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Prayer for the day



Father of love, hear my prayer.
Help me to know Your Will
and to do it with courage and
faith.

Accept my offering of myself,
all my thoughts, words, deeds,
and sufferings. May my life be
spent giving You glory.

Give me the strength to follow
Your call, so that Your Truth may
live in my heart and bring **PEACE**
to me and to those I meet, for I
believe in Your Love.



WELCOME BACK: We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday with friends and family.

We have had a great start to the year. The sun has shone and although it was unseasonably hot last week, we are now enjoying the cooler but still sunny days. The children have returned rested and ready to learn.

On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to thank you for all your warm wishes and gifts at the end of the school year. As always there was an overwhelming and humbling show of thanks for what we do.

We continue to upgrade areas of the school. The carpets have been replaced in the junior block and the flooring has been replaced in all pupil toilets in the main school. Radiators have also been upgraded in the school hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Kazimirowicz (Site Manager) and his team of cleaners for preparing the school for the new school year. Everywhere is sparkling and clean.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: As you will know I have taken on this role. This means I will be leading Our Lady of the Visitation and St Anselm's in Southall. I have chosen this time to take on this extra responsibility because we have a very strong team at 'The Visitation' who will lead the school on the days I am at St Anselm's. This will normally be a Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you for all the well wishes I have received since announcing this new role.

EXPECTATIONS: We have had many conversations with the children about our expectations of them this year. This includes their behaviour, their uniform, as well as their effort in class. You have chosen this school for your child because of our high expectations. Therefore, it is important that you support your child to follow the school rules. This includes wearing the correct uniform.

We will be discussing expectations further next week at the curriculum meetings and ask you to reinforce these messages at home.

LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES: We are constantly having to replace playground equipment that is lost or broken because the children are not taking care of them.

This week I was saddened to hear that a boy, or small group of boys, thought it was OK to throw a whole pack of toilet tissue into ALL the toilets in the cubicles in the junior boys' toilets. This has happened on three occasions since the beginning of the term. This resulted in a blockage that meant those toilets had to be locked. This was particularly upsetting as we strive to make the environment nice for all the children. This is also deeply unfair to those children who are making the right choices but are then affected by the actions of others.

INFORMATION MEETINGS: These will take place at the following times next week:

Year 1 & 2 – Tuesday 19th September;
Year 3 & 4 – Wednesday 20th September
Year 5 & 6 – Thursday 21st September

Meetings will begin at 3.35pm with a welcome from the headteacher. You will then get the opportunity to hear about your child's coming year.

WELCOME MASS: Thank you to everyone who helped organise the Welcome Mass this week and to all the parents/guardians who were able to attend. I'm sure you would all like to join me in congratulating the children on their impeccable behaviour.

HOME LEARNING: Will begin this week. The most important thing you can do to support your child's progress is to hear him/her read and to read to them.

PUNCTUALITY: One of the most important things you can do is ensure your children arrive to school on time and are collected on time at the end of the day. It is very distressing for children who are late into class and is also very disruptive to lessons. Being left waiting for a parent/guardian at the end of the day can also be very distressing for young children. The school will be monitoring punctuality more closely this year and will meet with the parents of those children who are persistently late to school or picked up late in the evening.

The school gate opens at 8.35am and all children should in by 8.45am ready for registration at 8.50am.

START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR; a huge thank you to all parents/guardians for your support in helping the children to settle back into the school routines. There is a calmness throughout the school with staff and pupils all working hard.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



AUTUMN TERM

HOLY ROSARY in the Church at 9am

Thursday 5th October - Year 6

Thursday 12th October - Year 5

Thursday 19th October - Year 4

Wednesday 11th October - **Harvest**

Liturgies in School (Infants at 9.15am and Juniors at 9.45am)

Wednesday 1st November- **Family of God (All Saints) 9.30am**

Wednesday 29th November - **Advent Liturgy- In school** (Infants only at 9.15am)

Monday 4th December – **Carols with Cardinal Wiseman Choir**

Friday 8th December – **Reconciliation Service – Year 4 - 6**

Wednesday 13th December- **Junior Carol Service** - 2pm

Thursday 14th December- **Junior Carol Service** - 6.00pm

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th September –
3.35pm Year 1 & 2 Parent
Information Meetings

Wednesday 20th September –
3.35pm Year 3 & 4 Parent
Information Meetings

Thursday 21st September –
3.35pm Year 5 & 6 Parent
Information Meetings

*Friday 22nd – Monday 25th
September* – Year 6 PGL trip to
Osmington Bay

Tuesday 3rd October – Year 6 RAF
Hendon trip

Wednesday 4th October –
Bumblebees visit Litten Nature
Reserve

Thursday 5th October – 2.50pm
Phonics Workshop for Reception
Parents

Wednesday 11th October –
Butterflies visit Litten Nature
Reserve

Wednesday 18th October –
Parental Consultations school
closes at 2.00pm

*Monday 23rd – Friday 27th
October* – Half Term

The Newsletter will now go out on the first **Monday** of every month. The next newsletter will be Monday 2nd October. Any notices in between times will be sent home separately.

Yours sincerely,
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