

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Newsletter No. 1 – Autumn Term

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## We're Going Back To School



**WELCOME** back to all our families as we start the new academic year 2018-19.

A special welcome to those who join us for the first time and, in some cases, from other countries. We are delighted that you have joined our school family and look forward to getting to know you and working together.

Thank you for from all the staff for your generous gifts and good wishes at the end of the Summer term.

### Building Progress

We are so excited to finally begin to reap the benefits of the long-awaited building project. Despite having to delay the start of our school year by a couple of days, we are very pleased with the outcome and very much appreciate your patience and understanding regarding this unavoidable delay. .



The display in the front lobby gives a flavour of the new playground and kitchen. I am sure that, after coping amazingly well with restricted play space for the last year, the children will have told you all about the changes to the playground. We will continue to improve the play areas over the next few months. The Early Years classroom is still receiving finishing touches and will be ready for when our new entrants begin to arrive in our Nursery class from next Thursday.



The final phase of works, to provide a secure entrance and reconfigure the remainder of the ground floor will not take place immediately, as we have yet to secure funding for this stage. Please remember, therefore, how valuable your Building Fund contributions are to the school, and don't forget to give what you can, via ParentPay. Our suggestion is £10 per family per term but anything you can give is appreciated.

### Mass for the new Academic Year – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Parents and carers are welcome to join us at the parish of St Anselm & St Caecilia next Tuesday morning at 9.30 am for a special Mass to celebrate the beginning of the new academic year and to ask God's blessing on us all as we begin this new school year.

### Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Prayer Group for Parents

Please join us for tea or coffee next Thursday morning in the School Hall. Miss Tyler will be talking about school priorities for the year, as well as introducing a prayer group for parents, which will take place once a month; the first of these will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 9-9:30 am and will be led, in turn, by Mrs Blanchfield, Ms Logue and Miss Tina Daniel. This is a precious opportunity to meet together in the presence of Our Lord, to give thanks and to pray for our children, school and families. We hope many of you will feel called to come along.



### Pope Francis – Daily Tweets!



Every day there is a new message on the official Twitter page of His Holiness Pope Francis. We will choose one of these and share it with you each week. From yesterday's Twitter page, we read:

Remember the more you give yourselves to others,  
the more you will receive and be happy!



## RE Homework / Activity



A few years ago we created a beautiful display of photos showing your children's special places for prayer and/or reflection at home. We would like to create a similar display of photos this term.

We would love to give the children the opportunity to share the different ways in which they live out their faith and prayer life in their home.

Some ideas for a prayer or quiet area are: religious and spiritual icons & symbols, specific books/scripture/quotes/prayers, pictures/photographs/posters, fabrics, mats, pillows and cushions etc

If we could have all contributions by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, that would be great. ALL children are expected to engage with this, in whichever way is most appropriate to their family's faith or those with no faith. We look forward to celebrating the prayer life of our school family together.

## Staffing for 2018-19

A warm welcome to our new teaching staff members: Ms Logue, Mr McEleney, Miss Barrington, Ms Fenoiki, Mrs McQueen and Mr Caines, as well as Mrs Khan, who will be working in the office in the afternoons.



A reminder that our Senior Leadership Team is now made up by myself as Headteacher, Ms Logue as Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Manager and Mrs Blanchfield in a higher level role as School Business and Admin Leader. Ms Logue will be responsible for all matters relating to Inclusion, SEN and Behaviour and will support me in all areas concerning Teaching and Learning. Mrs Blanchfield will cover all other matters relating to the operation and smooth running of the school, whilst continuing with her previous responsibilities.

