

WESTMINSTER
CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



18TH JANUARY 2019

'LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU'

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PAX CHRISTI

PEACE SUNDAY



This Sunday Holy Apostles will be celebrating PEACE SUNDAY. At Church this weekend you will see the art work of the pupils from our school. The silhouette of the person holding a loudspeaker is to reflect this year's theme: Good Politics serves Peace.

In his 2019 World Peace Day message, which has the theme "Good politics serves peace", Pope Francis invites us to begin our New Year with a concern for the future of life and the planet, of the youngest and the weakest. Internationally thousands are displaced and suffer as a result of war, yet the global arms trade continues unabated and people profit from war. We hear of flash-points of potential and real violence: Russia, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza... situations often brought about because of bad politics.

New Year Resolutions.

Dear parents and friends,

This week we continued the theme of New Year and new beginnings. I linked Monday's assembly to the previous Sunday's Gospel- the Baptism of the Lord. Our mission as a school this week was to recall our Baptismal promises and think about how we can start anew this year.



The theme of a new year continued in Wednesday's School Mass. Father Pat said a beautiful service which was coordinated and led by Year 6. He reminded us to 'pull up our socks', to not let things slip. He said he will be reminding us throughout the year to keep our socks 'pulled up'. I

would like to take this opportunity to make reference to things slipping and making our new year resolutions. One resolution I would like us to make is to increase our pupil attendance. I saw at the end of last term some pupils' attendance was slipping. Please make it a priority for your child to attend school 100%. I appreciate there is sickness, I myself have been affected by the flu this year- however there are times when pupils not coming to school can be prevented. I am continuing to monitor all pupils attendance.

As soon as you know your child can not attend school you must contact the school office. If you can not get through via the school telephone system then email the school on office@westcathsch.co.uk. Time is spent most mornings with the school calling families asking why your child is not in school. Having no contact between families and the school can result in social services being involved due to safeguarding.

Have a good week, Yours Mrs Stacey

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WCPS Friends meeting Friday 25/1/19 at 3pm. All are welcome.

Plans and activities for the term will be discussed.

Clubs

After school clubs are starting next week and will run till the end of the academic term. You should have received a text to inform you which club your child is able to attend. Please bring to school as soon as possible the payment for each club. If no payment is made by the end of next week we will ask your child to not attend the club and give the place to another child.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Musical Instrument lessons

If your child is learning a musical instrument with Jan, Denis or Patrick then unless we have heard differently they are continuing this term. Each lesson is £70 per term, please make a swift payment to the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Can I politely remind parents about the payment of school dinners.

Each meal for pupils in Year 3,4,5, and 6 is £2.20 per day.

If you wish to change from school dinners to packed lunch and vice versa, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

We understand if your child has packed lunch and if your child forgets their lunch or you have been unable to provide a packed lunch that day and they are to eat school dinners, please let the school office know. This is to allow the kitchen to provide enough food for all the pupils. Also, there is a cost for this and we request a swift payment.

Thank you.

CORAM LIFE BUS

Monday 28th January and Tuesday 29th January the Coram Life bus will be have their annual education visit to our school.

Coram Life Education takes a three-strand approach addressing children's knowledge, skills and attitudes, and our programmes are aligned with the National Curriculum (Citizenship, PSHE Education), covering all Key Stages.

For more information please look at www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk

You are invited to a parent session Tuesday 29th January 9-9.30 a.m.

Dear Parent /Carer,

Health and Drug Education

As part of our health and drug education curriculum, we have arranged for the Life Education Mobile Classroom to visit school again on the dates shown below.

The classroom has been purchased and is run by Coram Life Education . This is a registered charity.

This is an annual visit which provides progressive lessons, teaching the children about the importance of their bodies and how to take care of them. From the ages of 7/8 they will be shown how their bodies could be harmed by the misuse of drugs and other substances.

