

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

Monday 21st October 2019

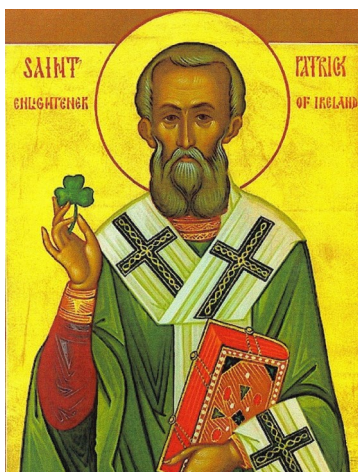
*'Love one another as I have loved you'*

*John 13:34*

This week, our prayer is dedicated to Year 1's patron Saint Patrick.

God our Father,  
you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love. St Patrick, pray for us.

Amen.



Dear parents and friends,

### International Day

Thank you to all the friends and families who contributed to Friday's International Day. The children looked amazing in their array of colours. We had a busy assembly as each class showcased their learning and creativity from the week. I had to remind myself and the parents that all the work the pupils shared with us was from just last week as we celebrated One World Week. The celebration continued after school. The hall looked and smelt amazing, we had food and drink from around the world and the afternoon continued with a lot of laughter and dancing! I wish to say a huge thank you to you all for making it a wonderful celebration.





### New Road

Over the weekend, the council have resurfaced Bessborough Place and re-painted the road markings. I am very grateful this has finally happened. I now request we treat the outside of the school with the respect it deserves. **I ask that anyone driving their car do so safely and follow the rules of the road. I also request any parent who wishes to smoke, do so away from the school gates. I have had a couple of requests from parents and neighbours asking for parents to smoke away from the school and Bessborough Place.**

### Parent volunteers and students.

We have a number of parent volunteers and parents who are training to be a teaching assistant working in our school. This term, Mrs Medina and Mrs Prado Caicedo are working in our school two days a week as part of their teaching assistant course. Mrs Oloke is volunteering Wednesday afternoons to support Year 6 maths. I would like to assure you, each volunteer, whether they are parents of the school or not, have a DBS check. I also talk through our safeguarding procedure and ask the volunteers to read the Keeping Children Safe in Education document and the school's Safeguarding policy. If you would like to volunteer in school, committing a weekly time slot or be able to help the school updating our website and or promoting the school, please contact me.

### Firework Safety



We are approaching Firework Night and despite annual safety warnings, Bonfire Night week still ends in disaster for far too many families. Fireworks and bonfire evenings can provide fun and entertainment for families at a time of year when the evenings are rather dark and gloomy. They light up the sky.

As long as everyone follows the right safety procedures and remembers that fireworks can be dangerous if misused, a good, safe time may be enjoyed by everyone.

### **FIREWORK SAFETY TOP 10 TIPS**

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

### **SAFETY RULES FOR SPARKLERS**

Never give them to young children under five years old. Always wear gloves with sparklers, preferably leather ones. Hold it at arms length while an adult lights it for you. Use in a clear space away from others. Never hold a baby in your arms when you are holding a sparkler. When the sparkler has finished, put it into a bucket of cold water straight away and leave it there.

- Sparklers should not be given to anyone under the age of five.
- To a young child, the heat from a sparkler is equivalent to the heat from a welding torch.



## SIMS PAY

[www.sims-pay.co.uk](http://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.*

***Thank you to the parents who paid any outstanding payments last week. For those who still have outstanding payments you will be receiving invoices or letters from the school office next half term.***

*Westminster Cathedral Primary School are partnering with Pimlico Picassos Art Club to run a writing competition.*

*The theme of the writing competition is*

# *Space*

*to celebrate the anniversary of the Moon landing.*

*A competition will be run for stories and illustrations.*

*The best 12 stories will be made into a book along with the best illustrations.*

*The stories can cover the moon landing, adventures on the moon, the journey from earth to the moon - any adventures along the way, martians, aliens or anything to do with outer space.*

*Bring your stories and illustrations to school by*

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.*

## Year 6 School Journey

The week we return after half term Year 6 are on their school journey. Mr Beach and Mr Connor will be travelling with Miss McMullan. That week I will be teaching Year 3 and will continue my commitment to teaching Year 4 on Friday. Can I ask you to be aware of this and understand I will be restricted with the time I have available to meet parents. Thank you for your understanding. **Please note FOOTBALL CLUB and ICT CLUB is cancelled Tuesday 29th October due to Mr Beach and Mr Connor being away.**

## Key Dates for Autumn 2019

Monday 21st—Friday 25th HALF TERM

Monday 28th—Friday 1st November. Year 6 on their PGL trip.

Tuesday 29th—Year 4 visit to the Tate Modern

### November 2019

Friday 1st— No celebration assembly. 10am Mass at Holy Apostles for All Saints Day—all welcome

Friday 1st— 8pm at Holy Apostles. Memorial Service for Saba Tech-Lu. A memorial service is taking place Friday 1st November at Holy Apostles. The family have asked me to invite our school community. I will be sending out more information next week or you can look at Holy Apostles' notice board for more information.

Monday 4th— Year 5 library

Wednesday 6th: Year 2 assembly

Thursday 7th—Year 6 library

Thursday 7th at 9.00am: Year 3 and Year 4 parent coffee morning

Thursday 7th at 1.30pm— Reception 2020 Open afternoon

Thursday 7th: Netball competition. TBC

Friday 8th: Year 6 MIND mental health workshop

Friday 8th: Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Pyjama day and film night. 3.30pm—5pm. The children can come to school wearing their pyjamas or equivalent and donate £1. They can then stay in school for the film till 5pm and donate another £2. The children can bring their own snacks **but no nuts please.**

Monday 11th: Year 6 to Westminster Abbey and Household Cavalry Museum with Peter Daniel (all day)

Monday 11th: Year 1 library

Tuesday 12th: Year 6 to MOD Theatre Company: Interactive Musical play Not Forgotten with Peter Daniel (AM)

Tuesday 12th: Year 5 The telegraph workshop