



Next week is Book Week, one of the busiest weeks in the school's calendar. We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes on Thursday and at the story at bedtime event on Monday evening. Parents are invited to join us at St Aidan's church for our Ash Wednesday liturgy at 2pm. Children can be collected from school immediately afterwards.

Quiz Club Area Heat Winners

On Wednesday two of our quiz teams participated in the area heat of the Quiz club general knowledge national championships. It was a very exciting competition, with the lead changing hands a number of times. We are very proud that our A team, consisting of Emily (Yr 6) Jacob (Yr 5), Abigail (Yr 4) and Lizzy (Yr 3) ended up winning the quiz. Our B team, consisting of Jessica (Yr 6), Madelaine (Yr 5), Alessandro (Yr 4) and Kiki (Yr 3) also participated and put in a great effort. Well done to all of you.



Football Success

Our football team have continued our unbeaten season with two great victories this week against Keston 6-0 and 3-1. Thanks very much to Coach T for your continued hard work in preparing the children so well. Thanks also to the parents who make the effort to get to school to transport their children to games, often having to change work arrangements to do so. We are really looking forward to our top of the table clash against Chipstead Valley next Friday.



Nut Free School – PLEASE READ!

Once again, can we please remind everyone that we are a nut free school. This rule also applies to outside of school hours. A number of pupils we re seen with Nutella bars, pastries with nut toppings etc. at parents evening. This rule needs to be followed and could literally be the difference between life and death for some of our children. Please remember this when packing snack treats for pick up time as well as in lunchboxes.



St Mary: Rosa Bimpong
St. Francis: Alfie Johnson
St. Joseph: Darcy Brilley
St. Bernadette: Leah Martin
St. Theresa: Alex Mooney
St. Peter: Henry Dance
St Paul: Sariyah Elliston



St Mary: Imogen Sone
St. Francis: Rafaele Costa
St. Joseph: Eviee Huggett
St. Bernadette: Luke Pepper
St. Theresa: Zachary Taylor
St Peter: Isabel McCarthy
St Paul: Summer Cormack

Book Week 2019

Next week is Book Week, a chance to celebrate reading for pleasure at school and at home. Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and all pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a favorite book character (no football shirts please!). The week launches with our 'Story at Bedtime' and curriculum evening for parents on Monday evening. Please make a special effort to enjoy lots of story time as a family this week.

A reminder that if anyone entered the BBC 500 words competition, then we would love to see copies of entries in school.

Girls Football News

Our girls football club were able to benefit from a session with Mr. Matt Beard, the head coach of the West Ham women's team this week. He did an hours' coaching session with the group, helping them to work on their passing, shooting and communication. Thanks to Mr Cormack for putting us in touch with Mr Beard.



School Funding Parliament Debate

You will have seen in the news the issues that are facing schools in regards to funding. Our children are being shortchanged and we are having to make very difficult choices regarding how we spend our money. You will also have noticed that the school is now having to ask for greater levels of contributions, via SASA voluntary fund, in order to fund trips and experiences for the children. The government has put their new funding formula which would begin to address the difference between boroughs funding on hold. This means that our children are funded at a significantly lower rate than those in neighboring boroughs. Why are the children in Croydon worth less than others? Schools are effectively operating on real terms cuts of 8-10% according to several independent authorities such as the National Audit Office.

Please sign the petition to debate school funding on the 4th March <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220> – the larger the numbers signing the petition, the greater the pressure, and let your MP know that you expect them to contribute to the debate. It takes 30 seconds to sign the petition.

Oral Hygiene Assembly

We had an oral hygiene assembly this morning with our school nursing team, who reminded the children about good oral hygiene habits, such as making sure to brush twice a day, using the right amount of toothpaste (pea sized amount) and **not** rinsing your mouth after brushing (contrary to previous guidance).

Netball News

Our netball teams played Beaumont in a double header this week. Our A team won 9-2 and our B team lost, albeit against their A team, as they only brought one team. Thanks to Mrs. McCleave for her work with the squad.



Achievement

Well done to Abigail (Yr 2) for her achievements in dance, Caitlin and Daniel for their ski school qualifications and lots of our Year 5 class who worked hard to achieve Mathematics certificates over half term.

