

Thank you to the 50+ parents who attended the Governors and Friends Annual General Meetings on Wednesday 14th November. There was a very positive feel about the evening which hopefully people found informative. My thanks also to the Friends Association and Sheila Williams for providing refreshments to round off the evening.

I must also record very grateful thanks to all parents and friends who have so generously contributed to our Oratory Fund which has already raised over £7,000. Work is now underway to refurbish the area and bring it into use and I will keep parents informed as this develops. Your very generous support of last half term's Smartie Tube drive raised a total of £2,196.66. The children participated enthusiastically in the project which included an element of Year group competition. The final amounts raised were:-

Nursery:	£226.61	Class 3.1:	£98.60
Class R1:	£113.67	Class 3.2:	£60.01
Class R2:	£134.12	Class 4.1:	£204.44
Class 1.1:	£124.80	Class 4.2:	£261.33
Class 1.2:	£105.35	Class 5.1:	£120.68
Class 2.1:	£111.68	Class 5.2:	£100.32
Class 2.2:	£182.24	Class 6.1:	£226.90
		Class 6.2:	£72.87

Kitchen Staff: £53. Other staff contributions included in above totals.

Many thanks again.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENTS

I would wish to reiterate the fact that free school meal entitlement has a direct effect on our school budget. It is very important therefore that we have the most up to date information in this regard. I am aware that some parents have an entitlement but choose not to take this up. Could I urge all those who are in receipt of Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance or who may be designated as asylum seekers to advise the school office or myself personally. This information will be treated as strictly confidential. THIS APPLIES ALSO TO NURSERY PARENTS EVEN THOUGH THEIR CHILDREN DO NOT TAKE SCHOOL MEALS YET.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event and to the Friends Committee for all their hard work. The event was a great success raising in excess of £1,000 for the Association's funds.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – SCHOOL COATS

I would remind parents that the introduction period (2 years) for our school uniform coat was reached in September 2001. Hence **all children** should now be wearing the school coat. Uniform checks will be carried out over the next few weeks and parents notified directly where non-compliance with uniform is found. Please would you also check that your child has a full PE kit and school PE bag.

SCHOOL BOOKSHOP

Bookshop continues to open on Thursday afternoons, with stamps on sale starting at 10p and book prices starting at £1.50. The bookshop also sells pencils, pens, notebooks and other miscellaneous items. We are aware that not all parents wish their children to purchase these smaller items and it has been decided that, from the start of the new term, such items will only be sold on the last Thursday that bookshop opens each month. Parents who do not wish their children to make such purchases may wish not to send their children to bookshop on these days. The children are encouraged to make their own choice of book or other items and we are always happy to exchange items providing they are returned in unused, resaleable condition.

POETRY IN PRINT

A while ago parents were advised that a number of children from our school had had their poems selected for inclusion in a poetry anthology to be published this month. I would like to congratulate Rachel Reynolds whose poem won second prize in the publication earning £20 for the school and for herself in prize money. With her kind permission I have reproduced her poem which read:-

Alone

*When it's playtime, sitting all alone,
Or sitting at home yapping on the phone,
Remember the times when you were happy,
Crawling around in a babies nappy,
You'll remember what it's like to be . . .
Wandering around feeling free!*

*Maybe life won't always be kind,
Some people are deaf, some people are blind,
It doesn't matter if you look good or not,
It doesn't matter if you have a lump or a spot,
The main thing is that you always feel fine,
And life feels good all the time!*

*Don't take life for granted,
With all your friends never be parted,
You never know when you'll need someone,
To chat, to play and have some fun,
Sometimes you might feel lonely,
And sometimes you'll feel that time goes slowly.*

BABY SITTING LIST

We are in the process of compiling a new baby-sitting list. Please advise us if you know of anyone who would like to be included on this list. The following two girls are available for baby sitting. Please contact them directly regarding arrangements and terms.

Helena Rooney, Age 15. Tel: 020 8683 1519

Jennifer Foad, Age 15½. Tel: 020 8240 0247

TOKEN COLLECTIONS

The only schools promotion running at present is the Box Tops for Schools token collection from Nestle cereal boxes. Whilst this scheme runs until March 2002 please send in any tokens you may be holding as a bonus is awarded for any tokens redeemed by the end of this term.

