



Next week is Book Week at school, with a number of activities taking place across the week for pupils. Pupils in Yr 1-6 will attend a liturgy service at St Aidan's church on Ash Wednesday afternoon (pupils & staff only). We also have eucharistic adoration for Yr 3 on Friday afternoon and Year 2 class assembly on Friday morning, and our first parents evening on Thursday (4-6.30pm). Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 Class Assembly

Next Friday Year 2 parents are invited to attend their class assembly which will start at 9.20am (gates open at 9.10 once all pupils are in). Although it is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering, our school risk-assessment measures state that you should do, as there is no capacity to allow sufficient distance between adults. Unfortunately we only have the capacity for two adults to attend per child (apart from babies/toddlers on laps). We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

World Book Day

Next Thursday 3rd March is world Book Day and we are inviting all pupils (and staff!) to come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the best costume in each class. Please don't worry about going out to buy costumes especially – princesses, superheroes etc are great, and older children will have great ideas about how to create their own costume using whatever is around the house.

Year 5/6 will be visiting Waterstones book shop in Croydon during the week.

One of our pre-Covid book week traditions was to invite parents & grandparents into school for open reading sessions some mornings. Unfortunately, our current risk-assessment measures mean that this can not happen this year. However, we are looking forward to its return next year.



Croydon Hockey Finals



We are very proud of our hockey team finishing 3rd in the Croydon hockey finals at Trinity on the Friday at the start of half-term. A special note of thanks to the parents who changed plans so that the children could play on a non-school day. The team had some great wins and more importantly, showed great attitude and teamwork. Well done team and thanks Mrs Paull and Mrs Cecil for preparing them during the year.

Parents Evenings

We have parents' evenings running over the next two weeks. The same arrangements will be in place as for the Autumn meetings to ensure that the environment is as safe as possible.

Please can we have your support with the following:

- Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your first appointment. If you are late there will not be time to fit you in as teachers all have a full schedule of appointments for the evening.
- A one-way system will be in place. Please enter via the school office.



St Mary: Willow Rose
St. Francis: Jacob Durrant
St. Joseph: Mía De Freitas
St. Bernadette: Isaiah Ikpa
St. Theresa: Isabelle Griffin
St. Peter: Orlaith Shaw
St Paul: Samuel Boxhall



St Mary: Novah O'Reilly Stephenson
St. Francis: Anastazia Woropajew
St. Joseph: Luca Sharma
St. Bernadette: Michael Campbell
St. Theresa: Alfie Johnston
St Peter: Iris Kember
St Paul: Dylan Sales

Covid Updates

Although there has been lots in the press in recent days about the removal of legal Covid measures, guidance around how schools and individuals manage instances of Covid have not changed. Where a pupil (or parent) develops Covid symptoms, or tests positive for Covid (even asymptotically) they still need to isolate for a minimum of 5 full days and then have two consecutive negative lateral flow tests before returning to school.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We are planning to hold 'St Aidan's Platinum Jubilee fete' on Thursday 26th May. This special day (just before half term) will be 'off timetable' and we shall hold some special events in the morning for all pupils and then after lunch welcome back parents from 2pm onwards for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

It will be a super opportunity to celebrate the historic achievement of Her Majesty The Queen's 70 year reign and for us all to come together in celebration. Please keep the afternoon of Thursday 26th May from 2pm onwards free in your diaries. More details will follow.

Year 4 & 6 STEM workshop

Year 4 had an excellent afternoon with an engineering firm, Subsea 7, learning about different types of engineering and then designing their own wind turbine platforms with spaghetti and blue tack! Some engineers in the making for sure!



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Additional SASA event dates

In addition to dates already shared for this term, SASA would like to share the following dates for upcoming events.
10th March 22 – visit from an Animal farm (details to follow)
11th March 22 - school disco (tickets on sale 25th February 22 via Classlist)
25th March 22 - Mother's Day sale
1st April 22 – Easter Egg hunt
22nd April 22 - Film night (tickets will be available via Classlist from the 1st April)
17th June 22 - Father's Day sale
24th June 22- School disco (tickets will be available via Classlist from the 1st June)
10th July 22 - Summer fayre (date still TBC, details to follow)
**If you are able to help out on the day with the discos, film night or sales please let your class reps know - many thanks.

Achievement

We have two weeks of individual achievements to celebrate in this week's newsletter, the week before half-term and this week. Well done to all pupils who shared an individual skill, talent or achievement – it's great to see so many of you letting your light shine so brightly!

