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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 4 – Autumn Term

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Attendance & Punctuality

This week it's Year 3 who have achieved the best attendance, with 98.4% - Well done! Five out of eight of our classes met our minimum target of 96%. Let's make it all eight classes on a regular basis please!



Late marks were on the increase and Miss Plivda has already spoken with a few of the children and parents. We look forward to seeing you all arriving promptly for 8.45 am, to be ready for registration and learning from 9 am.

With three weeks to go until the half-term prizes of book vouchers, let's make a real effort to raise these figures and sustain them throughout the year to come ☺

Year Group	% Present
Nursery	97.9%
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	95.6%

RE and the Catholic Life of the School

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the parent questionnaire regarding Religious Education at our school. There is still time for you to submit a questionnaire if you have not done so.



This week the children have been asked to look into the life of Oscar Romero, who will be canonised on 14th October 2018. Do help them with their research and learn together about the life and work of this priest, who was killed whilst celebrating holy Mass in a hospital chapel in El Salvador in 1980. Teachers will have spoken to the children about this today or early next week. This will be the project for the next two weeks, which we would love you to share with the children.

A huge thank you to Laura's grandmother (Year 3), who gave up her skills and her time to restore our two statues of **St Joseph** whilst here on holiday from Brazil. We are so grateful and delighted with the results.

Ten Ten Parent Newsletter – Live Life to the Full – the September newsletter for parents is attached. Please take some time to read through this resource, which will reflect some of the RE themes during the month.



Pope Francis Tweet

Today's message from the Pope's twitter feed continues the theme of our journey in faith to strive for holiness in our lives:



**Jesus gave us a simple programme for journeying towards holiness:
the one commandment of love for God and our neighbour.**

Staffing News

Nursery parents will already be aware that there has been a change in our staffing arrangements for this class. We welcome Miss Poppy Clark, who will be teaching our nursery children for the immediate future, with continued support from our outstanding Nursery Nurse, Miss Shuhela.



Individual & Family Photographs

The school photographer was in school yesterday and proofs will be sent home as soon as we receive them. Online ordering will be the preferred method; instructions will accompany the proofs and the school benefits from every purchase.

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

Did you know that the **school could receive £1,320 per child per year**, if you receive certain benefits? Check last week's newsletter for details of eligibility and visit:



<https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/schools/pupil-benefits-and-allowances/free-school-meals.en?page=2> to apply online and for more information.

If you would like help with the application, please ask Miss Plivda in the school office, who will be happy to assist. You will need to have your date of birth and National Insurance number to hand.



Lost Property & Second Hand Uniform

Don't forget that you can browse school uniform items on a Friday afternoon from 3.15 pm ahead of picking up your children. Mrs Khan will be along the ground floor corridor to help.

PGL Residential School Journey – June 2019

Some of you have already given your consent and made an initial payment for this exciting Year 6 weekend for next year. Please note that a non-refundable deposit is required by **Monday 15th October**, together with your consent for your child to participate. Payment and permission must be made online via ParentPay. If you have any queries, please speak to Mr McElaney or Miss Bear. Thank you.



William Ellis Vacancy

The William Ellis School have asked us to advertise a vacancy they have for a full-time receptionist. Details are available on their school website at: www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk. The closing date is this coming Monday, so take do a look over the weekend if you are interested.

'Tales from The Shed' at St George's Church, Bloomsbury

This children's theatre company are offering a 50% discount for parents from St Joseph's. They have shows coming up this Autumn, from tomorrow. Full details are at: www.chickenshed.org.uk.

Secondary School Admission for September 2019

Parents of children in Year 6 will be thinking about their secondary school application, as this process opens in September, with a **deadline of 31st October 2018**.



[Camden's secondary schools](#) aim to help your child reach their potential whatever they want to do in adult life. **We are still awaiting a full class set of booklets from Camden.**

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](#).

- [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.

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. **There is a form you should request from the office, to let us know if your child will be out of school to attend any of these events.** Thank you.

- St Michael's Catholic College Bermondsey 24th September 9.30am o 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 Termttime 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

Individual Meetings re Secondary Transfer – 3rd and 4th October 2018

Following last week's newsletter, Mr Nuttney has offered to be available to meet with parents on the dates given above, if you would like more specific advice about your secondary school application for your Year 6 child. Please call the school office to sign up for a time slot; appointments will be for a maximum of 20 minutes and between 8.30 am and 2.30 pm. Letters have gone out to Year 6 today about this.

Dates and Events

Please check the dates in the table below, which are correct at the time of writing. Thank you.

With every good wish for the weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher



Autumn Term 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd & Thursday 4 th October 2018	Meetings re Secondary Transfer, Year 6
Monday 8 th October 2018	Citizenship Event- Y6
Tuesday 9 th October 2018 at 9.00	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 12 th October 2018 at 9.30 am	Harvest Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	Flu Vaccine Nasal Sprays – Reception, Years 1 to 5
Thursday 18 th October 2018	Coffee Morning – Prayer Meeting from 9 to 9.30 am, followed by a presentation from the Four Walls Charity for the homeless.
Friday 19 th October 2018	Terms end at 3.30 pm
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October 2018	Half term break
Monday 29 th October 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30 th October 2018	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 st October at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 st November 2018	All Saints Mass at Corpus Christi
Wednesday 7 th November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 12 th November 2018	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 19 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery
Wednesday 21 st November 2018 at 9.00 am	Parents' Coffee Morning
Friday 23 rd November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Monday 26 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 27 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y6 and Nursery TBC
Friday 30 th November 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Monday 3 rd December 2018	Structured Conversations- Reception and Y5 TBC
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y1 and Y4 TBC
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Parents' Coffee Morning
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Structured Conversations- Y2 and Y3 TBC
Friday 7 th December 2018	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 13 th December 2018 at 2.00 pm	Infant Nativity
Friday 14 th December 2018 at 10.00 am	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Christmas Carol Concert at Corpus Christi
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Class Parties and Own Clothes Day
Friday 21 st December 2018	Term ends @ 1.15 pm