



Welcome back - we hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. It feels like we've never been away this week, with learning and enrichment clubs hitting the ground running from Monday. Thanks to the SASA members who organised our uniform sale yesterday and today. There will be a further sale at the end of term, ready for the start of the new academic year. Have a lovely weekend!

Clubs Return

We were delighted to be able to restart an almost complete programme of enrichment clubs this week including everything from knitting to taekwondo. Approx 70% of children enjoyed taking part in at least one club this week with many doing several. Some clubs still have availability so please contact the office if you would like to book a space for your child.



Charity Funding Available

If you live in Hooley, Netherne or Chipstead, the Mary Stephens Foundation is a local charity that has funds available to support any educational expenses such as school uniform, workbooks, residential trips. More information is attached with this newsletter. Mrs Esparon is a trustee and happy to answer any further questions.

Diary Dates

As with recent terms, we have had to get used to changing or cancelling things at short notice, so please bear in mind that there may be alterations or additions to these dates as we move through the term.

Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Thu 6 th May	Class reps meeting 5pm (via Zoom)
Fri 14 th May	Yr 1 class assembly*
Mon 24 th May	Yr 6 PGL week (return Fri 28 th May)
Fri 28 th May	Yr 2 class assembly*
Fri 28 th May	Half term begins (normal finish time)
Mon 7 th June	Staff inset day (no school)
Tue 8 th June	Pupils return to school
Fri 11 th June	Yr 3 class assembly*
Wed 16 th June	Class photos
Thu 17 th June	Reception class assembly*
Fri 25 th June	Summer family picnic 2.30 – 4pm
Thu 1 st July	Pupil music performance
Fri 9 th July	Sports day (infants am / juniors pm)
Fri 9 th July	Pupil reports distributed
Wed 14 th July	Changeover day 11am
Wed 14 th July	Yr 6 production (Inc Yr 5 TBC)
Thu 15 th July	Yr 6 production (Inc Yr 5 TBC)
Fri 16 th July	End of year mass
Mon 19 th July	Yr 6 leavers mass / liturgy
Tue 20 th July	Leavers disco

*All class assemblies this term will be virtual. The class will prepare an assembly as they usually would, but instead of inviting parents in to school to see it, it will be recorded and shared with parents via Google Classroom.

Further details regarding our proposed family picnic on Friday 25th June will be circulated before half term, pending further easing of social distancing rules.



St Mary: Ashley Couthino
St. Francis: Thaddeus O'Reilly S
St. Joseph: Dylan Rebello
St. Bernadette: Whole class
St. Theresa: Rocco O'Kelly
St. Peter: Kiki Edo-Ukeh
St Paul: Alessandro Zucchelli



St Mary: Lucas Mulligan
St. Francis: Owen Steedman
St. Joseph: Roman Nembhard
St. Bernadette: Sophia Bradley
St. Theresa: Ava Fernandes
St Peter: Leon Kagoro
St Paul: Darcey-Mae Booth

Memorial for Mrs. Browning

As you are aware, Mrs Browning passed away in December following a short illness. Ev had been a member of staff at St Aidan's for 23 years and remained a firm friend of the school following her retirement in 2018. We are seeking to raise funds to install a permanent memorial to her in the school grounds. Further details are included in a letter from our school council, who are leading on the fundraising project.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-aidans?utm_term=23gMZWEEn



Class Reps Meeting

Can all class reps please put Thur 6th May 5pm in your diary, as we will have a meeting via Zoom on that date. Can all parents inform your class rep of any feedback or questions via the usual channels in advance of that meeting.

Parking

Parking is once again a major problem around the school. We have had a number of complaints from local residents regarding parking across driveways. Of course this may not be St Aidan's parents, but please be aware that this really strains relationships between us and our neighbours.

Parking on the zigzags, even for a minute creates tailbacks on Portnalls Rd, and leads to other motorists potentially driving erratically as they try to overtake or make u-turns.

If practical (especially as the weather warms up) please make every effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible as this reduces pressure on parking around the school.

We are in regular contact with Croydon council regarding this problem and we welcome any ideas / feedback on how to improve the situation.



THINK BEFORE YOU PARK!

Scouting Movement Groups

To celebrate St George's Day, some of our children came to school in their beavers and cubs uniforms.



Achievement

Well done to the following children who all celebrated individual awards this week: Delaneo (Yr2) Devasha (Yr5) Ethan, Michelle, Danell and Josiah (all Yr1) for their Athletics awards, Roman (Yr 3) for his rugby award, Michael and Harry K (Yr 2), also for rugby awards and Abigail (Yr 4) for achieving grade 4 'merit' in her violin exam. Well done to all of you.

