

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my first newsletter since the return from half term.

It has been a productive time in school with teachers across the school enjoying the consistency and managing the routines that remain in place. This week we welcomed the School Improvement Partner to Sacred Heart. She observed teaching in every class and left us with much praise but some areas of improvement. Her visit is a sign that things are returning to normal in the world of education.

The delay to lifting restrictions means effectively we will continue to operate as we have had done since the return to school.

We are letting professional visitors into school as well as some work experience students. All these visitors are using lateral flow tests on a weekly basis.

We are still not able to let parents on to site unfortunately and are limiting our contacts as much as possible whilst continuing to run the school as smoothly as possible. I am sure that parents would prefer their children to be in school every day and to wait for opportunities to share the learning experiences with them. I will try in this newsletter to give parents a sense of the many enriching opportunities that your child is enjoying and let you know how we are trying to ensure a wonderful primary experience within the current restrictions.

We are endeavouring to give Y6 an enjoyable end to their time as possible. They continue to rehearse for their end of year production and this week managed a trip out to Flip Out in Wandsworth. We look forward to the Mass and the celebration

Please do continue to observe social distancing and mask wearing particularly at drop off and pick up times.

If there is a positive case we will still have to send children home to self-isolate and you still should stay at home if you or child experiences symptoms.

Cases in Wandsworth are now rising again and there are classes across the local authority that are closed this week. Let's stick with the rules and keep children in school.

## **Singing**

This week singing has returned to music lessons. Mr Kriwaczek has started to take the younger children outside (weather permitting) for socially distanced singing in their music lessons.

The not quite harmonious sounds have been drifting through the school once more. Singing has always been a real strength of the school and a great way for some children to shine outside of the classroom. It's great to have it back at last.

## **Battersea Park visits**

Recently I was able to secure funding from the Friends of Battersea Park to promote class visits to the Park. This term we will embark on a series of visits to the Park and parents will be informed of the dates and plans. We have chosen to make Geography the focus of our visits. Using the activity orienteering the children will practise geographical skills and fieldwork. They will be using locational language and map reading skills in a fun and practical way. I am grateful to Ms Bolton and the staff for making these opportunities happen. If parents happened to be in the park I'm sure classes would welcome a hello.



## **Emanuel Science Day**

5M are off to Emanuel later in the term to spend the day with their teachers and 6<sup>th</sup> form volunteers working in their science labs enjoying lessons in biology and chemistry.

## Honey bees

Mrs Parker has managed to secure a programme of visits and hands on experiences for the children over this term and next. Working with London Beekeepers Association the children will see a hive, learn about the life and importance of bees as pollinators and then a class will visit Holland Park to spend some time in The Apiary which is their bee colony.

An **un.bee.lievable** experience!



## Federation Mass

Fr Hugh and Deacon Michael will be celebrating the Feast of St Peter and St Paul with the school over zoom on at 11am on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. I will send the zoom invite to parents who are welcome to join the celebration.

## Hilary House

On July 6<sup>th</sup> children from Hilary House will be attending a sport day at the Kia Oval aimed at increasing participation in sport. This event was cancelled last year but previously has been a fantastic experience.

## KS1 Fence

Parents have been asking about the fence panels. They are on order and Roger will put them up as soon as they arrive.



## The Wednesday Word is FAITH

“Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.”  
Pope Francis

A wonderful message for us all. Things are sometimes difficult but our faith in god and the support of others gives us the strength to try and overcome them.

## Friends of Sacred Heart

I am enormously grateful to the F.O.S.H committee who are working so hard behind the scenes to fundraise for the school. The lack of family events over Covid has meant a fall of around £10,000 that is normally raised by parents fundraising events. All money raised by parents through FOH events goes directly into activities or resources that benefit the children. There are plans for a Wednesday market outside the school and some communication coming out from the group today.