



The staff would like to say a really big thank you to all of the parents for the generous gifts that you have bought. As always, they are not expected but very much appreciated. Particular thanks to the class reps for organising class gifts. We hope you all have a restful and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you and your children back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.

### Return to School

Pupils first day back in school is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a staff inset day and pupils should not come to school on this day. Please do your best to make sure that all pupils are wearing full and correct uniform when they return.

### Spring Term 2021 Provisional Diary Dates

As has been the case during the Autumn term, we are seeking to provide as normal a range of extra-curricular provision and enrichment as possible for the coming term. All dates are subject to change and it is likely that further events will be added as we progress through the term:

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Staff Inset
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pupils' first day of term
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day of clubs
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Yr 2 class assembly (virtual)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Class reps meeting -virtual tbc 2pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 3 class assembly (virtual)
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Talent show (individuals and groups)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed for staff inset
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening 1
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (dress up)
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Evening (virtual) 6.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 class assembly (virtual)
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 2
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	RE Day (Feast of St Joseph)
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Passion of the Cross Service (virtual)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Term Ends 1.30pm
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday

### Carol Concert 2020

Our virtual carol concert on Monday evening was a great success, all the more so considering the restrictions that are currently in place relating to group performances. There were 170 families viewing live on the evening and over 1000 more (and counting) have since viewed the performance on the parish YouTube channel. We would like to say a really big thank you to Fr Peter for hosting the service and to Mr Roy Mirsa, a St Aidan's parishioner who helped with the technical elements of the production.



### Panto & message from Santa

Our children were able to enjoy a personalised performance of Sleeping Beauty on Thursday accompanied by popcorn, sweets and drinks thanks to the hard work of Miss Dewey and the generous financial support of S.A.S.A. The children loved the performance!

We are very grateful for the continued work of class reps and S.A.S.A members behind the scenes to help children continue to enjoy enrichment experiences. Santa also sent a special video message to the pupils of St Aidan's, which they were able to enjoy in their classes this morning. Thanks to S.A.S.A for tipping off the big man that many of our pupils may not have had the chance to see him in person this year.



St Mary: Kollyn Donaldson-Stovell  
St. Francis: Sienna Costa  
St. Joseph: All of Yr 2  
St. Bernadette: Dylan Allen  
St. Theresa: Orlaith Shaw  
St. Peter: Seb Powell  
St Paul: Alessandro Zucchelli



St Mary: Alana Bradley  
St. Francis: Sofia Horrigan  
St. Joseph: Eva O'Kane  
St. Bernadette: Áine Doohan  
St. Theresa: Evan Okorafor  
St Peter: Leah Martin  
St Paul: Tyg Cormack

### Covid Cases over Christmas

It is very important that you report any positive cases in your household over the Christmas holidays to the school. The local public health team have asked schools to continue tracking and reporting cases in the school communities so that they can identify patterns and issue advice accordingly. This applies even if any isolation period doesn't cross-over into term time.

The way to report positive or suspected cases is by emailing the school office [admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk). The inbox will be monitored daily but you may not receive a response until the next working day. Only Covid related issues will be responded to over the Christmas holidays.

It is particularly important that you report any possible or confirmed cases over the next 48 hours as parents of children in that class bubble will need to be alerted.

### Christmas Masses at St Aidan's Church

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses at St Aidan's Church are only available for people who have pre-booked. We are very sorry that this is the situation this year but it is unavoidable due to the Covid restrictions. All Masses are streamed on the parish YouTube channel. See website for more information including the parish newsletter: [www.st-aidans-parish.org.uk](http://www.st-aidans-parish.org.uk)

### Evelyn Browning RIP

We were deeply saddened this week to hear of the passing of Evelyn Browning. For those families who have been in our school community for a number of years, you will remember Evelyn as the friendly face of the school office for 25 years! Evelyn retired in 2018 and had remained a firm friend to the school, keeping in touch with staff regularly, particularly when her beloved Man Utd were doing well in the football. She will be greatly missed by all at St Aidan's school and we offer our deepest sympathies to Nick, Peter and Claire. May she rest in peace.



### Open Day Virtual Events

We had some stunning entries this week for our Advent challenge. A big thank you to everyone who took part, and thanks to Mrs Paull for organising the challenges.



### Achievement

Well done to the following children who were all celebrated during assembly today. Dara (Yr 2) earned a gold Mathletics certificate. Several of our children were also presented with medals for the Croydon cross-country event at Lloyd Park earlier this term. Well done to Darcey- Mae, Natalie, Sienna, Luke, Hayden Alessandro (all Yr6), Sofia and Gabriella (Yr4) and Grace (Yr 5)

