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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER NO. 3

18th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into school and their new routines. They are coming into school each morning with smiles on their faces, ready to learn, and we have been really impressed by how focused and enthusiastic they are about their learning.

The children have made such a positive start to the new school year, and we are very proud of them. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping the children settle so well. We have a few important updates and reminders to share with you this week.

FINAL REMINDER

Curriculum Information meeting



Curriculum information meetings will be held after school next week at 3.45pm

These meetings will give you information on what your child will be learning this year and ideas of how you can help them at home. They will be held in year groups on the following dates.

Year 2 – Tuesday 22nd September

Year 1-Wednesday 23rd September

The meeting will only be for half an hour after school and staff will look after the **pupils who attend the Infant school** whilst you are at the meeting.

If you have junior children you will need to make additional arrangements for them, please.

Allergies

Following new guidance from the Department for Education, schools are required to take extra care around food and allergies.

We would therefore like to remind everyone that we are a **nut-aware school**. Nuts and products containing nuts must not be brought onto the school premises. We have both children and staff with nut allergies, and it is essential that we do everything we can to keep everyone safe.

With this in mind, **pupils will no longer be able to bring cakes, chocolates, sweets or other food products into school to celebrate their birthdays**. Many of these products may contain nuts or have been produced in an environment where nuts are present, and we are unable to check every item and its packaging to ensure it is safe.

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We understand that bringing in birthday treats has been a lovely tradition for many families, and we really appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Packed Lunches



If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure that it:

1. Is healthy and balanced – please do not include crisps, chocolate or sweets.
2. Does not contain nuts or nut products.
3. Has grapes cut in half lengthways to reduce the risk of choking.
4. Does not contain chicken on the bone.

Thank you for helping us promote healthy and safe lunchtime choices.

Swimming



Years 1 and 2 are now swimming. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct swimming kit:

- Navy blue swimming costume or swimming trunks
- Goggles
- Towel
- Swimming hat for girls

Unfortunately, for hygiene reasons, we are unable to provide spare swimming kits, so please make sure your child has everything they need on their swimming day.



A number of children had their first iRock lesson this week, and it was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed it! They have already started learning to play the guitar, drums or keyboard and came out of their lessons with huge smiles on their faces.

There are still a few places available. If you think your child would be interested in taking part, please see the attached poster for information on how to contact iRock directly.

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Coffee Morning – Croydon Mental Health Support Team



We are pleased to welcome the **Croydon Mental Health Support Team** back this year to continue supporting our children and families.

We would like to invite parents and carers to a coffee morning on **Wednesday 30th September**, where you can find out more about the support and services they can offer.

Last year, the team supported families through an eight-week behaviour course and ran workshops to help parents understand how they can support their children with emotional regulation. They also worked directly with our Year 2 pupils on the topic of **Caring Friendships**.

We hope you can join us to meet the team, ask questions and find out more about the support available.



Seesaw

You have now been given your SeeSaw login details. Please ensure you download the App from your app store and you can use the QR to login in.

If you need any help please ask your child class teacher.

If you already have login details they will run out after 365 days from when you last logged in. Please use the details you have been given this year to login in again.

Again, if you have any problems please see your child's class teacher.

Items for a good home

Sophia and Helen's mother is looking for a good home for a pushchair with all the attachments. It is in good condition and she can bring it into school for collection. Rather than take it to a charity shop or sell it, she is wondering if any body in our school community needs one.

Please come and see me or Sophia and Helen's mother directly if you would be interested.

Celebrations this week



Our stars of the week are:

Adebare in St Bernadette Class

Spencer in St Therese Class

Katherine in St Francis Class

Raphael in St Martin Class

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Living and learning in the St Mary's Way are:

Ahmad in St Bernadette Class
Lyra in St Therese Class
Mercy in St Francis Class
Adina in St Martin Class



On the Golden Table this week for having impactable table manners are:

Eva in St Andrew Class
Zuzanna in St George Class
Nana Taku in St Bernadette Class
Sonny in St Therese Class
Yashasvi in St Francis Class
Chiebube in St Martin Class

Wednesday word

GENEROUS

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the costs"

St Ignatius

Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for your generous love. Please help us to grown in generosity and to do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart.

Amen

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation. We are looking forward to another positive and exciting week of learning.

God Bless you all and have a wonderful weekend

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