



We hope you all have a lovely half-term. Our first day back at school is Monday 25th Feb. Please take note of the dates for your diary for next half term as there's lots happening. Parents Evening is on the first week back after half term. If you haven't already booked an appointment online to see your child's class teacher, please do so ASAP.

Netball News

Our netball team have had a very busy week, playing games on back to back evenings. On Tuesday our A team was victorious against Kenley on a scoreline of 12-2, with the B team losing 8-2. Yesterday afternoon, the As put in a great performance against a very talented Oakwood team and were very unlucky to come away on the wrong end of a 3-2 scoreline. The Bs also performed valiantly but ultimately lost 10-6. Well done to all players involved.



Parking Complaints

We have recently had a number of complaints from neighbours about people parking inconsiderately, which has led to driveways being blocked. Please make every effort to park in a considerate manner so that we maintain good relationships with those living in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Key Dates for next half term

- Mon 25th Feb: 2nd Half term begins
- Wed 27th Feb: Parents' Evening 4 – 6.30pm
- Thu 28th Feb: Parents' Evening 4 – 6.30pm
- Sat 2nd Mar: Cross Country at Farthing Downs
- Mon 4th Mar: Curriculum Evening for Parents 6pm
- Wed 6th Mar: Year 6 trip to Guardian Newspaper
- Wed 6th Mar: Ash Wednesday*
- Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day (book character dress up)
- Thu 14th Mar: Oliver Twist theatre perf (at school)
- Fri 15th Mar: Yr2 Class Mass at school 9.10am
- Wed 20th Mar: Yr 5 trip to Bough Beech
- Mon 25th Mar: Geography Day
- Wed 27th Mar: Yr 4 trip to Bank of England
- Thu 28th Mar: Reception Class Assembly 9.15am
- Wed 3rd Apr: RE Day
- Thu 4th Apr: Yr 5 Passion Service
- Fri 5th Apr: End of term – school closes 1.30pm
- Sun 21st Apr: Easter Sunday
- Tue 23rd Apr: Summer Term Begins

*On Ash Wednesday (instead of going to mass in the morning) we will be having a special liturgy at St Aidan's church at 2pm. Parents are invited to attend. On that day pupils can be collected from school immediately after the service (approx. 3pm)

Road Safety Assembly

Today, all of our children enjoyed a road safety workshop from the Smart Brothers theatre company. Children were given age appropriate guidelines on how to stay safe on or near roads.



St Mary: Dylan Rebello
St. Francis: Roman Sharma
St. Joseph: Lola Tomassi
St. Bernadette: Dylan Sales
St. Theresa: Isabella-Aurora Acha
St. Peter: Orla Mannion
St Paul: Sariyah Elliston



St Mary: Chase King
St. Francis: Aine Doohan
St. Joseph: Jason Gjondrekaj
St. Bernadette: George Beckett
St. Theresa: Lucia Dias
St Peter: Aaron Hamilton
St Paul: Sean Carroll

Film Night

Last Friday night SASA held a very enjoyable film night, with 2 different screenings to choose from. All attending children received popcorn, drinks and sweets. The even raised approx. £500 for the School Association, which is going to be used towards the purchase of a new sound system for our hall.

Football News

Our football team have continued their excellent form since the last edition of the newsletter, with 4 wins out of 4 in the last week. Last Friday afternoon, we travelled the short distance to Smitham and achieved back-to-back wins, 5-0 and 3-0 in very poor conditions.

This Tuesday we played a very talented Coulsdon C of E team, winning the first game 1-0 and pulling away in the second game for a comprehensive 5-0 victory. Well done to the team and to Coach T for his hard work in preparing them.



Did You Know... St Valentine

He is the patron saint of love, epileptics, and beekeepers. According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war.

Achievement

Well done to Jessica B in Year 6 for her 'Ultra Marathon' (50k) completed in Junior Parkruns, completed over the course of 25 weeks. Joshua achieved his Bronze Swimming challenge for completing a range of tasks, including swimming 400m. Obekhai earned a bronze certificate in Mathematics for completing a number of challenges independently.



Year 2 Cinema Trip

On Monday, Year 2 visited Grant's cinema in Croydon to watch How to Train Your Dragon 3: The Hidden World as part of their work on the series in Literacy. The trip was greatly enjoyed by all the children who have produced excellent work based on what they saw.

