

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

8th February 2019

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

World Day for the Sick.

Monday 11th February is World Day for the Sick.

Pope John Paul II chose the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes as the best day for us to pray in particular for people who are ill and for those who look after them.

As we prepare for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes please join me as we say together:

Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Mother, have mercy on us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, heal us for the greater glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Lourdes, heal the sick, convert sinners.

Amen

Bishop Hudson's visit

Dear parents and friends,

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of Bishop Nicholas Hudson visiting our school. His visit was linked to his visit to Holy Apostles last weekend. Bishop Hudson led the school assembly by reading a Gospel reading from John 21, this led beautifully into him explaining his



job and mission as a Bishop. Bishop Hudson then showed the children



his Crosier (his Bishop's hook) and his Mitre (his Bishop's hat). It was wonderful watching Bishop Hudson take each object out of his bag and revealing it to the children. He showed the children the image on his crosier which is of Jesus on the cross and his Apostles which is very appropriate to the name of our parish. At the end of assembly we

sang to Bishop Hudson and gave him a birthday card as it is his birthday next week. We shared with Bishop Hudson our joy in celebrating birthdays and so sang to him, presented him with a birthday card and a birthday sticker!

After assembly, Bishop Hudson spent time with the staff thanking them for all they are doing for our community and spent time in each class. He spoke to each class and gave them all a blessing.

Bishop Hudson left after a couple of hours. He said that even though he was at our school for a couple of hours he felt as though he has left knowing the school, the staff and the pupils. I am so proud of the children, Bishop Hudson commented on how much the children knew about their Catholic Faith and Christianity and how prayerful and reflective the children are. *Have a peaceful weekend, Mrs Stacey*



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org



Internet Safety Day

Tuesday was Internet Safety Day. This year the theme is giving permission and consent. I am really pleased to see Internet Safety Day is being covered by the press and that the news articles are continuing to raise the pupils and adults especially us parents' understanding as to how we can continue to be safe online. "This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day will focus on how consent

works in an online context and will ask young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data." taken from <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>.

The whole day on Tuesday we set aside for Internet Safety Day. KS2 had 4 lessons all exploring consent and permission on line. The children went to each class where each teacher led a different aspect of consent and permission. KS1 had similar lessons linked to their age groups. Each Key Stage started with an assembly.

Mrs Badejo is arranging an Internet Parents' meeting in March. Please look out for the date and try to make the meeting. We organise these meetings each year because we are aware that technology and access to the internet changes each year and it is important for us, as parents, to be up to date with these changes.

WCPS Friends—cake sale and pyjama day



This week, the WCPS Friends started their fundraising for the Spring Term.

There was a cake sale Thursday after school and on Friday the children came to school in their pyjamas. The money raised will go to the WCPS Friends. Thank you so much for the donation of cakes, the volunteers for setting up the sale, selling the cakes and tidying up.

Thank you for encouraging the children to come to school in their PJs. They had a great day and enjoyed feeling at home in school. As far as I am aware, nobody fell asleep!

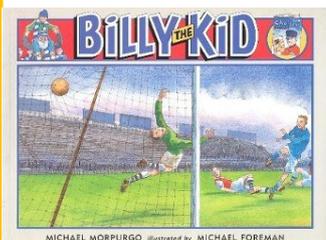


Year 5 and 6 girls football

On Tuesday, the girls football team attended the Westminster Football Tournament at Paddington Rec. They had a great day and played well winning some of their games. Thank you once again to Mr Beach for training and taking the team and to Mrs Hughes,

Year 5's visit to the Chelsea Hospital

On Friday, Year 5 walked to the Chelsea Hospital to watch a film of '**Billy the Kid**' by **Michael Morpurgo**, a novel linked to their English work and their topic work. After watching the film the children were given a tour of the Hospital by one of the Chelsea Pensioners. They were given access to some very historical parts of the Hospital and learnt so much from the experience.



"We went to the Chapel and went to where the Pensioners eat. We saw the table where the Duke of Wellington was laid after he died. The Pensioner who showed us around served in the war. He was very friendly. The film only had two people in the cast and they played every role. It was good to see the book in form of a film." Edward, Year 5.

Sayers Croft

We wish Year 5 all the best next week as they are going to Sayers Croft Wednesday to Friday, Mrs Hatch will be going with Miss Mc Mullan, Mr Conner and Year 5 so please be mindful that she will not be available in the school office for these three days. We look forward to hearing the news when they return on Friday.

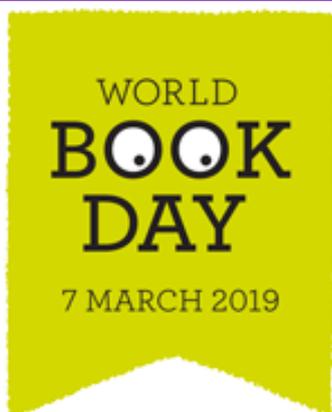
Payment Cashless System



We have had installed a system that allows you to pay for school dinners, clubs, music lessons and other payments directly from your bank account into the school's account.

We currently only accept cash and cheques and are aware that we need to update this to allow you to set up direct payments from your bank account to the school's account for ease and convenience.

Please look out for more information about this from Mrs Hatch and in future newsletters. We will keep you up to date as to how you can access this. I highly recommend you read and register your details when directed.



Polite reminder.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 7th March, maybe half term think about which book character you will dress up as.



Key Dates for Spring

Year R:

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:

February 2019

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

Wednesday 6th-ASH WEDNESDAY 10am Mass at Holy Apostles

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

Thursday 7th – 11am Year 2 library

Friday 8th – Celebration Assembly and coffee morning – all welcome

Monday 11th – 2pm Year 3 library

Tuesday 12th – Year 5 Billy the Kid Project

Wednesday 13th-Year 5 Assembly

Friday 15th—Red Nose Day

Friday 15th – Celebration Assembly

Monday 18th-Whole School Science Day

Monday 18th – 2pm Year 4 library

Tuesday 19th – 2pm KS2 Reconciliation Service in School

Wednesday 20th – Yrs R, 1 and 2 Lent Reflection with Father Pat in School

Friday 22nd – Celebration Assembly

Monday 25th – 2pm Year 5 library

Tuesday 26th-Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6pm

Attendance

Congratulations to...

Year 3 for the highest percentage of attendance for w/b 28.1.2019

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R—92.6%

Year 1— 94.8%

Year 2— **96.2%**

Year 3— **97.5%**

Year 4— 84.7%

Year 5— 93.7%

Year 6— 93.7%