

St Mary's RC Primary School

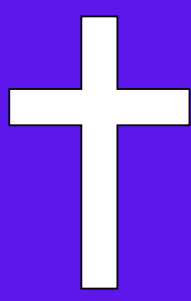
School Newsletter

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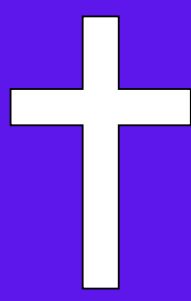
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This week's Wednesday Word is
FORGIVENESS



'It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.'
St Teresa of Calcutta

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Back!
A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families and staff as we begin another exciting academic year!

We hope everyone has enjoyed a restful and happy summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, energy and excitement for the year ahead. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, new experiences, friendships and opportunities for every child to grow and thrive.

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to take advantage of our planned open classroom sessions. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to come into school, see your child's learning environment, explore some of the learning they have already been doing and find out what to expect this academic year.. We really value the partnership between home and school, and hope as many families as possible will be able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to make this a happy, successful and memorable academic year for all our children.

Welcome back – here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Open Classroom dates

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wednesday 30 th September	Monday 28 th September	Thursday 24 th September	Wednesday 23 rd September	Monday 21 st September	Thursday 17 th September	Wednesday 16 th September



Our Mission Statement

'A man took a grain of mustard seed and sowed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches'
Matthew 13.31

September

This new school year starts early, with some schools opening at the end of August! Whatever your school's start date, September is a time for beginning again as children settle in to new classes — it's a time for us all to look forward with renewed hopes and expectations.

Our team are asking God to bless your children, families and schools this academic year, and pray that all school communities will be places of learning, peace, care and understanding. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout September, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

To view the full version of the Ten Ten newsletter please click this link -
<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/Vjmo5i0YPU8zc/>

First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Joseph's

We will be hosting the First Holy Communion meeting on Saturday 19th September at 11am in the parish hall.

Please do come along if you are interested for your child to take their First Holy Communion next year.

Education Sunday – Learning, Growing and Giving Thanks

Education Sunday is a special opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic education and to give thanks for all the people who help children learn, grow and flourish.

At our school, we are very grateful for our teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, families and governors, who work together to help every child reach their potential. We also give thanks for our pupils, whose curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm make our school such a wonderful place to learn.

Education is about so much more than reading, writing and mathematics. It helps us discover new ideas, understand the world around us, develop our talents and learn how to care for and respect others. As we celebrate Education Sunday, let us remember that every child is unique and has something special to offer. Together, we can encourage one another to keep learning, keep asking questions and keep growing in confidence.

“Let your light shine.” – Matthew 5:16

We wish everyone in our school community a happy and inspiring Education Sunday! Mrs Mitchell and Miss Gilbride will see you at the 10am Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph, where some of our pupils will be taking part in the readings. We hope to see you there.

Spotlight on Spelling

You'll notice from the spellings that your Key Stage 2 children are bringing home that some of the words may look rather familiar – and that is intentional!

This half term, we are increasing our focus on spelling across Key Stage 2. While children can often spell words correctly in a test, we are seeing some common and frequently used words being misspelt when children apply them independently in their writing.

We are therefore going back to close the gaps, revisiting familiar spellings and helping children iron out recurring mistakes. Teachers will be giving more time to spelling, with plenty of opportunities to practise and apply words accurately.

A spelling list may sometimes look easy, but learning the words is only part of the challenge. Children will also be expected to use them correctly in sentences, alongside the grammar, punctuation and handwriting expectations for their year group.

How can you help at home?

Please check that spelling homework is completed carefully, handwriting is presentable and, most importantly, that your child has checked their own work.

After half term, we will move on to a greater focus on the age-expected spelling patterns and words from the National Curriculum.

Our aim is for children not just to learn their spellings, but to use them confidently and accurately in their everyday writing.

Places Leisure
Part of Places
for People

BIG SISTER

IS COMING TO WANDSWORTH!
(COMING FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER)

*For girls aged 11-15 -
get active, grow your confidence
and make friends.*

THREE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

- PUTNEY LEISURE CENTRE
- LATCHMERE LEISURE CENTRE
- TOOTING LEISURE CENTRE

FUN, GIRLS-ONLY ACTIVITIES

- GYM & STRENGTH TRAINING
- FOOTBALL
- CIRCUIT TRAINING
- TEAM SPORTS & GAMES
- OTHER FUN, GIRLS-ONLY ACTIVITIES

OUR PROGRAMME AIMS

- ✓ Build confidence in the gym and while exercising
- ✓ Learn new skills and safe exercise techniques
- ✓ Try different sports and activities
- ✓ Make friends and feel part of a supportive group
- ✓ Develop a positive relationship with physical activity
- ✓ Find enjoyable ways to stay active

A FUN, WELCOMING AND SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME WHERE GIRLS CAN GET ACTIVE, BUILD CONFIDENCE AND TRY NEW THINGS TOGETHER.

NO PREVIOUS GYM OR SPORTS EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED.

To sign up, please go to Places Leisure reception!

We can't wait to meet you!

FIND OUT MORE
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QUESTIONS?
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