

17th July 2020

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of this academic year and successfully come through many challenges as a result of COVID-19 and lockdown. Thank you for supporting your children with their home learning and with the introduction of our Google Classrooms. Staff loved receiving emails, messages and photos from you. Congratulations to all of you and especially the children.

Transition sessions

It has been a delight seeing children coming in this week, enjoying meeting their new teacher and spending time in the classroom. I have to say, I am so impressed with our new year 3 pupils, who have quickly adapted to being in new classes in the junior school. All the children have been positive about the experience and enthusiastic about holiday tasks set. Please do support your child with these tasks and keep reading regularly over the summer break. Holiday tasks will be uploaded onto the Google classroom, so if your child was not able to come in, you can download the tasks. Should you have any problems, please do contact the office. We will not be uploading new information on Google classrooms until we return in September.



Children's reports have been sent out this week, either by post or given to your child on their transition day. So please ask your child if they have not handed it to you. I would like to thank the PTA for their gifts to the children of a bookmark and sweets and a lovely remembrance bracelet for year 6.

Farewell to year 6

Year 6 spent Thursday afternoon with us and attended a farewell Mass at Virgo Fidelis, celebrated by Fr James and Fr Anthony. The children then came together for a picnic in school. It was lovely to be able to spend some time with the children and bid them farewell. They will be returning in the autumn term for a prizegiving ceremony to celebrate their achievements. We would like to wish them all the best for the future and thank them for being a fantastic year group.



Autumn 1 term - 3rd September 2020

All children are expected to return in September. Start and finish times will be staggered and you will receive a letter via email in August informing you of your child's start and finish times. Please note that children are advised to wear their winter uniform but may wear summer uniform for the first few weeks. Girls will be allowed to wear trousers, but they must be in line with our school uniform. A copy of the uniform list is on Google Classrooms and on the school website.

We have revised our curriculum to include new engaging texts to reflect the diversity of our society. Texts have been chosen from different cultures and support our topic of 'Our Heritage'. Children will be looking at significant people from the past and present who have positively impacted on our lives. It incorporates the theme of 'Black Lives Matter' and celebrates diversity. Teachers will focus on revising some of the main objectives and targets from the previous year in English and Maths, to ensure gaps in learning are addressed together with areas of strength. This will help children to make good to outstanding progress and quickly move towards their new year group targets.



Daily Prayers for Home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/homeprayer-2020-06-15/>
 St Matthews and Virgo Fidelis Church are now open for Mass

SUPPORT OVER THE SUMMER BREAK

School will be closed over the summer holidays, but please do contact me if you require any support or advice on who to contact. You can email me direct on: head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk
The Government will continue to issue free school meal vouchers over the summer break to those families entitled to free school meals.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Croydon Council have informed us that there will be restricted entry to Woodend between 08:00 to 09:30 and 14:00 to 16:00 on weekdays. This will mean that cars without a permit will not be able to drive into Woodend during these times and will be fined if they do. A letter from the council will be emailed to you shortly.

Please do keep check your emails over the summer break for up to date information regarding returning to school in September.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your good wishes shared at the end of term. We are living through difficult times which have required us to change and adapt our lifestyle and thinking. It has been hard dealing with the many challenges faced and we should not lose sight of the good things that have come through as a result of being in a crisis. We have seen people coming together as a strong community to support each other.

I would like to thank the staff and Governors for their hard work and dedication to achieve the best for our children and we look forward to returning in September with all the children in school. I wish you all a happy and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you again.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

STAFFING FOR SEPTEMBER

Nursery	Mrs Reid	
Reception	Mrs Tope	P
	Ms Johnson	H
Year 1	Mrs Miscia	1E
	Mrs Swain	1S
Year 2	Mr Abrahams	O
	Mrs Langford Jackson	J

Year 3	Mrs Steen Plomer - 3SP	
	Miss Langford Jackson - 3LJ	
Year 4	Ms Ugbo	4U
	Ms DeMelo	4DM
Year 5	Ms Chrusciak	5C
	Ms Bickmore	5B
Year 6	Mrs Winters	6W
	Mrs Phillips	6P