## After School Activities

These will start again **week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> September** and will be on the following dates:

Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	KS1 Lego with Miss Plivda and Miss Defreitas KS2 Cooking Club with Miss Martin
Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Arts & Crafts Club with Mrs Bear-Nicastro and Mrs Davis Spaces offered to x10 KS2 (Years 1 & 2) and x6 KS1 children
Wednesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	KS2 Lego Club with Miss Plivda and Miss Iglesias
Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Reading for Years 1 & 2 with Mrs Davis and Miss Smith

To sign up for these activities, please email [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk) or speak to Miss Plivda in the school office. We will be charging £15 for the half-term, which will include five sessions. Payment will be via ParentPay ONLY. For Reading, a lower charge of £5 will be made. Please ask for a ParentPay letter if you require one. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Next week we will have details of a Football Club which will run on Thursdays.

## Swimming & Corams Fields

Year 5 children will commence their swimming lessons at the YMCA from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Letters will be sent out with details but please remember to send the children in with their swimming kits, including hats. This is part of our curriculum requirement and is funded by the school's budget.

Year 4 children will swim in the second half of this Autumn Term, followed by Year 3 in the Spring.

Year 6 children will benefit from the use of Corams Fields for their PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons and Year 5 children will follow on after the half-term break.

## National Asthma Week - AskAboutAsthma

This September, to coincide with the start of the new school year and the highest hospital admission rates for asthma (week 38), Healthy London Partnership and NHSE London are running a public awareness campaign #AskAboutAsthma to encourage small steps to improve the quality of life for children and young people living with asthma in London.



The #AskAboutAsthma campaign wants to encourage children and young people and their families to ask for three simple effective interventions to help them control their asthma:

- ASK: Have an **asthma management plan** (which will shortly be available as an app for mobile devices). The plan helps identify the right colour inhaler and dosage and the time to seek emergency help
- ASK: Be able to use their **inhaler** effectively
- ASK: Ensure they have an **annual asthma review**

Healthy London Partnership has developed a set of **ambitions** and **standards** for how asthma care should be delivered across the city. #AskAboutAsthma is asking NHS organisations to pledge to help deliver these. In addition, organisations are pledging to take steps to improve air quality in support of the #AskAboutAsthma campaign. Small steps that make a difference include:

- Encourage more exercise by walking to work/school
- Car pooling and turning off engines when idle
- Using non/less toxic materials in homes and offices
- Having greenery in and around homes and offices

In addition, individuals (health professionals, residents, patients) are being asked to make an individual pledge to support improvement of asthma care or air quality through the **My Asthma Pledge** page.

The online **London asthma toolkit** is available to support healthcare professionals, commissioners, schools, parents, carers, children and young people in London implement the asthma standards for children and young people.

### Air Pollution

London suffers from high levels of air pollution. Air pollution acts as a trigger for many children and young people with asthma, contributing to asthma admissions and intensive care admissions, and possibly some asthma deaths. The **NHS Trusts: Air pollution reduction toolkit** describes simple and free changes NHS organisations can make to reduce their contribution to London's air pollution.

### Attendance and Punctuality

As we start this academic year refreshed from a summer holiday, please remember how important it is for your child to attend school regularly. We encourage children to achieve excellent punctuality and attendance throughout the year. A good start and a great example from the start of the year will help to set a positive pattern – we look forward to a great improvement this year.



Miss Plivda will be leading on Attendance and Punctuality this year, supported by our Education Welfare Officer. We will be monitoring this very closely and hope to work together with parents to achieve the school's expected minimum target of 96% attendance, set by the Department for Education.

### New Arrival!

Congratulations to the King family on the arrival of Teddy during the summer holidays; a beautiful little brother to Anthony and Mia. Our best wishes and love to all.



### Secondary School Admission for September 2019

Parents of children in Year 5 should already be thinking about their secondary school application, as this process opens in September, with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

In addition, we have included some information below which will help you with your initial research:



[Camden's secondary schools](#) aim to help your child reach their potential whatever they want to do in adult life.

Camden Council co-ordinates the transfer from primary to secondary school for admission to all Camden state secondary schools. Find out more about Camden secondary schools in [their annual guide](#).



