

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

Founded by The Jesuit Fathers Circa 1849



Newsletter

6th September 2019

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

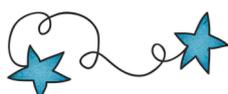
This time of year, we pray for the start of the new academic year.



Comforting One, bring peace to all those who are feeling anxious about the first days of school. Fill them with confidence and encouragement. Amen.



Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Open the windows of heaven in our school. Supply what we need. Help pupils, teachers, and administrators to use your gifts to bless others and bring you glory. Amen.



We invite you to attend our new year Mass Wednesday 11th September 9.30am in school.

Dear parents and friends,

Welcome back

Welcome back to the new academic year, I hope you had a lovely summer. It is wonderful seeing the pupils looking keen and eager to start the new year. Thank you to those of you who have bought a school blazer, the pupils are looking very smart. I would like to remind you the blazers are part of the school uniform this year. Please ensure your child's name is labelled in the school blazer and all other uniform.

During the school holidays Mr Will painted the hall cupboards red and I am pleased that our living wall is established. I would like to recap our new staff members, Ms Pople is our office administrator working 1pm – 5pm in the school office. Mr Lloyd is continuing as our temporary School Business manager in school Tuesdays and Wednesday and Ms Arvelo is leading and supporting special educational needs across the school

It is sad to report that Ms Beth will be leaving school on the 26th September. Ms Beth has been at our school for 9 years and has worked with pupils 1:1 or in small groups. She has had a huge impact on so many pupils over the years and she will be missed. Ms Beth has chosen to leave to commit her time to her family.

Communication: This year we are aiming to become 'paperless' by communicating to parents and friends of the school via email and text messages. **To help us communicate effectively with you please ensure the school office has your updated mobile phone number and email address.** Please also look for notices and messages on the whiteboard at the front of the school along with the school website for all updates. Please contact the school office with any queries. Mrs Beach is in the office 08.30-13.00 everyday and Mrs Pople is in the office 13:00-17:00.



SIMS PAY

www.sims-pay.co.uk

SIMS Pay is now up and running. Please register with **SIMS Pay** as soon as possible and use it to pay school dinners. *Please see Mrs Beach for your personal pass code.*

Meet the teacher

We invite you to meet your child's class teacher **Thursday 19th September**, it is an opportunity for you to hear about your child's teaching and learning as well as other important class information for the forthcoming school year. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

Two different times are being offered for each class meeting: 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m (you only need to attend one session). Any information given out will also be emailed to ensure that all parents and carers can access the information (please remember to give to the school office your email.)

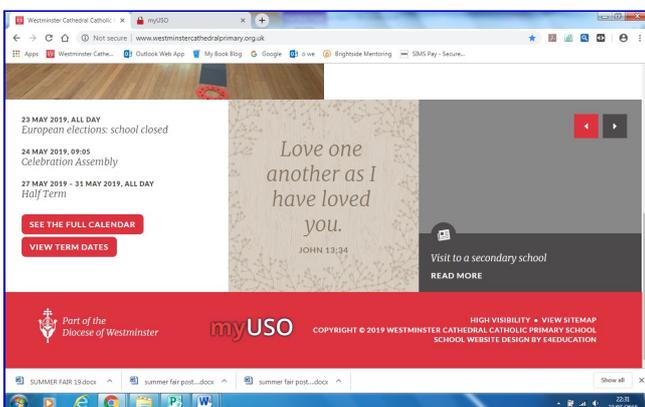
If at any time you need to speak to a member of staff, please pass on a message via the School Office or a member of staff on the door in the morning or at the end of the day to arrange an appointment. **We know communication is vitally important and staff will make themselves available to meet with parents.**

Clubs

This September we are offering new and exciting clubs. Thank you to the families who have shown an interest in to the club your child would like to attend. The deadline to return the slip is today. We will look at the returned slips next Monday and will inform you via text the clubs your child will be part of this term.

LGFL USO

As you know we encourage SAFE online learning and each child can access **myUSO**. To ease you and your child accessing the website we have created a link from our school website homepage. Please use this link and enjoy the online learning available to your child.





Exciting Extended School Clubs running here at Westminster Cathedral RC Primary School

Extend your child's school day with Fit For Sport and ensure that they keep active throughout term-time!

