

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,
Newsletter No. 20 – Spring Term

Friday 23rd February 2018



Welcome back to all our families after what we hope was a restful and refreshing half-term break.

This week I have had the opportunity to meet with many other headteachers and leaders of the Diocese at the annual Catholic Headteachers' Conference for the Westminster Diocese. Be assured that all the children and families in our care have been in our prayers whilst we worked and learned together.

Attendance and Punctuality (5th to 9th February 2018)

Our youngest children in the Nursery class just beat the eldest children in Year 6 by achieving 99.5% attendance in the week before our half-term break. Well done to everyone.

Just 12 late marks were recorded in the same week, so we are definitely heading in the right direction with punctuality. Again, our thanks to all parents for your great efforts in the mornings. Please do keep it up and make sure you arrive well before 8.55 am, when the **main doors now close**.

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	99.5%
Reception	97.3%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	88.6%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	99.2%

Extended Schools Provision – IMPORTANT

Our new colleagues from Energy Kidz have made a great start this week and we welcome Pawan and Sinead, who have been with us since Monday. Don't forget to register and book your children in ahead of time, if you require this service.



Please be aware that, as with P3 previously, all medical information and any medicines MUST be provided SEPARATELY to Energy Kidz. This applies particularly to Epi-pens or other medication. As with any medication left with the school, parents must check that medication is IN DATE and correctly labelled.



Year 6 Meeting re SATs – CHANGE OF DATE

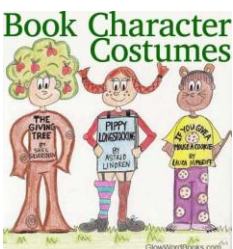
Don't forget the SATs meeting which is now rescheduled to **Monday 26th February at 3.30 pm** with Mrs Scott-Phillips. We hope to see as many of you as possible on Monday, WITH your children.

Poet Visit and Book Signing – 28th February 2018

Another final reminder about our poet visit from Joshua Seigal, whom we look forward to welcoming on 28th February. Joshua will be leading workshops during the day and he will then be available for book signing and sales in the in the hall after school. Information and an order form is attached one last time with this newsletter and we invite you to place pre-orders by returning a completed reply slip together with the relevant payment in advance.



World Book Day – Thursday 1st March



Next Thursday we invite children to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. Please make sure that costumes are comfortable enough for the school day, particularly as we also have Science workshops to enjoy on the same day, delivered by staff from the Crick Institute. Remember also that we are celebrating BOOKS, not films, therefore characters must be from literature. We look forward to recognising many well-known characters. Creativity and originality are the key, so please use your imagination rather than your money - Thank you as always for your support. Have fun!

Arts & Crafts Club



Sadly we have been unable to offer our usual KS2 Art Club for a term or so. However, we are grateful to Mrs Bear-Nicastro and Mrs Sesay, who have volunteered to run an Arts & Crafts Club for the remaining weeks of this half-term. Demand may be high and notice is short, so please let the office know on Monday morning if you wish to request a place for your child. Aija in the office will let parents know later on in the day, whether or not they have a space. The Club is open to children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) this time; younger children will be invited in the Summer Term.

Children will work on a joint project to be displayed in school. We will keep a list of those who do not get a place this time around and hope to rotate slots so that everyone who is interested will have the chance to participate at some point between now and the Summer.

The Club will run on a **Tuesday after school (3.30 to 4.30 pm)** and the first session will be next Tuesday 27th February.

Payment will need to be made via ParentPay and the cost will be £12 for this half-term, as there will be only four sessions leading up to the Easter break.

Football & Tennis Clubs

Due to low numbers, these clubs have been discontinued for the moment. Ms Quirke is currently looking into possible alternatives and we hope to offer some different options in the Summer Term.

Healthy Schools & Birthdays - REMINDER

Don't forget we are a Gold Award Healthy School, so please share only healthy snacks with your child's class if you wish them to celebrate with their classmates. We all worked very hard, with your support, to raise levels of activity and encourage healthy eating at school. We do understand how special a birthday is, but please save the treats for outside of school. Thanks so much.



Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who are commended or their excellent work, efforts or behaviour, as detailed below:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Aadi for using stampers to create his name, saying the letters correctly.	Harrison for being a fantastic teacher's helper in the class! Well done!		
Reception	CeCe for working really hard to always use her sounds and remember her finger spaces!	Raul for putting in so much effort over the last few weeks and really improving in his literacy!	Eliza Joseph	
Year 1	Zachary for writing a fantastic adventure story with lots of adjectives.	Su for settling into Tiger class fantastically!	Queenie	Teddy for looking after his friends.
Year 2	Azra for using the right endings for the past tense.	Mazie for the kindness and care she always shows to others.	Jasmin	Alistair for playing nicely!
Year 3	Frankie R for using amazing adjectives when writing a character description.	Skye for making a confident and great start at St Josephs.	Ant	
Year 4	Miley for making such amazing progress in literacy.	Callum for a big improvement in his attitude in class.	Julia	Oliver for setting a great example when lining up.
Year 5	Frankie for writing creatively in his homework tasks.	Ellen for leading by example.	Daniel	Drew for treating others with respect.
Year 6	Ryan for putting a lot of effort into his Pobble homework.	Tendayi for her amazing focus and hard work at all times.	Amy	

Building Fund / News – GIFT AID

Now that the foundations are complete, we are eagerly awaiting the start of the 'super-structure' build which will be our new Early Years classroom. We hope to have some definite news very soon, once various formalities are in place.

Gift Aid forms: Signing this declaration will give an extra 25p to the school for every £1 you give! This can be applied retrospectively and linked to your donations, so don't worry if you didn't complete it straight away.



Structured Conversations – Spring 2018

Dates have been set for these parent / teacher meetings for children reaching the end of KS1 and KS2 as follows. Please 'Save the Date' for now and look out for sign-up sheets when we let you know:

- Thursday 15th March & Friday 23rd March - Year 6
- Tuesday 20th March & Monday 26th March - Year 2

Dates for the Diary

A list of the main known events for the term follows – please note the highlighted dates which indicate a change has been made or an event has been added:

Spring Term 2018	
Monday 26 th February 2018 from 3.30 – 4.30 pm	SATs Meeting in Year 6 for parents and children
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Character Day
Thursday 1 st March 2018	Science Workshops delivered by the Crick Institute in school
Friday 2 nd March 2018	Reception visit to the City Learning Centre
Friday 2 nd March 2018	Year 5 visit to the Crick Institute for Science workshops
Monday 5 th March 2018	Book Week / Reading Week begins
Monday 5 th March 2018	Year 4 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: Applied Maths (The Blitz)
Wednesday 7 th March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Parent Workshop: Emotional Well-being & Resilience
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Year 3 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: History of Cake Making & Tour
Friday 9 th March 2018	Years 5 & 6 Online Safety Workshop Parents welcome.
Monday 12 th March 2018	Camden Music Festival
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Year 1 visit to the Bank of England
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 6
Friday 16 th March 2018	Year 4 visit to the City Learning Centre
Monday 19 th March 2018 at 9.30 am	School Mass for St Joseph (Years 1 to 6) at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
Thursday 22 nd March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 6
Monday 26 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Term Ends at 1.15 pm (Energy Kidz will still run)
EASTER HOLIDAY	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 16 th April 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Children return to school
Thursday 19 th April 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler

With best wishes for a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

