



Welcome back everyone. It's been a very positive start to the term and we've been very lucky to avoid too much covid-related disruption – long may that continue! Mr Stanley has included a very useful e-safety newsletter (attached) which you will find especially useful if your child has gotten any new tech this Christmas - please take a look. Have a lovely weekend.

Primary School Application Deadline

Saturday 15th January is the deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2022. All children need to apply online via eAdmissions and also by submitting a supplementary form to school. If you have a child due to start school in September and you haven't already submitted your forms, please do so urgently. If you need any assistance with doing so, please contact the school office.

Covid updates

Thankfully, we have seen a reduction in the number of covid cases that are being reported to us, compared to the very high numbers before Christmas. Nevertheless, we are remaining vigilant in school for symptoms, and keeping in place enhanced measures, such as reducing the number of children attending assemblies in person. I'm sure you will be aware that there have been changes to Covid protocols and this has some implications for school. The most important thing to be aware of is that from next Tuesday, PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended.

This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This does not mean that a negative LFD test is sufficient proof of not having covid in the event of a child presenting with Covid symptoms.

In this instance a PCR test still needs to be booked to confirm that the child does not have covid. Also, a child can now return to school on day seven rather than day 10 as long as they have had 2 consecutive days of negative lateral flow tests (at least 24 hours apart).

Football Success

Our football team were in action on the first day of term in the semi-final of the Croydon small schools competition, having won earlier rounds before Christmas. In the semi final the team were up against Orchard Way. It was a very closely fought game against strong opposition, who were playing at their home venue. However, St Aidan's put in a great team performance, and managed to triumph on a scoreline of 3-1. Jacob made some great saves, playing in goal for the first time this season and Dylan scored a hat-trick. It was a great all-round team performance though, with everyone contributing to the victory. We expect the final to be played later in the spring term. A big thank-you to the parents who transported the children there and back and also to Coach T for all he does to prepare the children.



St Mary: Florence Dorenkamp
St. Francis: Olivia McMullan
St. Joseph: Ethan Downing
St. Bernadette: Louie Standish
St. Theresa: Michael Growney
St. Peter: Nathaniel Laskowski
St Paul: Jack Upfold



St Mary: Verity Ginman
St. Francis: Lillian Batrick
St. Joseph: Fearne O'Donnell
St. Bernadette: Zofia Kiewlak
St. Theresa: Ella Lawrence
St Peter: Rocco O'Kelly Da Fonseca
St Paul: Carlotta Doncaster

Welcome

We would like to say a big St Aidan's welcome to Michael Growney who has joined our Year 4 class this week. His new classmates have been doing a great job of making him feel welcome this week.



BAFTA Time Capsule

Pupils from St Aidan's have had their memories of life during the coronavirus pandemic preserved as part of the 2021 School Time Capsule, a project led by BAFTA Kids, children's mental health charity Place2Be, and Oak National Academy.

Students were invited to use art, photography, writing or other media to portray how the pandemic affected them. Zofia (Year 3) and Sophie Ryan (former pupil) from St Aidan's submitted entries in the form of a haiku poem and word cloud art with words associated with lockdown.

[2021 Schools Time Capsule | BAFTA Kids - YouTube](#)



Diary Dates

Mon 10 th Jan	Clubs commence
Thu 3 rd Feb	Year 3 trip Horton Kirby
Wed 9 th Feb	Yr 6 robotics workshop – Imperial College
Thu 10 th Feb	School closes for h/t 3.25pm
Mon 21 st Feb	School re-opens for pupils
Thu 3 rd Mar	World Book Day (events all week tbc)
Thu 3 rd Mar	Parents Evening 1
Fri 4 th Mar	Year 2 class assembly
Wed 9 th Mar	Parents Evening 2
Fri 18 th Mar	Year 3 class assembly
Fri 25 th Mar	SASA Mother's Day Sale
Thu 31 st Mar	Passion of the cross church service
Fri 1 st Apr	Last day of term (school closes 1.45pm)

Important reminder: As mentioned during the Autumn term, school will be closed on Monday 6th June 2022. This is because schools have been directed to book a substitute 'bank holiday' in place of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday which takes place during half term on Friday 3rd June.

Achievement

Well done to all of the children who celebrated individual achievements in assembly this week. Grace(Y6) won the Croydon Harriers boxing day handicap race; Isaac (Yr3) was awarded his level 1 swimming badge, Logan (Yr1) shared his ski-school medals, Isabelle & Langazye (Y2) were awarded a rocking reader and pen license awards respectively and Roman & Samuel Sharma showed off their football medals and in addition Luca (Yr2) shared his rugby trophy. Well done to all of you.