Fit For Sport, the UK's leaders in engaging and educating children through fun physical activity, are delighted to be running the Extended School Clubs at our school.

Fit For Sport plan lots of new and exciting activities every day in order to keep our pupils active and engaged whilst learning the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle!

The school term will be filled with Super Sports, Crafty Kidz, Fit Fun and Team Tastic activity sessions, alongside Fit For Sport's special Activity Challenge that takes place across all of their services.

We will also be making full use of Fit For Sport's revolutionary [Healthy Active Schools System](#) which enables us to record, monitor and improve pupils' activity levels.

The provision is Ofsted registered and will provide you with the peace of mind that your child has access to a variety of opportunities and support beyond the school day.

Send your child to our Extended School Club to:

RAISE and IMPROVE your child's academic performance
IMPROVE your child's health, attendance and concentration levels
Allow your child to make **NEW friends beyond classrooms**

Schedule	Times	Price per session
After School Club	15:15 - 18:00	£9.05 (including a light
After School Club	15.15 - 16:15	£5.95 (excluding light
After School Club	16.30 - 18:00	£7.35 (including light

For more information and to book your sessions, visit www.fitforsport.co.uk or phone 020 8742 4990.
For latest news, offers and updates, don't forget to follow Fit For Sport on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



Turn your unloved clothes and shoes into cash for our school!

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT,
JOIN US AS WE...
**RECYCLE WITH
MICHAEL**

[Read more](#)



We wanted to let you know about an exciting new project we're discussing with the children this week. Today, we're announcing our involvement in a new campaign and competition which aims to raise much-needed funds for the school whilst helping others in our community. And we need your help.

This term, we're going to Recycle with Michael!

Facilitated by The Salvation Army's Clothing Collection service, this nationwide scheme aims to divert thousands of tonnes of unwanted items away from landfill, while educating our children about the importance of reusing and recycling.

So we're asking you to dig out those old clothes taking up space in your wardrobe, sort out the outgrown shoes, and fill the bags that we're going to be sending home with the children this week.

Plus, the school that fills the most bags in the county will receive a special visit from Michael, the recycling mascot, to present a trophy and certificate. Over the term, we'll be speaking to the children about the environmental impact of waste, and ways to overcome the issue, during assemblies and through fun activities in class.

It couldn't be easier to get involved. Simply:

Fill the bags with your unwanted clothes and shoes (no bric-a-brac please). Bags can be collected before school when the gates open or during breakfast club. If you need more bags please ask at Reception.

Return the bags containing your unwanted items by **Thursday 3rd October** and leave them at the front of the school. The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with the school. The more bags we fill – the more cash we raise! If you're having a clear out, remember Recycle with Michael, and donate to a great cause.

We hope you'll help to support us and give your preloved clothes a new lease of life. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss the project with teachers or pop into the office for more information.

Good luck with the sorting and thank you in advance!

Key Dates for Autumn 2019

September 2019

Monday 9th: Deadline for the clubs

Wednesday 11th: 9.30 Whole School Mass in school

Thursday 12th: 10am Year 6 library

Friday 13th: 9.05am Celebration assembly—all welcome

Friday 13th: Year 4's first swimming session in the afternoon

Monday 16th: Clubs start

Tuesday 17th: Year 6 visit to Buckingham Palace

Wednesday 18th: 2pm Year 1 library

Thursday 19th: 3.30pm or 5pm Meet the teacher

Friday 20th: Year 6 visit to Westminster archives and Parliament as part of their history curriculum

Friday 20th: Jeans for Genes fundraising

Friday 20th: 9.05am Celebration assembly—all welcome

Tuesday 24th: 2pm Year 2 library

Wednesday 25th: Year 4 assembly 9.05am

Thursday 26th: Year 6 trip to the Brompton Cemetery as part of their history curriculum

Thursday 26th: 9am coffee morning and welcome for our new Reception parents (class of 2019-20)

Friday 27th: Celebration assembly followed by a Macmillan Coffee morning in the school hall—all welcome.

Monday 30th: Year 3 visit to the Museum of London as part of their creative curriculum

Monday 30th: 2pm Year 4 library