There will be special short sessions for Parents / Carers at the times shown below and I hope that you will be able to attend one of them to find out what your child is learning. Please complete and return the slip to let us know when you will be coming.

As a follow up to the teaching sessions for the children in Year 1 and above, you can purchase one of the Family Workbooks at the cost of £2.00. There is a different book for each year group and it is a fun and informative aid to enhance the understanding of the programme.

Yours Sincerely,
Head Teacher and the Coram Lifebus Team

DATES OF VISIT

PARENT/CARER SESSIONS

Monday 28 th + Tuesday 29 th January 2019	Tuesday 29 th January 9-9.30 a.m.
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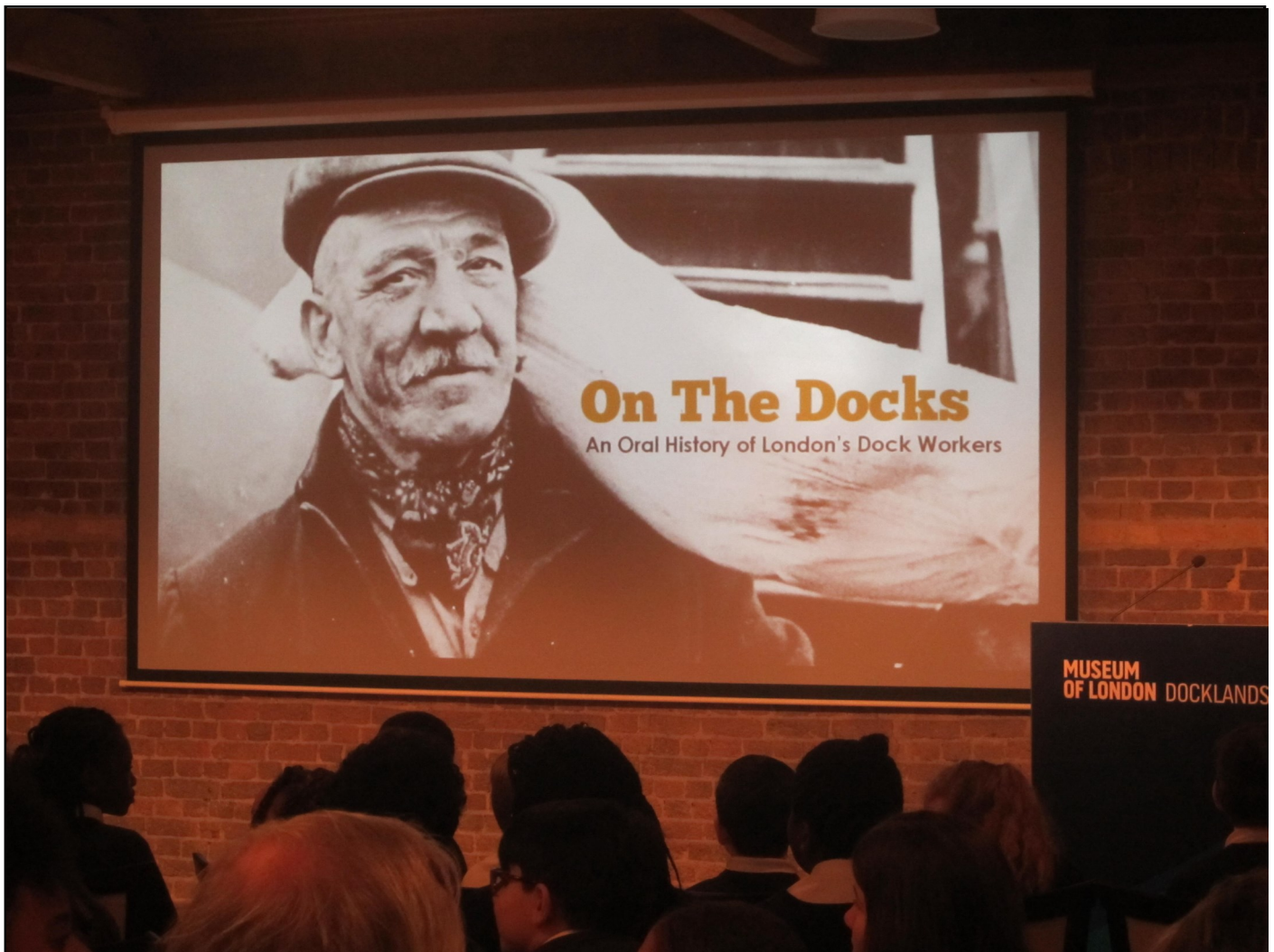
To School Administrator / Secretary

