



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We've had an exciting week at St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual School as we welcomed our educational advisor from the Department for Education. He was very pleased with the progress the school has made and how it has had a timely and successful opening. He was delighted with the children's behaviour and progress to date.

Thank you to those parents who helped support us on our cinema trip last week. We really do appreciate the time you give up to help us. The children all seemed to have enjoyed themselves, despite the long walk!



Thank you so much for your enthusiasm in supporting our new PTFA and they are delighted that they can communicate with you directly now. No doubt you will all be able to work more closely now on the success of our first Christmas Festive Afternoon.

We are holding a non-uniform day next Friday to raise money to enable the PTFA to buy Santa's Grotto presents. On Friday 25th November, children can come to school wearing their own clothes, however, please ensure they wear their school coat. On that day we are asking that you send your child with a minimum donation of £2. Members of the PTFA will be in the foyer to collect donations, however if your child attends breakfast club, please send their donation in a small envelope (marked for the attention of the PTFA) and we will ensure that this is passed on.

Thank you too, to all those who have brought your children's reading folders into school every day this week. Please continue to write in their record books and if you should want to keep the book for any reason, please just note this down and we will send the book home again.

The classroom staff are planning to set up a "Communications Area" with phones and computers etc. If you have any old computer screens or keyboards, old telephones or old mobile phones (not working, but obviously not with cracked screens or sharp edges) that you are willing to donate then please bring them into school next week.

This week St. John's Church came to St. Jérôme. Barry, the vicar, came to school on Wednesday morning and led our worship session in the school. Barry spoke to us about our school value of Respect. He helped us to explore who we respect, why we should show respect, and how we can show respect. We talked about listening to, encouraging and congratulating people, as well as being helpful and polite. We will be visiting church next Wednesday 23rd, please sign up at the school office if you are able to walk with us at 9 am.

Since I last wrote there is another new episode of St Jérôme TV. Mme Chadier has written words for the songs which are also on our website. We are busy practising for our Nativity play. I'm sure the children have been singing some of the songs we have been learning – both in English and in French.

Thank you to all the parents who have objected to the new development on Woodlands Road that would overlook our school playground. We have now had our school objection acknowledged and today I spoke to Harrow planning department, who said that the right to object is still open. We strongly urge you, if you haven't already, to take a moment to object. The reference on Harrow Council website is P/4444/16.

Finally, thank you so much for your kind donations towards this year's Children in Need Appeal. The children have loved having their teddy in school today and as I write, we have raised over £130 for this very worthy appeal.

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)**