

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Monday 6th July 220

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34

Welcoming you back to Church.

Yesterday I continued to watch Mass on the internet joining Father Pat and the congregation at Holy Apostles. I was very interested in seeing how the Church was going to re-open to the congregation. As I watched and partook in the Mass, it was lovely seeing familiar faces on the screen.

If you have not already done so, please look at Holy Apostles new website:

<https://www.holyapostlespimlico.org/>



Dear parents and friends,

On Friday you should have received a letter which told you the name of your child's class teacher next year.

Year 6	Miss McMullan	Year6@westcathsch.co.uk
Year 5	Miss Figueiredo	Year5@westcathsch.co.uk
Year 4	Miss Lee	Year4@westcathsch.co.uk
Year 3	Mr Beach	Year3@westcathsch.co.uk
Year 2	Miss Simmons	Year2@westcathsch.co.uk
Year 1	Mrs Badejo	Year1@westcathsch.co.uk
Year R	Miss Hallsworth	YearR@westcathsch.co.uk

Last Thursday the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced plans for all children and young people to return to full-time education at the start of the autumn term. Guidance was published. The guidance has been developed in close consultation with sector stakeholders and medical experts from Public Health England.

The guidance for the full opening of schools from the start of the autumn term can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Within the letter you received on Friday, the one day in the first week your child will return to school was explained—the year groups refer to the class your child will be in September. There are also the start times and finishing times for the week beginning 7th September and the week beginning 14th September. We are staggering the start and end times of the day due to the school being on a cul-de-sac. Most parents enter and leave Bessborough Place in the same direction so it is important we maintain social distancing. The staff in school will continue to review this and if there are any changes we will inform you via letter, email or text message.

This week your child will receive an invitation from your child's class teacher to attend a live zoom session this week. Please read the information the teachers will send in their weekly/ daily email that explains this in more detail. Have a blessed week, Mrs Stacey

Term dates from 2020-2021.

The term dates for next academic year are on the school website:

<http://westminstercathedral.ng1.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=School+Information&pid=6>



Following Fit For Sport's recent survey which found that over 88% of our parents would like their children to attend summer camps, and in accordance with recent government guidance we are delighted to announce that bookings for Summer Camps are now open!

For more information please visit:

<https://mailchi.mp/f5ff4547e3cb/summer-activity-camps-bookings-now-live?e=18f4a59768>

If you would like to know more about what is going on in Westminster during the Summer Holidays look at:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/activities-and-events-children-and-young-people>



Schools have been asked to emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

Please use these resources to keep your children safe online:

[Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online

[Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations

[Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support

[Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world

[London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online

[Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games

[Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services



Children's use of mobile phones.

I am sure over the past couple of weeks your child is making more use of their mobile phone and I know many children are using your phones to access their home learning. **Please be aware that smart phones that access the internet should be monitored closely by you.** It is recommended that children do not have mobile phones with them

when they go to bed. This is a safeguarding matter to protect them but also the 'blue light' can affect sleep patterns. Please be vigilant when your child accesses the internet via a phone/ tablet and monitor their use of social media.

Please be aware of the communication your child is having with others outside of your home. Thank you.