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13th March 2020

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Key Stage 2 gymnastics team, who qualified for the Croydon finals to be held in a few weeks. They performed brilliantly and worked well as a team, supporting and encouraging each other. Well done children for being excellent role models and doing us proud!

Clubs continue to be a success and well attended. We now have an additional merit Assembly, led by Mr Lutchman, our Crystal Palace Coach. He awards certificates to children demonstrating a positive attitude and leadership qualities. He has arranged for a group of children from the infant and junior schools to visit Crystal Palace Football club in the summer term. Children will be chosen, for consistently showing excellent behaviour. They will have the opportunity to take part in workshops around sports and journalism. An exciting opportunity to look forward to.

Coronavirus

I am sure you have kept up to date with developments relating to the Coronavirus. Please remind your child to regularly wash their hands for the recommended time and follow public health guidelines. If you have any concerns, please seek medical advice and inform the school of outcomes. Please encourage your child to wear gloves to school as this will also help.

The children have been fantastic and very sensible in following procedures in school. It is important to remain calm and we will keep you informed of any developments.

Do refer to the following websites for advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

<https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEq>

Should it be necessary to close the school, you will be notified immediately. To minimise disruption to their learning, work will be posted on our school website, under the year group pages. Please make sure that your child has access to the internet at home. If you do not have internet access, please contact the school, so that alternative arrangements can be made should we need to provide your child with work. We continually check updates and liaise with the Local Authority and Public Health and any decisions made, are based on these consultations.

Parent/Teacher Contact evenings – 18th & 19th March

Thank you for being prompt to use our new online booking system. If you have not been able to secure an appointment on one of the above days, please do see your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting.

St Joseph's Feast Day - 19th March 2020

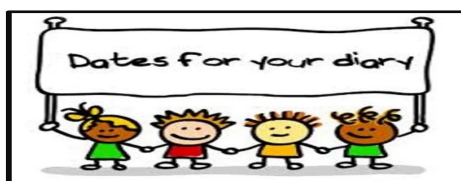
After careful consideration, we have decided to celebrate Mass in the Junior Hall on the 19th March at 10.00 a.m. instead of the Church. You are very welcome to join us. There will be a special Assembly in the Infant Hall at 11.15 a.m. The change is due to minimise risks in the current climate. We are looking forward to a wonderful creative afternoon, where each year group will produce a piece of art work.



20th March 2020

To support raising awareness of Downs syndrome, we will be asking children to wear an odd sock to school on Friday, 20th March 2020. All over the world, people will be wearing an odd sock to raise awareness of World Down Syndrome Day, 21st March 2020. We feel it is important for us to support this day and encourage our children to know that we are all individuals who are unique and loved by God. So please do remind your child to come into school wearing an odd sock. Should you wish to make a donation, please visit the following fundraising page: <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday2.org/fundraising>

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher



- 16th March – Y4 Trip to Tate Modern (parent help welcome)- Postponed
 - 17th March – Y2 Trip to Margaret Clitherow Church (parent help welcome)
 - 18th & 19th Parent/Teacher contact meetings - Junior School Hall/Classrooms
 - 19th March – Mothers' Day Breakfast - Junior School Hall (7.45 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.)
 - 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day Mass – 10.00 a.m. - Junior Hall (parent help welcome)
 - 20th March – 5C Assembly 9.15 a.m – Junior Hall (Parents welcome)
 - 26th March – KS2 Pentathlon (Trinity School) - School team
 - 26th March - Girls Football Tournament - Margaret Roper School
 - 26th – 27th March – Y4 Hindleap Residential trip
 - Friday, 27th March 5LJ Assembly 9.15 a.m. (Parents welcome)
 - 30th March - Y2 SATS Parent meeting – 5.00 p.m. Infant School
 - 31st March – Y6 SATS Meeting for Parents - 5.30 p.m. Junior Hall
 - 2nd April – Class S Assembly – 9.15 a.m. Infant Hall (Parents welcome)
 - 3rd April - Mufti day (food donations to be brought in for the Brixton Soup Kitchen)
- 3rd April – End of term - SCHOOL ENDS AT 2.00 P.M.**