

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

10th November 2023

The school has settled back into a routine and is gearing itself for the Christmas celebrations. Amidst the Nativity practice, the excitement, the carols, the tableaux, we will make time in the coming weeks to stop and pause and really think about the true meaning of Christmas.

The Birth of Jesus and his message and his sacrifice for us all.

## We Gather in Silence

Today the school will also pause, stop and in quiet contemplation and remember those members of the armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We will pause and pray for all the victims of wars both past and current.

The Year 5 children will represent the school at the Wandsworth Remembrance Service in Battersea Park this morning and some of their art work about Remembrance will be on display at the Pump House Gallery in the park.



## Catholic Life of the School

On Monday Daniel Coleman The RE Advisor for the Education Commission visited the school to support the leadership team and to look at the quality of provision for RE.

He was joined by Ms Clarkson, one of the Governors, for a series of lesson observations. As ever, he left us with points of improvement but they were both delighted with much of what they saw.

I will be sending a short RE survey for parents to complete because we were unable to get the questions onto the iPads ready for Parents' Evening.

## The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **WISDOM**

"Wisdom is wise and considerate, it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good." St James

## Family Prayer Group

The number of families joining Deacon Michael and the staff is growing and all are welcome. We take time out to reflect on the week and the liturgical year together with a short prayer service.

It starts at 8.40am each Friday. Ring the Este road bell and the office will direct you to us.

## Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see many of you face to face on Wednesday and then to go around the classes and see the staff engaged in purposeful online discussions as well. I feel we have got the balance right for parents and by making books available after class assemblies and class masses, parents can monitor learning and see progress as well.

Please do email the school office if you would like to follow up your discussion or see the teacher after school.

## Battersea Christmas Lights

On the 18<sup>th</sup> November the School Choir and the Orchestra will both be performing on the Riverside Radio stage in Battersea Park Rd (by the food market) to mark the start of the Battersea Christmas celebrations.

**Choir Act 4: Stage Start Time\*:** 14:00 **Stage End Time\*:** 14:25

**Orchestra Act 5: Stage Start Time\*:** 14:45 **Stage End Time\*:** 15:10

Please come down and support the children if you are around on the day.

The choir has a packed agenda for the term ahead with concerts at Christchurch Church, St Mary's Church and St Vincent De Paul Church, as well as the Mayors Carol Concert.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'.

Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Of course, we won't like everyone, and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity.

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying.

## Odd Socks Day

Children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday to help reflect on the words that we use.



## Important Dates

14th November	Open Morning for New Nursery and Reception Parents 2024 10.00am
15th November	4S Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
20th to 24th November	Y6 School Journey to Sayers Croft
22nd November	4M Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
29th November	3B Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
9th December	School Christmas Fair
13th December	KS2 Advent Service in Church 4.30 for all KS2 Pupils and Parents
14th December	KS1 Nativity 2.00pm
15th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19th December	EYFS Singalongs 2.45pm
19th December	Hilary House Nativity
20th December	Class Parties
21st December	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm (no afternoon Nursery)
8th January 2024	New Term Starts
15th January	Inset Day (School Closed) Catholic Schools shared Inset Day
17th January	3C Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall
24th January	2S Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
30th January	2M Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
31st January	Feast of John Bosco Mass in Church 10.00am
6th February	1W Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
7th February	1P Class Assembly 9.15am in the Hall
12th to 16th February	Half Term

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