

November 2014

I trust you all had a restful half term week, albeit a distant memory and that the rest will have stood you in good stead for the busy run up to Christmas. I was very proud to attend the 11am Remembrance Sunday Mass with the junior choir on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The choir were resplendent in their school uniforms and were a credit to us and their parents. Thank you to Mrs McMillan and Mr Abbs for preparing them so well for the occasion. They also led the school in a very fitting and moving assembly on Remembrance Day.

This half term we will be participating in the Croydon Catholic Schools Cross Country competition on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Year 4 children have begun to access the facilities of the new leisure centre in West Norwood and now attend weekly swimming lessons. As a result of all the work that has gone into sport we have been awarded the SILVER SCHOOL GAMES AWARD. Congratulations to Mrs Mangan for coordinating the evidence needed for the award and meeting with the assessor.

### Power of Reading Project

This year we are involved with the Power of Reading project. It is a project which aims to encourage children's love of reading and promote good habits for life long reading and enjoyment. Research has shown that children who have a love of reading before the age of 10 go on to have academic success in later life. In order to support this initiative one of the ideas is for children to buy a book for their class to share on their birthday. Instead of sending in sweets and party bags parents are encouraged to purchase one new book for their child's class. The children will be introducing a new book to the class and celebrating their birthday by having their book read out. This has already begun in Year 3 and I have been asked to go in and read the story. I thoroughly enjoyed going in and sharing the book with 3H.

### Book Fair

There will be a book fair in the junior hall from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

### Parents evenings:

We look forward to welcoming you to the autumn term round of parents' meetings on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking parents to complete a parental survey; surveys will be available on the two evenings. Please would you complete the survey and return it to the class teacher or school office. It is always useful to have feedback from parents.

### Parking safely before and after school

Sadly this has raised its ugly head again. Some parents have been parking outside the garage located by the junior gate. Parking in that spot requires mounting the curb and reversing out. As a result of this we almost had a nasty accident on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November morning. Please take care when parking and use common sense in realising that there will be small children around, you must park away from the gate and walk. This will make things a lot more pleasant and safer for our children.

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## House teams and captains for this year.

Congratulations to this year's house captains and vice captains:

St Cecilia (yellow)- Ellie and Jennifer

St Catherine (Red) - Orla and Andrew

St Sebastian (Blue) - Isaiah and Abigail

St Francis (Green) - Ben and Bella

Currently St Francis are in the lead with 4136 points.

St Cecilia will be celebrating their feast day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Children must wear uniform but can add a yellow accessory.

## EYFS Coffee morning

Miss Ceylan (early years leader and Nursery teacher) has been organising coffee mornings for parents with children in Nursery and Reception. The next event will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** in the garden hall after drop off. Please do come along and talk to other parents and staff from the early years.

## Flora tokens and computer tablets for schools

We are collecting the tablets for schools tokens from tubs of Flora butter/margarine spreads. Please would you look out for promotional tubs. 50 tokens will provide us with one computer tablet for school. I am sure we could do very well with this initiative!

## PTA

The PTA's bingo night was a great success and enjoyed and attended by many. Thank you for your support of the event. We are very much looking forward to the Christmas fair and hope to see you all there. The PTA will issue a separate newsletter with information about the fair and how you can help.

## Operation Christmas

We received 49 girls and 34 boys' Christmas boxes (82 in total) all of which have been sent off to the charity, Samaritan's Purse. Many thanks for your support and keeping up the school's generous tradition.

## Forthcoming events

Christmas events:

1. Infant Nativity plays - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Infant School Hall
  - 9:45am - Reception and Nursery am
  - 11:00am - Class S and Class J
  - 2.00pm - Class E and Class O
2. Junior Carol Service- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm - Junior School Hall
3. Christmas Dinner Day - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Children can wear home clothes.

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On Christmas dinner day the PTA will arrange for Father Christmas to visit children from N- Y3 and there will be a Christmas disco for children in Y4-Y6. The PTA will be making a small charge for these activities.

### **Admissions: Reception Class September 2015**

The Governors are still accepting applications for Reception 2015 and Nursery 2015. We have already held admissions meetings and open mornings however we are happy to arrange tours of the school on request. **To be considered for admission to Reception at St Joseph's; parents must complete a Croydon form and a St Joseph's Supplementary Form. If you do not live in Croydon you must fill in a Common Application Form (CAF) FOR YOUR HOME Local Authority. Applications forms and admissions documentation are available at the Infant School office on request.**

Year 2 - Year 3 application forms can now be collected from the Junior School Office and will need to be completed and returned to the Junior School Office by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Transition from Infant to Junior School is called an 'in year' admission.

### **School coats**

We do get a number of coats going missing despite them being named. Please would you check regularly that your child is bringing home the correct uniform. It is only understandable that uniform gets mixed up from time to time but please do return it to the school as soon as possible.

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