

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

Founded by The Jesuit Fathers Circa 1849



Newsletter



8th September 2017

'Love one another as I have loved you'
John 13:34



Back to school

A prayer for the beginning of term:

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us.

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need
So that You are honoured and glorified.

Amen

Year 3 Parents.

If you have not done so already, please sign up for the First Holy Communion classes.

Father Michael is in need of the completed forms. These can be collected from the Parish Office.

Welcome back!

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year. All the staff and pupils have come back with smiles on their faces ready for another productive year ahead. We have so much planned this year, please keep up to date with dates and events on our school website and notice board. This newsletter is a paper copy as it is the beginning of the school year, however all future newsletters will be available on the school website each Friday.

www.westminstercathedralprimary.org.uk

A paper copy will be placed on the school notice board .

The staff had a very productive two days at the beginning of the week. We started our academic year at Mass at Holy Apostles and met Father Michael. On Tuesday we had a day's training on the **Maths No Problem** Scheme which Miss Lee has sent a letter home about. We are really pleased with the investment we have made. As Miss Lee stated, she researched a number of schemes and spent time seeing it in place in another school. Please try to attend the parents' workshop **Tuesday 12th September 6.15pm**. The workshop is being led by a representative who will be able to explain more about the programme, offer specialist advice, show the resources and answer any questions.

Meet the Teacher—Tuesday 19th September 3.45 or 5.30pm

You are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday 19th September. You will have the chance to meet your child's teacher and hear about your child's learning taking place this year as well as important class information for the forthcoming school year.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all this coming year for the benefit of each and every pupil within our school.

Mrs Stacey—Headteacher

House Points Bronze Award.

Congratulations to Senay Zere (Year 2), Jessica Rebelo (Year 4) and Isabella Garcia Mendes (Year 4) who, at the end of term, achieved their Bronze Award for collecting 50 House Points. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of their hard work and commitment they have shown.

Do you know how many House Points your child has collected? How close are they to receiving their Bronze award?

Just to recap, children will be given house points for positive behaviour that links to our mission statement and our school rules so please discuss what your child (ren) can do in order to collect more points. All adults within our school community are encouraged to award House Points, not just the class teacher. Children will continue to record house points in their individual house point card and once they achieve 50 (Bronze), 100 (Silver) 150 (Gold) 200 (Platinum) they will receive a certificate. A house point badge can also be purchased for £1 which is a wonderful way to mark this fantastic achievement.

In addition, individual house points will also count towards your child's ongoing house total and the winning House will be rewarded on a weekly and termly basis.

Key Dates for Autumn 2017

- 11th September 2017—13th September 2017:** Phased intake of new Reception children
- 12th September 2017:** Maths Parent Workshop—see letter
- 14th September 2017:** All pupils in Reception in school until lunch
- 15th September 2017:** All pupils in Reception in school until the end of lunch break
- 15th September 2017:** Year 6 Taxi Project
- 18th September 2017:** Clubs start this week
- 18th September 2017:** Year 6 Not Forgotten Workshops—WW1
- 19th September 2017:** Meet the Teacher 3.45pm OR 5.30pm (Yr 1-6)
- 20th September 2017:** 9.30am Whole School Mass in school
- 22nd September 2017:** Year 6 Taxi Project
- 22nd September 2017:** Year 1 library
- 29th September 2017:** Year 6 Taxi Project
- 2nd October 2017:** Year 5 Saving Samuel Godley Project
- 4th October 2017:** 9.30am Year 6 Mass at Holy Apostles
- 6th October 2017:** 9am Reception coffee morning
- 6th October 2017:** Year 6 Taxi Project
- 6th October 2017:** Year 2 library visit
- 10th October 2017:** Year 6 Not Forgotten Workshops—WW1
- 12th October :** Parents' Evening
- 17th October 2017:** Parents' Evening
- 16th October—20th October 2017:** One World Week

Clubs

Today a letter and list of all the clubs for this term has been sent home. I hope you are pleased to see all the clubs we are able to provide this term. Please read the letter regarding the deadline dates for your requests and when you will receive confirmation. Please do not give any money until you know which clubs your child will be in, however we do ask for a swift payment. There is a £20 charge for a club. Thank you for being so understanding when we have had to cancel a club on the day. We will always aim to let you know in advance if there is no club on.