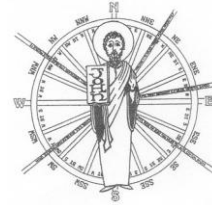




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Class Newsletters

These were distributed last week. They are a helpful guide as to what your child is learning about this term and how you can help them at home.



Please remember that a commitment of **15 minutes per day** to support your child with reading is essential in order for them to make progress. Do ensure you talk to your child about what they have read and ask them questions. If you can work with the school to engage your child and promote a love of books, this will have a far-reaching effect on their future prospects.

SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents – Tuesday 17th January 2.30pm

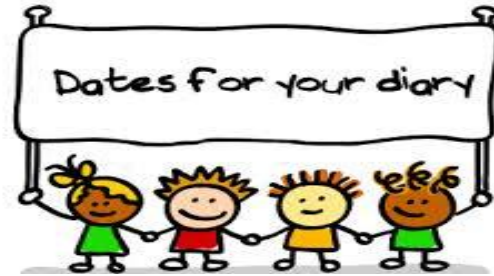


We are holding an information session for parents of children in Year 6. During this meeting we will explain how the SATS tests have changed and the new expectations for your children.

This is a very important meeting as it is essential that you support your child in becoming 'secondary ready' and your helping them to prepare for the SATS is a crucial part of this. We would like to see a representative from each family at this meeting. At this meeting, we will also explain what assessment and test results you will receive at the end of the year.

Outdoor PE kit

During this cold weather we advise you to provide your child with navy blue tracksuit bottoms, labelled clearly with their name.



Tuesday 17th January – 2.30pm Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents

Thursday 19th January – Year 5 Class Assembly

Monday 23rd January – Year 6 trip to Southwark Playhouse to see 'The Tempest'

Father Azad is currently away as he is travelling. We wish him a safe journey. Father Francis from St. Gertrude's Church will be leading the Sunday Mass in the parish and will be visiting our school in Father Azad's absence. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Fr. Francis.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2017:

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10th February 2017

Half-Term: 13th February – 17th February 2017

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term 2016:

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May 2017

Half-Term: 29th May – 2nd June 2017

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2017



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Parent Meeting for KS1 on Maths



On Monday KS1 parents and children took part in a workshop about addition and subtraction. All the children and parents enjoyed the opportunity to work together on these maths skills, as well as having the opportunity to take home a helpful pack and continue their work together.

One parent commented on what a useful experience it was and how enjoyable it was to work alongside her child.

Celebrating Success

KS1



Year two took part in a RSPB workshop. They went out to the woodlands to look for different species of birds. The children had lots of fun and saw many different species of birds in the local area.

William said, "We saw loads of robins, magpies and pigeons."

Darcey said, "It was fun! We got to look at the birds in the woodlands."

KS2



Road Safety



On Friday Year 5 & 6 got to become Crime Scene Investigators. They had a crime scene set out in front of them related to road safety. They learnt the importance of not being on their phone or having their headphones on when crossing the road.

"I enjoyed questioning the witnesses to find out who was to blame," said Billy in Year 5.

School Matters!



Attendance

03/01/17-13/01/17

Reception	– 94.07%
Year 1	– 94.10%
Year 2	– 93.15%
Year 3	– 98.81%
Year 4	– 92.80%
Year 5	– 94.24%
Year 6	– 92.22%

Well done to Year 3!

Have you seen our new school sign? Did you realise that if your child's attendance is 90% during the school year it means they have lost approximately 19 days of school which amounts to 100 lessons!

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Signing of Passports / Official Letters

Please be aware that given the number of these currently being requested and the time they take to complete, there will be a £5 donation for the School Fund payable at the time of the request.