- The next deadline to apply for Year 7 places will be **31 October 2018**.
- You can visit Camden secondary schools on their own open days and evenings.
- [Meet the Parents](#) also holds informal forums for primary parents at local schools across the borough.

You may also wish to access the 'Good Schools Guide' at: <https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/> where you will find details of the various options available to you.

Open days vary from school to school and from one London Borough to another, as do Admissions Policies. Please research this carefully. Faith schools will require you to complete their own Supplementary Application Form AS WELL AS the E-Admissions online form. To find out the open day dates, search online by Borough and they will be listed, e.g.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-schools-open-days-and-evenings>

Mr Nuttney has kindly compiled the following list of the dates of various secondary school open days or evenings. However, we would advise you to check the schools' websites carefully, in case of any changes that may occur:

- St Michael's Catholic College Bermondsey 24th September 9.30am to 4.30-7.30; 26th September 9.30am; or 1st October
- La Sainte Union 27th September 4-7pm, or 4th October 10am, or 10th October 2pm
- Sacred Heart 13th or 19th Sept 9.30am or 4.50pm
- Maria Fidelis every Termtime Tuesday 9.30am
- St. Thomas More Language College 13th September or 19th September 4.15pm
- London Oratory 13th, 18th or 25th September 6.30pm, or 1st October 2.30pm
- Cardinal Vaughan 18th or 27th September 4.30pm
- Greycoat 25th September or four dates in October (booking with the school required)
- Marylebone School for Girls 11th September 8.45am; 12th September 5pm; 14th September 8.45am; 18th September 8.45am; or 19th September 8.45am
- Central Foundation School for Boys 20th September 6pm; 27th or 28th September 9.30am
- Elizabeth Garrett Anderson 24th to 28th September 9.15am; 3rd October 6pm; 9th or 10th October 9.15am

## Dates and Events

The term dates for this year are attached, together with some of the events we know about for this term.

It has been lovely to see everyone back and to begin to meet some of our new entrants and families. I know the children are already settling down quickly to begin an exciting year of learning together.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler  
Headteacher



### Autumn Term 2018 (34 + 39 = 73 days)

Monday 3 September	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 4 September	Children start school
Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October	Half Term
Monday 29 October	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 30 October	Children start school
Friday 21 December	Last day of term

### Spring Term 2019 (29 + 29 = 58 days)

Monday 7 January	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 8 January	Children start school
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February	Half Term
Monday 25 February	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 26 February	Children start school
Friday 5 April	Last day of term

### Summer Term 2019 (23 + 36 = 59 days)

Tuesday 23 April	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 24 April	Children start school
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	Children start school
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of term

### STAFF INSET DAYS (5)

Monday 3 September 2018  
 Monday 29 October 2018  
 Monday 7 January 2019  
 Monday 25 February 2019  
 Tuesday 23 April 2019

### Public Holidays Spring and Summer 2019

Good Friday                      Friday 19 April  
 Easter Monday                Monday 22 April  
 May Day                         Monday 6 May  
 Spring Bank Holiday        Monday 27 May  
 August Bank Holiday        Monday 26 August

### Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 9.30 am	Academics Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 12.30 pm	Memorial Mass for Mary Grady- former member of staff at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 EYFS and KS1 3.45 – 4.15, KS2 4.30 – 5.00	Meet the Teachers Meetings
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Pedestrian Skills Training – Y5
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Visit to Royal Courts of Justice - Y5
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Individual photos
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Macklin Street Carnival
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Citizenship Event- Y6
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.00	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30 am	Harvest Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Terms end at 3.30 pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half term break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	All Saints Mass at Corpus Christi



Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 9.00 am	<b>Parents' Coffee Morning</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018 at 9.00 am	<b>Parents' Coffee Morning</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Parents' Coffee Morning</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2.00 pm	<b>Infant Nativity</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10.00 am	<b>Infant Nativity</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Christmas Carol Concert at Corpus Christi</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Class Parties and Own Clothes Day</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	<b>Term ends @ 1.15 pm</b>