

# Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

Monday 2nd March 2020

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

*John 13:34*



*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

Last Wednesday we went to Holy Apostles for Ash Wednesday. We led the congregation in Holy Mass. The pupils behaved really well, they sang beautifully, led the liturgy and prayers respectfully— I was very proud.

Father Pat reminded us of the observances we should be following this time of Lent. He focused our attention on fasting, alms giving and praying. He told us these should be done without attention being brought upon ourselves just as written in the Gospel, *"But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden."* Matthew.

Thank you to the parents and friends who joined us at Mass.

Dear parents and friends,

### Internet Safety Day.

A message from Mrs Badejo. "During the week of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated **Safer Internet Day 2020.**



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

Together for a better internet

This year's theme encouraged children to explore identity online, and how the internet shapes the way that they think of themselves and others. Safer Internet week celebrated difference and as a result helps us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in our school and celebrating Safer Internet Day was a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Some resources which you may find useful in helping to keep you child safe online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)

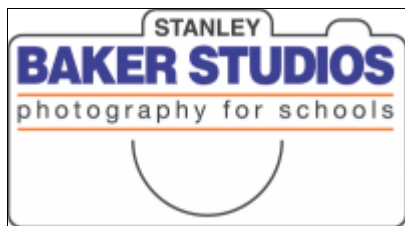
Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our children about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher/ myself (Mrs Badejo) or, our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Stacey."

### School photographs

Last Thursday the children had their individual and their sibling photographs. Each child was given a flyer that had a personal number of the flyer.

Please ensure you have the flyer and the number and follow the instructions on the flyer which tells you when the photographs are available to order.



### Meeting the school governors at parents' evening

Parents' Evenings this term are Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March 3.30—6.00pm. The sign up sheets will be available from Monday 16th March.

This year, the board of school governors will be available to meet you. Please use this time to talk to them about the school and use this as an opportunity for you to ask them questions.

Dear parents and careers,

### **On Friday 6th March 2020, we will kick start our WCPS science week!**

This aligns with British science week - a 10-day programme with thousands of events running throughout the whole of the UK with the aim of celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths.

**This year, we have invited a very special guest – Professor Bubbleworks – who will be attending our school on Friday 6th March.** The team have designed a really exciting and engaging assembly as well as workshops which are in line with the British Science week theme – 'Our diverse planet'. All throughout the following week, children will be busy doing follow-up activities, exploring a variety of scientific skills.

Each child will participate in a whole school assembly at 9:05 (all welcome to attend), as well as an individual class workshop during the day. Having spoken to the team, I know it will be a very hands-on and memorable experience for our children!

As this event involves an outside company, **there is a £5 charge** for each pupil in the school. This cost will cover all of the specialised equipment, resources and staff that children will have a chance to access throughout the day.

In order to thank you for your contribution, **children can come to school dressed as a scientist on Friday 6th March!** The class that raises the most money will also be rewarded with an extra playtime – with an outdoor science activity!

Thank you for your continuous support.

Miss Figueiredo

Science coordinator

## **I would like to reassure you regarding the Coronavirus.**

As you are all aware there has been extensive media coverage of the recent Coronavirus outbreak.

I get daily updates from the Department for Education on the current situation and guidance from the NHS and Public Health England on what we should do if we suspect anyone in the school community has Coronavirus.

There are general principles that everyone should follow to help prevent the spread of the virus, including:

- Washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#) video -  
<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5016>
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Face masks for the general public, including children, are **not** recommended to protect from infection, as there is no evidence of benefit from their use. They are also very frightening for little children.

We have taken a number of steps to reduce the risk of infection:

- Good hygiene is the most important defence and we have extra stocks of tissues, soap and hand sanitizer.
- We have delivered an assembly to children on how to wash their hands and what to do when they cough or sneeze
- We are ensuring the children are cleaning their hands as often as possible
- We encourage pupils bring to school their own hand sanitizer and tissues
- Hand sanitizer is at the front of the school for any visitors who come into school and all visitors are asked to disclose if they have travelled to any of the countries highlighted by the Government

We have also arranged for additional daily cleaning of all hard surfaces like door handles, banisters, table tops, key boards etc.

Please be assured that if the situation changes and I know of anything that causes me concern, I will inform you straight away. The safety of the children is foremost in my mind.

It is very important that we do not overreact to the current outbreak. In these times, the children need the adults around them to be calm and reassuring, but I'm sure you know that.

If you have not already done so please read the letters and information I have placed on the school website.

Please keep the school informed of any illness your child may have that prevents them from coming to school.



## Key Dates for Spring 2020

Reception: Whole Class

Year 1: Whole Class

Year 2: Whole Class

Year 3: Nathan B and Thomas

Year 4: Fatima and Alejandro

Year 5: Ted and Cayetano

Year 6: Whole Class

### **Attendance**

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

**Year 5** for the highest percentage of attendance for the week beginning 10/3/2020.

Take a look at your own class' attendance.

Year R: **98.2%**

Year 1: **96.8%**

Year 2: **95%**

Year 3: **96.7%**

Year 4: **95.2%**

Year 5: **98.7%**

Year 6: **96.7%**

### **March 2020**

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>—Year 5 trip to Waterstones

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>—Year 2 trip to Waterstones

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Year 3 and 4 trip to Waterstones

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>– Year 1 trip to Waterstones

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>—Catholic Children Society Assembly

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: **The children to come to school dressed as a book character.**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>– Penguin Random house staff hosting a fun and interactive activity with Reception

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Cake Sale **please remember to bring 50p or £1 to school**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Science Day – **Professor Bubbleworks assembly and workshops—£5 per child. The children to come to school as a scientist.**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: Science Week

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>– Air Quality Assembly and hands up survey

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>– PM—KS2 Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>—CAFOD assembly

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am—Friends meeting to elect members**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>– Year 3 trip to the Science Museum

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: 9.05am Celebration assembly

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>—Availability to sign up for Parents' Evenings**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 library

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: 9.05am Year 5 assembly

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 library

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>: Year R library

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>: 9.05am Celebration assembly

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 library

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Pimlico Musical Foundation spring concert

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>: Year 1 library

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>: 2.30pm KS1 Easter Bonnet parade

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>: Year 6 library

### **April 2020**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Spring Music Concert. Timings and venue to be confirmed

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Outbreak Easter Trail

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Celebration Assembly 9.05am