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Our collection of old newspapers is ongoing and papers can be placed in the two paper bins located in the school car park.

Toner Cartridges and Old Mobile Phones

We have registered under the Sprints scheme which recycles laser, inkjet, bubblejet and laser fax cartridges and old mobile phones in exchange for equipment for schools. A collecting box is located in the main entrance and we would welcome any cartridges or phones for recycling. Please enquire of friends and family if cartridges are thrown out at their workplace. From the information we have received over 280 million cartridges were thrown away nationally last year. The more we can collect the more we can raise for equipment. Please help in any way you can.

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Many congratulations to the following children who were successful in gaining certificates in this year's national Primary Schools Maths Challenge. Success in this is no easy task so a special commendation goes to Justin Sonny on the gaining of a Silver certificate and to the following Bronze certificate winners: Kiran Andradi, Matthew Baichu, Sarah Clarke-McDermott, Mathew Edgerton, Stephan Li Tai Leong and Olivia Strevens.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Don't forget our annual school's Christmas Book Fair is running this week. Why not pop in after 3 pm one afternoon to view the stock? All classes will be visiting the Fair and your child may bring home a reserved book slip indicating a book they would like to purchase. Please note there is no obligation to purchase. If the slip is not returned then no purchase is made.

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

We have received a circular from a lady called Anna Houghton of Sandown Road, SE25 who has requested we circulate details that she offers piano lessons to all ages from 4 years to adult. This lady is not known to us so comes with no recommendation. If parents are interested, however, they should call her directly on 020 8405 4583.

BE SAFE, BE SEEN

We recently circulated coat reflectors supplied by Nationwide. Your children have today been given a postcard providing peel-off reflective hedgehog stickers for use on coats. These have been provided via the Local Authority with details of the following website parents may be interested in viewing. The site address is www.hedgehogs.gov.uk. This is part of a national road safety campaign.

PHOTOGRAPH MONEY/RETURNS

Reminder – we requested closure of returns in regard of school photographs by the end of this month. A significant number remain outstanding and we would appreciate your attention to this matter.

CHRISTMAS TERM NOTES – ADVANCE NOTICE

It is hoped as usual that all children will take a school dinner on our Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 19th December. Parents will be requested to ensure that their child has a dinner token for this day. Further details will be issued separately.

DATE LIST

Please find attached date list for this academic year. We would ask you to note that school will not now re-open after Christmas until Tuesday 8th January.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 3 rd September		In-Service Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 4 September		School Re-opens
Saturday 8 th September		25 th Anniversary Celebration
Tuesday 11 th September	4.30 pm	Catholic Schools Mass – Our Lady of Reparation
Tuesday 2 nd October		Open Evening Key Stage 2
Monday 8 th October	8.00 pm	New Parents' Evening – Friends Association
Tuesday 9 th October		Open Evening Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2 only)
Saturday 13 th October	7.00 pm	Bingo Evening – Friends Association
Thursday 18 th October	2.30 pm	Harvest Assembly – led by Key Stage 1
Friday 19 th October		Break up for Half Term
Monday 29 th October		School re-opens
Thursday 1 st November	2 pm 2.30 pm	<i>All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation</i> Key Stage 1 – Non-Eucharistic Service Mass – Key Stage 2
Wednesday 14 th November	7.30 pm	Governors/Friends AGM
Saturday 24 th November	12-3 pm	Friends Craft Fair
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th November		Book Fair
Wednesday 28 th November		Reception Open Evening
Wednesday 5 th December	2.45 pm	<i>Class 3.2 Prayer Service</i>
Thursday 6 th December	Am 2.45 pm	Pipsqueak – Nursery and Reception <i>Class 3.1 Prayer Service</i>
Monday 10 th December	2 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Tuesday 11 th December	7.30 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Wednesday 12 th December	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Sleeping Beauty – All Infants Christmas Concert – All Infants
Friday 14 th December	2.30 pm	Nursery Concert
Monday 17 th December	7.30 pm	<i>Carol Service at St Andrew's – All Juniors</i>
Tuesday 18 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Nursery
Wednesday 19 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Whole School Nursery party day (last sessions of term)
Thursday 20 th December	2 pm	School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 31 st December	8.30 pm	New Year's Eve Disco
Monday 7 th January		Staff In-Service Day – School Closed
Tuesday 8 th January	9.15 am	School re-opens
Wednesday 16 th January	2.45 pm	<i>Class 6.2 Prayer Service</i>
Tuesday 22 nd January	2.30 pm	<i>Year 5 Mass</i>
Tuesday 29 th January	2.45 pm	<i>R2 Prayer Service</i>
Wednesday 30 th January	2.45 pm	<i>R1 Prayer Service</i>
Tuesday 5 th February		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
Thursday 7 th February	2.45 pm	<i>Class 6.1 Prayer Service</i> Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6 Break up for Half Term
Friday 8 th February		Catholic Schools' In-Service Day (Regina Coeli) – School Closed

