



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The warm weather of the late summer has given way to autumnal rain – it has been quite a shock for many of us. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in school as children do continue to play outside in poor weather.

### School Council

Our School Council held their first meeting last Friday, in which we talked about plans for the first half term of the new year. Every School Council Member had a photo taken with the other person from his or her class, and the photos are now on display in our hallway in school so that the children can see them. The children are writing introductions including what they would like to achieve this year.

The meeting was chaired by the Head Girl and Head Boy.

### Year 6 to Year 7 – Transition Meeting

Thank-you to all the parents of Year 6 children who attended the meeting yesterday afternoon. Please don't forget that the deadline for making applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-secondary-schools-university-technical-colleges-and-studio-schools/step-by-step/apply-secondary-school-place-step-step>

### Facilities

Unfortunately, because of site security, there is not a toilet facility for adults on site who are not working at the school. We apologise for this. If you have children at the Infant School, please make sure that they have visited the toilet before you collect them at the end of the school day because using the facilities for the Junior School children means accompanying them, which is complicated at the busiest time of the school day.

### Assemblies

Thank-you to the children from Class 6G who presented the first assembly of the new year on the subject of X.

The forthcoming assemblies are:

28<sup>th</sup> September – Class 5C

5<sup>th</sup> October – Class 5B

12<sup>th</sup> October – Class 4T

19<sup>th</sup> October – Class 4D

We are aware that the start of the assembly later in the day may be difficult for some parents which is why we are trying to give you as much notice as possible.

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Anthony in 3A, Pugazh in 3E, Ian in 4D, Samantha in 4T, Divine in 5B, Chika-Achi in 5C, Ysamae in 6G and Ifeanyichukwu in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Zoey in 6P. The kindness award goes to Raphael in 5B. The swimmer of the week award goes to Leon in 4D and the Computing Wizz of the week goes to Kyla, Hayden, Leonardo, Patryk, Jessica and Harrison in Year 5.

## **Job Vacancy**

The school is looking to recruit an Administrative Assistant for our School Office. To find details of this role, click the Trust Information tab and navigate to Staff Vacancies. The closing date for applications is **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. Please alert anyone who you think might be suitable for this role. we will still be accepting applicants on Monday until 12pm.

I wish you a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

### **Health Advice for parents**

#### **Heat Health Alerts**

Please visit the Met Office website for up to date information about all extreme weather events:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>

#### **Coronavirus**

*The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:*

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

#### **Fevers**

UKHSA advises parents of children with a high temperature ( $+38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) to keep them home from school, and monitor symptoms. If in doubt, ring **111** for advice.

#### **Group A Strep (*streptococci*)**

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Children with these symptoms should not attend school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-safely-with-respiratory-infections-including-covid-19>