

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

1st February 2019

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*

*John 13:34*

### Year 3 Assembly

*Last Wednesday Year 3 had their class assembly.*

*These theme of the assembly was a reflection of all they have been learning in class including their class novel, 'Gregory Cool'.*

*We are all really impressed with the class, how they learnt their lines, their acting skills, their choral speaking and their singing skills.*

*We look forward to seeing them continue with their learning and the outcome of all their learning and the experiences they are having.*

*Well done Year 3.*

### A new School Server

Dear parents and friends,

We are pleased to say our new school server (part of the ICT infrastructure) is up and running. Like all these things there were a few technical hitches which we hope are resolved.

The new school server will be paid for by the School Governor's Fund. Last term our co-chairs of Governors, Mr Seb Wallace and Mr Will Kenney wrote to you explaining this fund and the plan of how the money will be used. The new server was something the Governors committed to pay. This fund relies on contributions from the families in school and the letter written last term requested each family to pay £30 to the fund.

This academic year so far we have only had a total donation of **£1406**. We calculated, if we received £30 per family we were anticipating around **£5000** to come into the Governors fund. The ICT server is costing **£4500** which means we are short of around **£3100**. We are in need to continue to improve the ICT infrastructure in our school; we are in need of new computers and most classrooms need new/ improved projectors and interactive whiteboards. All this comes at a cost and with the school funding from the Government being reduced each year we rely on the School Governors Fund and the WCPS Friends fund to pay for these improvements. If we do not receive the money these improvements will take longer.

If you have already paid towards the Governors Fund this year I would like to say a personal thank you and for you to know the money you have donated has helped the school purchase a new ICT server. If you have not paid the £30 this academic year and you are able to do so, please pay it this term it is essential and very much appreciated.

On another matter, if you know any companies or organisations who would like to make a donation/ sponsorship to help us pay for new computers in the school, please come and talk to me.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Yours Mrs Stacey

## Individual School Photos

and family photos.

**Monday 11th February.**

If you would like a photograph of your children and they do not attend our school, please come to the school office at 8.45am

If there are siblings in school, we will have their photographs taken together during the morning.

Each child will have their individual photograph in their smart school uniform.



Last week we had the Coram Life Bus. The children all had a lesson in the bus and learnt so much. Thank you to the parents who attended the workshop. Sarah the teacher emailed me to say; "It was as lovely as always to teach at Westminster Cathedral this week. The children are always delightful and the staff so welcoming."

Year 6 reflection on the Coram Lifebus.

"On the Life Bus we talked about decisions. We understand that as we get older we make more decisions, for example a decision we are going to make when we are older is what job are we going to have? There are decisions we can make that are bad for us."

"We were invited to go onto the Coram Lifebus which helps us to make good decisions so in life we could be healthy and safe. Our first activity was to put cards in order. The cards had facts on such as; "I need to be able to have friends." or "I need to be able to have my own opinion." My group decided that friends and safety were the most important.

The main theme was decisions. We spoke about the fact that when you are young you make simple decisions like what lego set should I get, but when we are older we make harder decisions like what job we are going to have."

## ***Message from the WCPS Friends***

Thank you to everyone that helped and supported International evening and the Christmas Fair. It was great to see so many families attend, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Your contributions have meant the school will be getting lots of new board games, which our children particularly need on rainy days. We are subsidising the coach trip for the year 5 trip to Sayers Croft. We have also purchased a new shed due to the lack of storage space in the school.

### **Fundraising events for 2019**

**Cake sale** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb after school (please can we have any donations by 3pm)

**Pyjama Day** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (£1 donation)

**Spring Disco** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Fair** – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Please look out for further updates and information about the events. Our aim is to keep our outgoing costs as low as possible arranging these events. Any help would really be appreciated with this, do we have anyone that has the equipment to run the disco music with lights or know of a friend that could help? Is there anyone that is great with party games for the children at the disco? Please speak to Mrs Hughes or Miss Simmonds if you can help.

If anyone would like to join the WCPS Friends committee you are more than welcome to attend the next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm at the school.

Thank you

WCPS Friends



### Pupil Voice

#### Year 5 and Year 6 Football tournament

“On Monday 8 boys went to Paddington Rec for an inter school football tournament. Mr Beach and Mrs Hughes went with us.”

“It was a fun experience and day. I learnt that we should try and try again. After each game we reflected on the game to prepare ourselves for the next game. It was a hard competition as some of the other teams had taller players—we all had the speed though. Some of the other players were tough. We want to say thank you to Mr Beach for picking and taking us and we hope the girls team win.” Yuran and Frederick.

### Pupil Voice

#### Year 5 meeting Paul Canoville

Last week, Year 5 went to meet a legend footballer from Chelsea—Paul Canoville. He was the first black footballer for Chelsea. We went to hear his story and how his mother encouraged him to learn more and not just rely on his football. His mum gave him a chance.

He described his first match playing for Chelsea and his experiences being a black player for Chelsea. It was really interesting listening to his stories and what he learnt from playing premiership football.

We were really engaged in what Paul told us and we were given a postcard of his picture and information.



Frederick and Yuran

### Year 5 Class Mass

Last Thursday Year 5 had their class Mass in school. The theme of the Mass was the 12 apostles. Father Pat talked about how each apostle became a follower of Jesus. He asked the children who was their favourite apostle and why. There were a variety of answers and the children’s homework this week is researching one of Jesus’ apostle.

I look forward to seeing their homework and learning more about the Holy Apostles.



#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

For those who have been called to join the priesthood, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve.  
Lord have mercy

For those who he calls to be parents. May they follow Jesus’s example and continue to provide encouragement, support, love and forgiveness.  
Lord have mercy

For those who he calls to be single, may they never feel lonely and that they remember God is with all of us as we carry out our own missions.  
Lord have mercy

For those who he calls to do other vocation and community work, like nurses, teachers, those who work for London transport and those who work to keep our parks and communities clean and safe.  
Lord have mercy



Year R: Mia and Salome

Year 1: Elycia and Henry

Year 2: Leo and Maycee

Year 3: Whole class

Year 4: Whole class

Year 5: Frederick and Ruby

Year 6: Whole class

### Attendance

#### Congratulations to...

**Year 4** for the highest percentage of attendance for the week beginning 21.1.19

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R—94.2%

Year 1— **96.2%**

Year 2— **96.5%**

Year 3— 95.4%

Year 4— **97.3%**

Year 5— 95.3%

Year 6— 94.7%

## Key Dates for Spring

### February 2019

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Celebration Assembly

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Year 4 library

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>-Girls football tournament

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>-Bishop Hudson visiting our School

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>—WCPS Cake Sale

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>—WCPS PJ/ non uniform day—£1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-Individual School Photos

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>-9.15am—Year 2 Assembly

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Year 3 library

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>—Year 5 Sayers Croft

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am Year 4 Class Mass in School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Year 6 library

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly and coffee morning – all welcome

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>– Half Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Year 1 library

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>—9.15am—Year 4 Assembly

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Year R library

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am Year 6 Class Mass in School

### March 2019

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Celebration Assembly

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>—Book Week

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>-ASH WEDNESDAY 10am Mass at Holy Apostles

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>– World Book Day—children to come to school dressed as a book character

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – 11am Year 2 library

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Assembly and coffee morning – all welcome

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Year 3 library

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Billy the Kid Project

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>-Year 5 Assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>—Red Nose Day