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Monday 18 th February		School re-opens
Saturday 23 rd February	7.30 pm	Friends Association Music Evening (Provisional)
Monday 25 th February (week beginning)		<i>Penitential Week – Years 4, 5 and 6</i>
Tuesday 5 th March	2.45 pm	<i>Class 2.2 Prayer Service</i>
Thursday 7 th March	2.45 pm	<i>Class 2.1 Prayer Service</i>
Wednesday 20 th March		Catholic Schools' Cross Country
Friday 22 nd March	8 pm	<i>Year 6 to lead Stations of the Cross – St Bart's</i>
Saturday 23 rd March	7.30 pm	Friends Association Quiz Night
Monday 25 th March	2.45 pm	<i>Class 1.1 Prayer Service</i>
Wednesday 27 th March	2.45 pm	<i>Class 1.2 Prayer Service</i>
Thursday 28 th March	2 pm	School closes for Easter Break
Monday 8 th April – Friday 12 th April		Years 4 and 5 Residential Visit
Wednesday 10 th April	9.15 am	School re-opens
Sunday 21 st April		Friends Association Children's Event
Monday 6 th May		School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th May	10 am 2.15 pm	<i>Feast of The Ascension</i> Mass at St Andrew's Non-Eucharistic Service for KS1
Monday 13 th May- Friday 17 th May		Year 6 – SATs
Tuesday 14 th May	2.30 pm	<i>Class 5.1 Mass</i>
Thursday 16 th May	9.45 am	<i>Year 1 Assembly</i>
Saturday 18 th May		Catholic Football/Netball Tournament
Thursday 23 rd May	9.45 am 2.30 pm	<i>Reception Assembly</i> <i>Class 5.2 Mass</i>
Saturday 25 th May		Friends Association May Ball
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May		UKSA – Year 6 Residential Visit
Thursday 30 th May	10 am 2.30 pm	<i>Feast of Corpus Christi</i> Mass for Key Stage 2 at St Bartholomew's Non-Eucharistic Service for Key Stage 1 Break up for Half Term
Friday 31 st May		Staff In-Service Training Day (Reports) – School Closed
Monday 10 th June	9.15 am	School re-opens
Tuesday 11 th June	7.30 pm	New Nursery Parents' Meeting
Monday 17 th June		Staff In-Service Training Day – School Closed
Thursday 20 th June	Pm	School Sports – field events
Friday 21 st June		School Sports Day – track events
Tuesday 25 th June		New Reception Visits
Monday 1 st July	2 pm	School Concert
Tuesday 2 nd July		Reception Parents' Meeting am and pm – pupil visits
Wednesday 3 rd July	7.30 pm	School Concert
Thursday 4 th July	7.30 pm	School Concert
Wednesday 10 th July		Catholic Sports (Reserve date 11 th July)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 11 th July	9.45 am 2.30 pm	<i>Year 2 Assembly</i> <i>Year 3 Mass</i> Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
		Catholic Sports Reserve Day
Saturday 13 th July	7-11 pm	Friends Association Family Disco
Monday 15 th July	7.30 pm	<i>Leavers' Mass</i>
Tuesday 16 th July		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
Thursday 18 th July	9.45 am	<i>Leavers' Assembly</i>
Friday 19 th July	2 pm	School closes for Summer Break
Monday 2 nd September		Staff In-Service Day – School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd September		School re-opens

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Class 4.1 Mass and Class 4.2 Mass first half of the Spring term

Class 4.1 Prayer Service and Class 4.2 Prayer Service second half of the Spring term

Year 4 Assembly first half of the Summer term