



Another busy week at St Aidan's, but aren't they all! Next week we are beginning our mini-marathon event – keep an eye on our Twitter feed for more details. Please pay particular attention to the notes about safety when dropping off and picking up on page 2. Have a lovely weekend, particularly those families who are celebrating First Holy Communion this weekend.

### School Council

We are pleased to announce the names of our school council representatives for this academic year. Each of the candidates were elected by their peers following democratic elections.

I'm sure this year's team will do a great job of ensuring a strong pupil voice at St Aidan's.

Yr 6: Abigail & Hayden

Yr 5: Jessica B & Seb

Yr 4: Sofia & Harry

Yr 3: Ella & Callum

Yr 2: Rosa & Stanley

Yr 1: Esther-Maya & Luca

R: (represented by Yr 6) Gabriele & Betsie



### First Communion

This weekend the majority of our Year 4 pupils will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. We wish them all the best on this very special day. As numbers are so severely restricted in the church, a reminder that you will be able to tune in to the parish Youtube channel to see the children receiving the sacrament for the first time.



St Mary:  
St. Francis: Luca Lagos-Sewell  
St. Joseph: Imogen Sone  
St. Bernadette: Callum Sales  
St. Theresa: Sofia Lagos-Sewell  
St. Peter: Rahmani Nsiah  
St Paul: Darcey-Mae Booth



St Mary:  
St. Francis: Charlie Francis  
St. Joseph: M J McLaughlin  
St. Bernadette: Emily Hunt  
St. Theresa: Gabriella Booth  
St Peter: Luca Drayton  
St Paul: Jeremy Kwarteng

### Dropping Off / Picking Up

Although the drop off and pick up system is generally working well, there are still some areas where we and you can improve. Please do not congregate outside the gate before your allocated time slot. This makes it impossible to socially distance for those who should be coming in during that time slot. Each slot is 10 minutes long. You do not need to be at the gate at the start of the slot – it is deliberately longer so that you can show up at any point within that 10 minute window. If you walk to school, please time your arrival to be within the 10 minute window. If however you arrive by car and you get to school early, please remain in your car until your time slot and do not come and queue outside the gates.

Also, once you have collected your child(ren) please move well away from outside the school gate. As much as we would love for you to be able to stop and chat with other parents, it makes it difficult for other families to exit in a socially distant fashion. Not following these rules will increase the risk of class bubbles or possibly even the whole school having to close temporarily if transmission of the virus occurs because of poor social-distancing.

Finally, please avoid parking (even for a moment) on the zigzags directly outside the school, or on the corner of Portnalls and Sherwood Rd. Doing this risks one of our school community being injured or worse when crossing the road to come to school.

Please support us in following these steps so that we can keep the virus at bay!

### Woodland Warriors

Our Woodland Warriors clubs have really enjoyed exploring our forest school area this week. There has been lots of den building, mini-beast hunting etc. to keep the groups entertained. Thanks to Mrs. Steedman for setting up the club and for making it such an enjoyable experience for those involved.



### Farewell Imogen

Sadly, Imogen Clancy (Yr 5) will be following her brother Ryan to their new school which is much closer to her new home. She is sad to be leaving St Aidan's but excited at the prospect of a new adventure. All the best Imogen – we will miss you!



### New Football Opportunity for Girls aged 5-11

Palace for Life are running a new girls football club on Saturday mornings at Woodmansterne Sports Club (SM7 3NH). The club begins on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please see the attached flyer for further details.



### Achievement

As always, we are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our pupils both in and out of school. This week a big well done to Abigail (Yr 6) for being awarded her Kung-Fu green belt, to Dylan (Yr5) for being part of the Coulsdon Colts team that came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a tournament last weekend, to Josiah (Yr 1) for his Mathletics certificate and finally to Max for being awarded a Blue Peter badge for his poetry writing skills.

