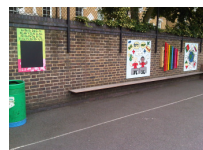


**HAVE A LOOK AT OUR NEW SENSORY GARDEN
AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SCHOOL**

PLAYGROUND



HIGHLIGHTS from last term



RE NEWS

As you are all aware, the Pope will be visiting the UK from the 16th-20th September. We hope to participate in the Big Assembly on Friday the 17th. This very much depends in whether we are able to access the web link. Pope Benedict is due to arrive at Strawberry Hill between 10 and 11am. I will let you know of any further developments near the time.



We have been allocated tickets for the Hyde Park Papal event on Saturday 18th September. They have suggested Year 6 pupils as it is a long day (1pm-9pm at least). If any Year 6 parents are interested in participating and are happy to take a group of children along, could you please let me know A.S.A.P. Numbers have to be sent in by Wednesday 8th September. If anyone else would like to go, please see myself or Mrs Maker.



Newsletter

From the Head

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the Summer. The children all look smart, fresh and eager to be back. They have many stories to tell.

This will be a particularly busy start to the year as we prepare for Pope Benedict's visit. The children will be doing a lot of work in all areas connected to the Papal office and on Cardinal Newman. I have written more about the visit at the back of this newsletter.

Class newsletters will be sent home this week. These will reiterate once again the importance of the correct uniform and general appearance. Please ensure all items of clothing etc. are named.

We welcome Miss Corcoran into the school as our new Year 3 teacher. Many of the children already know her and we hope she has an enjoyable year.

A date for your diary will be October 4th. A curriculum evening has been arranged for that day. Mrs. Porter will be talking about Numeracy throughout the school and Mrs. Stacey about Literacy. There will also be an opportunity for you to see what your children will be studying in all the other subjects.

Homework is set on a regular basis for all classes. It is essential that all children complete this task. Some parents feel this may not be enough, for others it is too much. The majority of parents feel that it is just right. We ask for your continued support in this area.

We have high expectations of all the children and will work hard with them to help them achieve their full potential. We hope therefore, that 2010-2011 will be a positive, challenging and enjoyable year for all.

L. E. Vassallo

Mrs L Vassallo

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Please note: This Newsletter does not contain the Important dates for this term. They will be handed out, once the calendar has been finalised.



Love one another as I have loved you



INTERNATIONAL DAY

Saturday 25th September 2010



The Friends Association are planning an International Day on the 25th September. They are holding a meeting which will be open to all parents to attend on Thursday 9th September, 5.30-6.30pm.



The aim is to have parental representation from each class on the Friends Association. Please try to come along and help us all work towards an enjoyable day.



REMINDERS

School Times

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| 8.55 | School Starts |
| 10.45 | Morning Break |
| 11.00 | Class resumes |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 1.30 | Class resumes |
| 3.20 | School Ends |

Don't be late!



Please ensure that your children arrive and are collected on time. All children should be in the playground before 8.55 when school starts.

SNACKS

A reminder that break time snacks should only be fruit items. No sugary sweets are allowed.

MOBILE PHONES

Only those children in Year 6 who walk home from school are allowed to bring their mobile phone to leave at the school office for the day. NO other children should bring mobile phones to school.

Homework

Homework is a very important part of your child/ren's education. It is a tool in helping children grasp concepts studied in the classroom.

Each class has varying ways of setting out homework. A 'Class Newsletter' will explain your child's homework expectations.

Please read this carefully.

The 'Class Newsletter' will also inform you of the Curriculum topics that will be covered in your child/ren's class this half term.

Your assistance and support in providing a suitable study environment and encouraging

Please read your child's Class Newsletter where you can find the expectations of Uniform and Homework!

School Uniform

IMPORTANT: The school Uniform will now be sold from www.yourschooluniform.com.

For the first half of Autumn term, children are able to wear either their Summer Uniform or their Winter Uniform. You can find details of these on the school's website, school prospectus or the school uniform shop's website.

Please be aware that you are able to purchase the basic school uniform (dresses, blouses, jumpers, cardigans, PE shorts and T-shirts, shirts) from shops like ASDA. School ties, coats, hats, reading folders and both school bags and PE Kit bags must be purchased from the website. Mrs Maker currently has Reading folders available from the office if you require a new one.

You will find that there is a small delivery charge of these items on the website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE:

As you would be aware the office can be a very busy place and while Mrs Maker and Mrs Hammond do their best to assist you where they can, we would like to bring to your attention some information that would make it easier for both you and the office staff. Please read this information carefully.

MEDICAL LETTER

Handed out today were Medical forms and Local Trips/Emergency forms. These need to be filled in completely by ALL parents for ALL pupils and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

EMAIL ADDRESS and contact details

Mrs Maker is organising that letters from the Office and Head teacher i.e. Newsletters/medical forms/holiday dates, may be emailed directly to your email address. This will begin in Autumn 2 Term (November 2010). Please ensure you indicate on the Medical form your preference and also ensure you give the correct email address.

The mobile phone texting system will continue to be used to inform you of any reminders. **PLEASE ensure you inform the office if you have changed your mobile number.**

Please also inform the office of any other information that may have changed, e.g.. **your work contact details, your home address, the name of an alternative contact person in case we can not get hold of you.**

PERMISSION SLIPS for class trips etc

If a permission slip has been sent home this can be signed and returned to the CLASS TEACHER, not the office.

MONEY

If you would like to pay the office money for school dinners, school trips, after school clubs etc, please place the money in a labelled and sealed envelope. Please write on the envelope your child's name, child's class, what the money is for, how much money is in the envelope and how much money you would like to pay. This envelope then can be given to your child's teacher or placed in the 'Money' box on the wall in the entrance foyer. We do have spare envelopes on the small table in the foyer if you require one.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We try to accommodate all children who are interested in participating in a Club. Each club has a quota of how many children are allowed to participate. At times some clubs may be oversubscribed, therefore the first priority students are those who have not yet attended a club. We then ensure that those who not successful in getting a place in the first round, have priority in the next term's club. This way all children have an opportunity to take part at some point throughout the year. If some clubs have not reached their quota of the number of participants, this club may be cancelled. A timetable will be available on the Notice Board outside the front of the school (in the next week) of the current After school Clubs taking place.

School Dinners

1 Day: £1.75

Full week: £8.75

Half Term: £61.25

Full term to Christmas: £122.50

Please ensure that Dinner monies are in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope.

If you would like to change your child's dinner options, for example, from packed lunch to school dinner or vice versa, then you must give the office a half term's notice in writing.

Governors Fund

Please find attached the Governors Building Fund envelope. We ask for a donation of £30 per child, per year. Of course if you are experiencing any financial difficulty, any donation will be acceptable. Your donations to the Building Fund is greatly appreciated and put towards some fantastic new resources for the school.