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Newsletter 4

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank-you for all your support and patience this week. It has been a difficult week for the people of Croydon and it was touching to see how everyone supported each other.

Fatal Incident at Wellesley Road

We were devastated to learn on Wednesday morning that a fifteen-year-old lost her life after an attack in Wellesley Road, outside the Whitgift Centre Shopping Centre. I wrote to all parents on Wednesday, and we have offered support to those who were nearby at the time of the tragic events. Please remember the family of the deceased in your prayers at this terrible time in their lives.

Miss Trombetta

Today was the last day working in the School Office for Miss Trombetta. She has been a vital member of our team for the past five years and will be greatly missed by everyone in school. Miss Trombetta is moving to a new role in Secondary Education.

We wish her success and happiness in her new role and would like to publicly thank her for all her hard work here at St Mary's. *Buona fortuna!*

Choir Practice

There will be no Choir Practice this Monday, 2nd October. Miss Attwell will be attending preparations for the Young Voices event.

Parent Contributions

The 'Parent Contributions' payment item is now open on ParentPay for this academic year. The suggestion possible donation is £50 per family, and can be paid in as many instalments as you need or all in one go. Any contributions to this fund are greatly appreciated as they will directly benefit the children in school.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer - Applications

The deadline for Secondary School applications via the Croydon Council website is 31st October 2023.

Office

Please be patient if responses from our School Office are not as quick as usual over the coming weeks! We are working on securing a replacement for Miss Trombetta and until then, Mrs Lord will be working solo for a while.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

If you have children at the Infant School and are free after drop-off on Tuesday, please pop in to the MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Assemblies

Thank-you to the children from Class 5C who presented a lovely assembly yesterday about The Tudor Monarchs.

The forthcoming assemblies are:

5th October – Class 5B

12th October – Class 4T

19th 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 Samuel in 3A, Anela in 3E, Munachimso in 4D, Sofiia in 4T, Anthony in 5B, Jaime in 5C, Chinua in 6G and Zoey in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Diwana in 5B. The swimmer of the week award goes to Zachary in 4D and Vanessa in 6P.

Staff vacancy

I close with the news that the Governors are seeking to appoint an Assistant Head of School for the Junior School. This will bring the staff structure into parity with our sister school, St Mary's Infant School. The Job Advertisement, Job Description and Person Specification are available on our school website under the tab 'Trust Information – Staff Vacancies'.

I wish you a restful 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>