

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

Monday 24th February 2020

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

*John 13:34*

### Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent.

We will be joining the congregation at Holy Apostles for Mass at 10am.

We hope you can join us also.



Jesus, you place on my forehead the sign:

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return"

"Teach us to number our days that we may gain wisdom of heart."

O Jesus, you place on my forehead the sign of your saving Cross:

"Turn from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

How can I turn from sin unless I turn to you?

Dear parents and friends,

### Year 3 Kew Gardens trip

Monday 10th February Year 3 went to Kew Gardens.

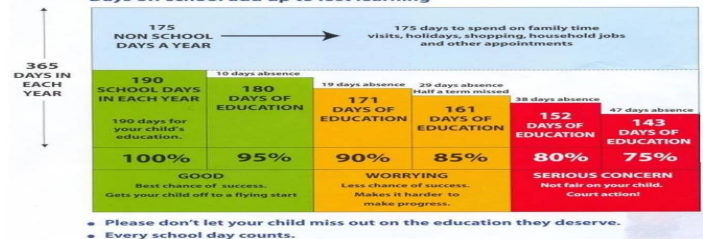
"We learnt about habitats and different types of flowers. We saw cacti and fish. I liked looking at the flowers." Maggie.

"We saw colourful flowers and went into a house with different plants. I liked the bit where I went through the trail and saw beautiful plants." Riley

"We went to explore different habitats. We saw lots of trees growing to the top and robin birds were singing. I want to go back again because the plants were very cool and the flowers were beautiful." Daniel

Attendance: In the last newsletter I brought to your attention the importance of your children attending school. I shared with you a diagram that shows the impact on your children not attending school. I hope to see an improvement of attendance across the school.

Days off school add up to lost learning



School dinner money owing: Please make sure all school dinner money is paid on time. We have a duty to pay the school dinners so if we do not receive swift payment we are taking money from other areas of the school budget to pay for the dinners. Currently we have an outstanding balance of £1662.20 from parents across the school. Please ensure all dinner payments are made and you respond to messages sent by Mrs Beach. Thank you

**Internet Safety Day.** Last Tuesday was Internet Safety Day. The morning started with an assembly led by Mrs Badejo and Mr Connor. The pupils then completed activities in their classroom linked to being safe on the Internet. Some key important learning points the children would like to share with you.

“ Don’t be friends with someone you don’t know online.” Charlie Year 1

“It is important to be safe online” Henry Year 2.

“Don’t be rude to people online.” Nathan H Year 3

“It is dangerous to give strangers private information because they can find more information about you.” Harry Year 4

“Never meet up with someone you do not know.” Samuel Year 5

“Don’t give away your personal information.” Year 6



**Safer Internet Day**  
**2020** | **Tuesday**  
**11 February**

**Together for a better internet**

### **Maths project winners:**

Congratulations to our Maths Project Winners.. Miss Lee set the maths projects as homework across the school each class focusing on a topic linked to their maths curriculum. I have been really impressed with the quality of work and the range of ways pupils’ have demonstrated their learning. Well done all.



Bronze winners: Elie (Yr R). Serin (Yr 1). Thomas (Yr 2). Scalett (Yr 3). Jessica (Yr 4) Ollie and Suen (Yr 5) Bobby (Yr 6).

Silver winners: Reggie-Ray (Yr R) Andrew (Yr 1). Ina Mae (Yr 2). Hannah (Yr 3). Kyle (Yr 4). Santiago and Ted (Yr 5) Julia (Yr 6)

Gold winners: Lia (Yr R). Hamish (Yr 1). Henry (Yr 2). Leo (Yr 3). Amir (Yr 4). Connie and Lara (Yr 5) Samira (Yr 6)



### **WCC Christmas Festival photographs.**

The Tri-borough Music hub has asked me to share with you the link to the photographs that were taken at the WCC Christmas Festival.

Please go to the link below to access the photographs.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/triboroughmusichub/albums/72157712331921231>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations you are AUTOMATICALLY a member of our Friends Association..... your voice counts.

Our Friends association depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children sadly reach their final year with us & leave, so do their parents. The teachers and head support us when possible, but without all your support, we have no Friends association – WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT. In our last meeting we had less than 10 parents attend which was very disappointing.

The Friends association is a mixture of parents that work together for the benefit of Westminster Cathedral Primary School. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE of us are specialists in fundraising but we all have one goal, to help our school.

Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTAs for funds. Without the funds raised by the Friends association, your child would not get the benefit of: fully subsidised coach journeys to residential experiences such as Sayer's Croft & PGL, access to useful learning tools like the Amazon Fire tablets, a range of wet play games for every classroom and new playground equipment.

There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster to photocopying and distributing letters in and around the school. Cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall... a little amount of your time could help so many children in so many ways.

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time but Friends' association events such as the school discos and the Christmas and summer fairs will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the Friends helps fund, make learning even more engaging.

Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.

We will be hosting our next meeting on **Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 8:30am** please put this date in your diaries or on your calendars (you can drop your children to breakfast club for free that morning too) this is to encourage new members and to plan and discuss future events. If you can attend this meeting, please do so as your time and contributions will be greatly valued.

Yours faithfully,

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral Primary School,

## Sayers Croft

On Friday we welcomed home Year 5 from their Sayers Croft trip. They had a very busy three days and got incredibly wet and muddy! There are a range of photographs on the school website—please take a look at the gallery page.

Here are a couple of photographs for you to see how busy they were.





Reception: Adam and Lia

Year 1: Aaron and Catherine

Year 2: Elycia and Amelia

Year 3: Aaron and Lilly

Year 4: Elianna and Alejandro

Year 5: SAYERS CROFT

Year 6: James and Daisy

## Key Dates for Spring 2020

### February 2020

Wednesday 26th—8.30am WCPS Friends meeting

Wednesday 26th – 10am Ash Wednesday Mass at Holy Apostles

**Thursday 27th – Individual photos:** Please take a note of this date. Family groups can be taken at 8.30am however if there are siblings in school they will have their photos taken during the school day.

Friday 28th: 9.05am Celebration assembly

### March 2020

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup>: BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: Years 3 and 4 football tournament

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>—Year 4 visit to The Globe Theatre

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: 5pm Year 6 SATS presentation

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Science Day – events in school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>: 9.05am Celebration assembly

Monday 9th – Friday 13th: Science Week

Wednesday 11th: Basketball tournament

Thursday 12th: Sport Relief fundraising events

Friday 13th: 9.05am Celebration assembly

Tuesday 17th: Year 4 library

Wednesday 18th: 9.05am Year 5 assembly

Wednesday 18th: Year 3 library

Thursday 19th: Year R library

Friday 20th: 9.05am Celebration assembly

Tuesday 24th: Parents' Evening

Tuesday 24th: Year 5 library

Thursday 26th: Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th: Year 1 library

Tuesday 31st: 2.30pm KS1 Easter Bonnet parade

Tuesday 31st: Year 6 library

### April 2020

Wednesday 1st April: Spring Music Concert. Timings and venue to be confirmed

Thursday 2nd April: Outbreak Easter Train

Friday 3rd April: Celebration Assembly 9.05am

Friday 3rd April: End of Term at 1.30pm

### **Attendance**

#### **Congratulations to...**

**Year 4** for the highest percentage of attendance for the week beginning 3/2/2020.

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R: **96%**

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: **98%**

Year 3: **96%**

Year 4: **99%**

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 90%