

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

13th September 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the Summer Term. I'd like to extend a very special welcome to our new families in Early Years and those who have joined Sacred Heart from other schools. I hope your children will be very happy and successful in Sacred Heart and you find a welcoming, supportive community.

Please try to find time to read the newsletter. It comes out most Fridays-celebrating the interesting events in the school's life, and achievements of the children. It contains important information that you might have missed and lets you know about the Catholic life of the school and how you can join your children in their school day.

## Joe Wicks' Visit

The week started with a bang when celebrity fitness coach and chef – Joe Wicks- led the school in a mass workout. Joe got the school moving and then answered questions about food and fitness.

He thoroughly enjoyed his time in Sacred Heart and was very complimentary about the children. We are grateful to Mrs Newman for organising the event.



## Battersea Community Festival

It was unfortunate that the Battersea Community Festival was timed for so early in the school term. It meant that we had no time to get the children ready to take part in dance or music activities.

I am therefore very grateful to the families who made it into the festival parade and to the staff who came down to the event on their weekend.



## **Year 6 Secondary Transfer**

It was nice to see so many families on the recent zoom meeting about the Secondary School transfer process. The deadline for the completion of the form is October 31<sup>st</sup> and it can be found at this link-

[https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/media/ol1jbyy2/how\\_to\\_apply\\_for\\_a\\_primary\\_school\\_place\\_online.pdf](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/media/ol1jbyy2/how_to_apply_for_a_primary_school_place_online.pdf)

If you have any questions please see Mrs Byrne or Mr Brading and speak to the Y6 class teachers. We are all really happy to help you with the process.

## **After School Clubs and Activities**

Most after school clubs start next week. It is always good to see school busy after 3.30pm.

Homework club for Yr5 and Y6 starts on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> in Y5 classrooms. It runs from 3.30 - 4.40pm and collection is from the classroom door. A letter is coming home today. A reminder that homework club provides a place for quiet study and whilst the staff will be on hand to help we can't sit with individual children.

## **Choir**

Choir starts on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3.30 - 4.30 in the MPR with Mr Clarke and school staff. The choir is a wonderful group that performed all over SW London last year. This year we have planned a number of events as well as an amazing trip in January. Places on that trip will go to those children who have attended choir regularly.

## **Music Lessons and Exams**

We have been delighted with the response to the school music lessons. Over 50 children have signed up for a music lesson. I would caution parents that learning a musical instrument is a long process. Children need to practise a little each day and parent needs to make practise part of homework routine. Otherwise it is time out of class that could be better spent and money that is wasted.

Just before the summer break some children took their Grade One Trinity Music exams.

They passed and all got merits. Congratulations to Uma on the clarinet and violin, Anna on the violin, Aaliyah on the clarinet and Ruairi on the clarinet. Thanks to Mr Kriwachek.

## **Junior Parkrun**

Children in Y4 and Y6 are starting a 6 week programme with the Junior Parkrun organisation. This 'healthy and happier' programme will replace their PHSE lessons for the term. The programme is a mixture of class learning and physical exercise delivered by the class teachers. It is separate to the PE lessons but is another way of promoting an active lifestyle. It is also aimed at getting the children to take part in The Battersea Park Junior Parkrun.

This 2km run for children takes place every Sunday in Battersea Park at 9am. All children are welcome to this wonderful weekly fun run. It's a great event for families.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/battersea-juniors/course/>

## **Catholic Life of the school**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September Years 3-6 will join the Parish Mass at 10am for our New School Year Mass. The children will lead the liturgy and the clergy will bless the class candles.

All parents are welcome to join us.

## **Wednesday Word**

Each week we send home the Wednesday Word. This is produced by the Church and is an information sheet about this week's Gospel and its meaning for children. Parents are asked to download it and read it through with their children. It really helps with the school mission and the RE education lessons.

The Wednesday Words this week are **Share** and **Care**.

Pope Francis tells us, "Jesus is not a figure of the past: He continues now and always to light the way for us."

**Friday Family Prayer Group**

Friday Family Prayer Group with Deacon Michael commences on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 8:35am, in the Multi-Purpose Room. (Please enter via the Este Rd gate.) We very much look forward to seeing families join us in our morning prayers.



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"It is not enough for children to be loved,  
they must know that they are loved"

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Monday 9 September 2024

Dear Headteacher

**St John Bosco College Open Evening – please share with Year 6 parents**

As the deadline for secondary school applications draws near I would like to take this opportunity to send you details of our Open Evening on **Tuesday 17 September 2024** from 4.30-7.00 pm. We would be delighted for your parents and pupils to come to see our wonderful school in action and meet our staff and students. I would be very grateful if you could share this information with parents of children in year 6.

We are also running tours of the school every day at 9 am. Parents can book these by following the link on our website or telephoning the school for an appointment.

If you have a secondary transfer meeting planned for this half-term, we would be delighted to come along to the event to speak about the process from a secondary school perspective.

Finally, we are always keen to maintain or develop partnerships with our local primary schools to support your curriculum delivery by sharing some of our excellent staff and facilities. If you would like to arrange this, please contact Danielle Parrott by phone on 020 7924 8310 or by email at [dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:dparrott@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk).

Thank you in advance.

Paul Dunne  
Headteacher





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10am-12pm**

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**Every Monday  
2pm-4pm**

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**Every Friday  
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