



The mixed bag of weather this week has brought some challenges, particularly at collection time. We will do our best to continue to streamline the process of getting your children back to you safely at the end of the day, but considering the constraints of the situation at the moment we will all have to be patient. Have a lovely weekend.

### Harvest Collection

The school council have been thinking about this time of harvest. Normally we collect now for the local floating shelter but unfortunately it is unable to take place this year. After a little research the school council decided that we should collect for the Purley Food Hub. Purley Food Hub was set up in January 2013 by the 12 churches of Purley & Kenley Churches Together. They help people in crisis who are without food. Their clients may have become unemployed, are suffering illness or had a sudden, unexpected change in their circumstances at home. They may have had their benefits stopped and are going through the appeal process. A series of events coming together may have left them unable to buy food for their basic needs.

Please see the attached school council letter on how, what and when to donate. Many thanks in advance for your support.



### Reception Parents Curriculum Evening

A reminder that we will be hosting a virtual curriculum evening (via Zoom) next Monday evening (5<sup>th</sup> October) at 7pm for all Reception parents. Presentation materials will be circulated afterwards via email for those of you who are unavailable on Monday.

### Music Tuition

Our Soundstart programme for our Year 3 class is now up and running and the children have really enjoyed trying out cellos and violins with Mr. Wheatley and Mrs. Budgen. We are again able to facilitate lessons in piano, violin and guitar with either Mr. Wheatley or Mr Kneifel. Please enquire via the office for further details.



### Parents Evenings

It looks increasingly unlikely that we will be able to host parents' evenings as planned in the normal manner. However, there will certainly be the opportunity for you to have a parents evening with your class teacher(s), most likely via phone appointments. Full details will be announced next week.



St Mary:  
St. Francis: Josiah Batte  
St. Joseph: Harry Batrick  
St. Bernadette: Gisela Maier  
St. Theresa: Naira May  
St. Peter: Will Ransom  
St Paul: Harvey Upfold



St Mary:  
St. Francis: Ethan Downing  
St. Joseph: Kelvin Twene  
St. Bernadette: Dylan Allen  
St. Theresa: Oliver Mooney  
St Peter: Carla Mancuso  
St Paul: Nicky Shah

### RSHE Information Evening

As per the letter that went out this week, we will be hosting an information session for parents about our new Relationships, Sex and Health Education programme of work. This will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent the week before the information session takes place.



### Save Purley Pool Campaign

Many of you may remember a major campaign in 2015 to save Purley Pool and Leisure Centre from a threatened closure. Following this campaign by local residents, community groups, your councillors, the pool was saved and thousands of swimmers including children, the elderly, charities and community groups have benefited.

Users have recently, and understandably, complained that our Leisure Centre hasn't yet re-opened whilst four others in the Borough have. We have made enquiries and have now discovered that it's unlikely that the Pool and Leisure Centre will reopen before the end of next year - and may not re-open at all. As pupils in the juniors (and a number of our families) use the pool regularly this would be a real loss to us and therefore are campaigning for it to reopen.



### Assemblies

One of the many things that is a little bit different about school life at the moment is the way in which we come together to celebrate and pray. Because of the ongoing segregation of class bubbles, there is very little opportunity for pupils across the school to interact.

To maintain a sense of community in these challenging times, we have been holding two assemblies per week via Zoom. Each class has a virtual window into each of the other classes and we get to see and hear who has been chosen for weekly awards. Aside from the odd technical glitch the system is working really well and it does go some way to make up for not being able to come together as a whole school community, for the time being at least.



### Achievement

Well done to Ethan Downing in Year 1 for achieving a Mathletics Bronze certificate. Alex in Year 3 earned a coveted Blue Peter badge for drawing Henry the Blue Peter dog and he also earned a bronze Mathletics certificate. Great work boys!