I hope to come to the parents/ carers session on

I wish to purchase a “ Family Workbook “ for my child (available for Year 1 and above) and enclose a remittance for £2.00. (cheques payable to school please)

NAME OF CHILD

CLASS YEAR



This afternoon I had the pleasure of being part of the audience at the 'World Premier' of On the Docks, an oral history of the London's dock workers. I sat amongst retired dock workers and residents of the East End of London. Sitting in the audience I had the pleasure of seeing their reaction to the film our Year 6 pupils along with another school in Lambeth and Matthew and Sav at Digital Works made.

The presentation started with a clear introduction about the project, what the children did and they shared their writing. They talked about their experiences learning to use a camera, sound equipment, lighting and learnt journalistic skills when interviewing.

We then all watched the 45 minute film. I personally learnt so much of the history of the London Dockyards.

For you to learn as much as me please look at: www.thamesdockers.org.uk/film.html

Or www.thamesdockers.org.uk

After the film the children led a question and answer session. The audience asked some difficult questions and I was very impressed how the children were able to answer them clearly showing the enjoyment they got from the experience and the history they learnt.



Key Dates for Spring

Year R: Gabriella and Ellie
-May

Year 1: Frank and Elijah

Year 2: Lilly and Jayden

Year 3: Kyle and Marcus

Year 4: Oren and Sophia

Year 5: Harry and Daisy

Year 6: Liam and Thomas
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January 2019

Sunday 20th-PEACE SUNDAY

Monday 2nd—Clubs begin

Tuesday 22nd – 9.30am Year 3 Class Mass in School

Friday 25th - Celebration Assembly and coffee morning – all welcome

28th—30th—Coram Life Bus in school

Monday 28th – Years 5 and 6 Football tournament

Wednesday 30th– 9.15am—Year 3 assembly

Wednesday 30th – 2pm Year 5 library

Wednesday 30th – Billy the Kid Project – Year 5

Thursday 31st – 9.30am Year 5 Class Mass in School

February 2019

Friday 1st – Celebration Assembly

Monday 4th – 2pm Year 4 library

Tuesday 5th – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th-Girls football tournament

Wednesday 6th-Bishop Hudson visiting our School

Friday 8th – Celebration Assembly

Monday 11th-Individual School Photos

Wednesday 13th-9.15am—Year 2 Assembly

Wednesday 13th – 2pm Year 3 library

13th-15th—Year 5 Sayers Croft

Thursday 14th – 9.30am Year 4 Class Mass in School

Thursday 14th – 2pm Year 6 library

Friday 15th – Celebration Assembly and coffee morning – all welcome

18th-22nd– Half Term

Monday 25th – 2pm Year 1 library

Wednesday 27th—9.15am—Year 4 Assembly

Wednesday 27th – 2pm Year R library

Thursday 28th – 9.30am Year 6 Class Mass in School

March 2019

Friday 1st March – Celebration Assembly

4th-8th—Book Week

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year 5 for the highest percentage of attendance for w/b 7th January 2019

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R—94.7%

Year 1– 89.8%

Year 2– 94.2%

Year 3– 93%

Year 4– 81.7%

Year 5– 98.3%

Year 6– 94.6%