



Parents' Update Newsletter: Monday 10th October 2022

Dear Parents

We would like to thank you for your support and the kind thoughts and prayers offered at this time to Mr Hennessey and his family. Whilst Mr Hennessey is away from school, Mr Justin Dachtler and myself are leading the school.

We have had a number of events so far this term which include:

Welcoming new children in Nursery and Reception



We welcomed many new children and families to our EYFS Unit in September. The children have settled well; they are forming relationships with their peers and adults, and they are becoming more familiar with our rules and routines. Their first topic this year has been 'Marvellous Me', the children have embraced their learning and staff have enjoyed getting to know our marvellous children! The Reception children started formal phonics lessons in their second week of school, and many are beginning to blend the sounds they have learnt in order to read simple words. They were very excited to start their reading practice groups.

Year 6 visit to the British Museum

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the British Museum. They have been studying Ancient Benin and were able to see real Benin Bronze artefacts all the way from Nigeria. They explored the information that can be gathered from these primary sources of information. The children also explored other areas of the museum to recap previous learning, such as Ancient Egypt, the Vikings and the Roman Empire.

Year 2 Swimming programme

Year 2 have completed their two-week intensive swimming course. All was a success, and we hope that parents will support the children to continue practising their new skills.

Prayer Leaders

On Friday 30th September our Prayer Leaders in Year 6 attended the first Mass of the school year at St George's Cathedral to represent our school. They were great ambassadors!



Notices

Family Support Worker- Miss Burgess is available in school to provide support and signpost to a range of agencies if help is needed for your child and family. You will see Miss Burgess on the school gate on most days at the start and end of the school day.

Harvest Mass is taking place on **Friday 21st October** in school at 10.00 am. We would like to ask parents/carers to donate non-perishable items (packaged, dried and tinned food items) which will be donated to The Dons Local Action Group who deliver food parcels in our community. Parents are invited to join us for Mass.

Teacher & Parent consultations- **Tuesday 18th October 4-6.30 pm** and **Thursday 20th October 2-5pm**. Thank you to those of you who have already booked your consultation with your child's class teacher. If you have not yet booked, please do so as soon as possible. Please use the link that was emailed to you recently.

Reception Class – Year 6 Please note that **school will close early on Thursday 20th October at 1.30pm**, due to the consultations. Your child will need to be collected promptly at 1:30pm to ensure we can start our consultation meetings on time.

Nursery will remain open on Thursday afternoon and finish at the normal time.

Reminders

- **Packed lunches**

We would like to encourage all children who have their own school packed lunch to have a healthy packed lunch. No fizzy drinks and sweets are allowed. **For our youngest children in the early years it would be helpful to cut cherry tomatoes, grapes and cherries in half.** If you would like some ideas, please visit this link for ideas.

Healthy lunchbox ideas (Change 4 life)- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

BBC Good Food -<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

- **School uniform**

Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate school uniform each day. On PE days, your child is allowed to come into school wearing their PE kit. On other days, school uniform must be worn including black shoes and not trainers.

- **Secondary school applications for pupils in Year 6**

Applications for secondary school must be submitted by Monday 31st October. Late applications could lead to your child not having a place at the school of your choice. Please do not miss this date. ***If you need some help with your form, please contact the school office.***

Useful information – Local Foodbanks

The cost of living crisis is a challenge for many families and it reassuring to know that within our neighbourhood there are a number of foodbanks who can support with food items. Please see below.

St Michael's Church Hall (The Fresh Foodbank)

10am to 11am

Fridays

Food: fresh fruit & veg, bread, eggs, nappies

Address: Chestnut Grove, Mitcham, CR4 1LS

Phone: 020 8544 0126



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Morden Baptist Church carpark

(Merton Community Fridge)

Wednesdays: 4.30pm to 6pm

Thursdays: 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Food: tinned, dried and long life

Address: Grasmere Avenue, Morden, SM4 5BL

Phone: 020 8544 0126

The Power Centre Church (Wood's World Mission)

Thursday: 10am to 12pm

Food: tinned, dried and long life

Address: 238—240 London Rd, Mitcham, CR4 3HD

Phone: 020 8286 3018

If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. You are also able to make contact via the school office. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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