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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to introduce yourself and make me feel so welcomed. I am very grateful to be supported by you all. As you are aware due to Covid-19, we have not gathered as a whole school community for assembly. Although, it is not the same, I have led a weekly virtual assembly with all of the children. It is so important that we are able to have a collective act of worship, and deepen a sense of community. Over this half term we will be re-introducing smaller assemblies, to get the children ready for the larger Key-Stage and whole school assemblies. Our aim is to gather for the first time for our Harvest celebration on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. (More details to follow nearer the time.)

**Punctuality:**

It is imperative that the children are in their classrooms by 8:45am. If a child arrives after 8:45am, they will either be late for assembly or for their lessons. As you may have already noted, I have been beginning to close the gate shortly after 8:45am. I have also started to ring the school bell. On Monday once the bell rings, the gate will be closed and all late arrivals will have to enter the school through the office and will be marked late. Punctuality is incredibly important. If you know that you're going to be late, for whatever reason, please ring the school office and let us know.

**Year One:**

The children have settled really well into Key Stage 1 and now know where their classroom is. From Monday I ask that Year one parents/carers please remain at the gates and allow the children to walk to class by themselves. There will be plenty of members of staff in the playground to help the Year ones, should they forget where to go.

**Meet the Teachers:**

Thank you to all of you who attended the meet the teacher meetings. I hope that you found them useful and were able to get a good understanding of the expectations, classroom routines and learning that will take place in your child's new class. Just a reminder that Year two's meeting will be on Monday.

Date	Time	Year Group
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	2



### **Meet the New Headteacher:**

Just a reminder that I am going to be hosting three Virtual meetings; one for our Early Years parents and two repeated sessions for parents of children in Key Stage 1 & 2. This will be an opportunity for me to introduce myself to you all. I hope that you will all be able to attend. The zoom link is below, but I will email it to you on the day as well.

Date	Time		Login Details
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	KS1 and 2 (Session 1)	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/92972218902?pwd=eXRoY3QxNUxZVlBvTjVUanpkSVJkUT09">https://zoom.us/j/92972218902?pwd=eXRoY3QxNUxZVlBvTjVUanpkSVJkUT09</a>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00pm	Nursery & Reception	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm	KS1 & 2 (Session 2)	Meeting ID: 929 7221 8902 Passcode: 8dBSYR

### **Dr Bike:**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Dr Bike will be in school from 10am to 3pm servicing the children's bikes. If your child has a bike and you would like it checked, please bring it into school clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If you have any parts that need replacing/fitting, please bring them in, and Dr Bike will be able to fit them for you.

### **Wednesday Word**

Please see the link to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/thewednesdaywordwebsite/>

### **Applying to start primary school 2022**

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2022 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

### **Secondary Transfers etc**

Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class, please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day on which the exam or visit takes place.

Link for applying for Lewisham secondary schools: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/completing-an-application-form>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT: you must apply online for a secondary school place by 11.59pm on 31 October 2021**

### **Food Bank**

Please be reminded that the school's foodbank is open. If you would like to access it, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, all donations will be greatly received.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Chorus**

The chorus met on Monday for our first rehearsal in 18 months and we had 17 singers all in good voice. It is worth mentioning that over half of the chorus chose to wear transparent face visors instead of masks and found these a very satisfactory solution. The rest of us wore masks, most of which had the reinforced "pouch" in the front to keep the mask clear of the lips and one or two had purpose-made little plastic inserts under their mask to achieve the same effect. Whilst not perfect, it was an acceptable way to sing.

We hope this update will encourage more of you to come along next Monday at 8-00pm and join us to start preparing for what we hope will be a Christmas time concert - conditions allowing of course

If you still feel unable to come along to rehearsals in the church through first night nerves, feeling unwell or not yet confident about mixing in larger groups, the rehearsals are broadcast through the parish streaming service. If you would like to join us in this way and sing along at home, email [mike.conway85@gmail.com](mailto:mike.conway85@gmail.com) and we will email you the music we are using and also ensure the streaming is enabled for audio for the evening. This is the streaming link, <https://our-lady-of-lourdes-lee.click2stream.com/>

Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Claire Gillespie

