are not permitted to wear boots in school, as also stated in our uniform policy. (A boot is defined as any footwear that covers the ankle.) Wellington boots are obviously allowed to be worn to and from school, but school shoes should be provided for the children to wear in and around the building.

The new PTFA would like to be able to communicate with you directly and consequently need to know your email address. Under the Data Protection Act, we as a school, will never release personal data. If you are willing for the PTFA team to communicate with you by email, please write your email address (next to your child's first name), on the class list which we will have available in the school foyer from this afternoon.

Over half of our families have now completed our school survey. The survey closes at noon on Monday 14th November. Don't miss your chance to share with us how the first half term has been for you and your child. You can access our online survey by following the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LXYLN93>

We are planning to change your child's reading books at least twice a week from next week. Consequently, please can you ensure that you have written in their record books and then send these back daily (with their reading book) in the folder we provided. The children take their folders out of their bags as they enter the classroom and then place their folder in a small box and their book bags in a large box. Any notes or letters, in their bags, can, at this point, be handed directly to a member of staff who will pass them on to the relevant person.

Thank you if you have registered your objections to the planning development in Woodlands Road. We have submitted the school objections and we will let you know when we hear any further news about the proposal. I believe that you can still object up to the end of today. The reference on Harrow Council website is P/4444/16.

There are a number of children for whom meals have **not** been ordered for next week, please order your child's meal with The Pantry. Please order up until Christmas as it takes a considerable amount of time each day checking that every child has had a meal ordered for them. Many thanks for your ongoing support in this.

Thank you for the kitchen roll inner tubes that you have sent in – they are most appreciated. The EYFS staff have asked if anyone has any spare red pebbles or spare buttons (particularly black or dark blue buttons) lurking in your cupboards that you no longer need and could donate to the school, if these could be brought into school next week.

Don't forget to keep checking our website for new episodes on St Jérôme TV. Mme Chadier was busy recording again this week and this video has now been uploaded.

<http://www.stjeromebilingual.org/stjerometv/>

Finally, individual and whole class school photographs will be taken next Thursday, 17th November during the school day. You will receive proofs in due course and advised on how to purchase.

Do contact me via the school office if you have any questions about life at St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Walton
Head of School

**It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask;
Ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion;
Ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we cannot.
St. Jérôme (347-420AD)**