

Newsletter Number 9

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Friends,



November, the month of Remembrance

November is the month when we especially remember the dead, in our families, those who laid down their lives in war and the pursuit of freedom. We started this month with a whole school Mass for All Saint on November 1st where we remembered and prayed for the countless saints who died for their faith or were devout followers of Jesus.

Causes we are remembering and praying for this month.	
Monday 11 th November	5M Assembly for Remembrance
Sunday 17 th November	World Day of the Poor
Wednesday 20 th November	World Children's Day
Wednesday 27 th November	Red Wednesday, in support of persecuted Christians

The Justice and Peace prayer group will be saying prayers for these causes throughout November. School assemblies will also raise awareness. Please remember these important causes in your prayers at home.

Reception 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, they may start full time school in September 2020. The admissions process will begin on 1st November 2019 and will close on 15th January 2020. Information packs will be available from the school office from 1st November and there will be a meeting on 12th November at 9.15am to explain the process and answer any queries you may have.

**APPLY ONLINE**
now for a reception school place
www.eadmissions.org.uk

If you still need help to apply online after calling the helpdesk (020 8255 5555 - option 1), help sessions are available at Dagenham Library on Tuesdays and Barking Learning Centre on Thursdays until 14 January 2020. Each session starts at 9am and ends at 4.30pm.

The closing date is 15 January 2020

Dagenham Foodbank

After the overwhelming success of our collection last year, we are planning to make another food donation to our local foodbank as part of our preparation for Christmas. The foods most urgently needed are

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Fruit juices
- UHT milk (1 litre).

Also needed are nappies and carrier bags. Of course, any donations are welcome but at this time, they do not need baked beans.

All donations need to be in school by Thursday 28th November in time for the EYFS Advent Liturgy in Church. A time for us to give thanks and for Fr Edward to bless our offerings.



School Uniform

All children should now be in their winter uniform. Please see our school website for details. All uniform can be bought from Premier Schoolwear or Castle Green.

Child Absence

If your child is not coming into school, please call the school office by 10am on the first day they are absent and let us know the reason.

Lunch Boxes

As we have children in the school with severe nut allergies, please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box.

Attendance & Punctuality

At St Peter's, the children's attendance is very good and above the national expectation of 95%. However, punctuality is not as high. This year, we will be striving to make the punctuality just as good. We do understand sometimes this is sometimes out of your control. We need your help in making sure your child/children arrive at school on time. Thank you to all the parents whose children arrive on time each day.

Show Racism The Red Card

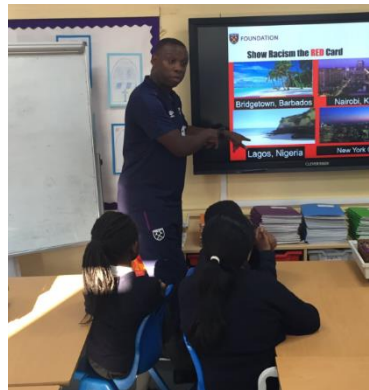
On Wednesday, Year 5 and Year 6 had a workshop about Racism. Below are a few of their comments.

Chiamanda 5D- Wednesday was a good experience because the coaches talked to us about different people who had experienced racism in football. We even met Leroy Rosenior who played for West Ham.

Chiemerigo 5M- I really enjoyed Wednesday and it was interesting. We learnt about hate crime and how to spot it.

Anthony 6H- It was an educational day and we spoke about racism, discrimination, hate crime and how this affects people.

Sonia 6A- I enjoyed learning about how we are all the same despite our colour of skin and that we are all the human race.



UPDATE ON THE YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

The Launch of the Year of the God who Speaks took place on Saturday 12th October with Bishop Alan opening the Year. Video of the events of the day, including the talks by Fr Adrian Graffy on the Book of Genesis, can be found on the website www.whatgoodnews.org The next event will be a study day at Gidea Park led by Fr Nicholas King SJ on Saturday 23rd November on the topic 'The Scriptures in Advent'. Full details on the website. Copies of the recently published Revised New Jerusalem Bible, edited by Dom Henry Wansbrough of Ampleforth Abbey, continue to be available at £30 (reduced from £39.99). Please contact the parish office at Gidea Park on 01708 449914. The Bishops' Conference has a very rich website for the Year of the God who Speaks. Go to www.cbcew.org.uk/ and follow the links. Pope Francis in his recent Motu Proprio has decreed that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (26th January in 2020) will be kept as the Sunday of the Word of God. This is an opportunity to underline the importance of prayerful listening to the Word.

London Marathon 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 26th April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15th November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

Best Class Attendance & Best Class Punctuality of the Week

Each week we will be informing you of the classes that have the highest attendance and the best punctuality

Class with the Best Attendance	Class with the Best Punctuality
1F; 5M – 100%	4B – 0 lates

Well Done to our Core Value Ambassadors

Perseverance	Respect	Integrity	Compassion	Enthusiasm
Michael 1F	Hazel 3S	Kamil 4H	Tahira 1B	Mavis 5M

Workers of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are this week's Workers of The Week!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Nazareth Rooms
RG	1B	2B	3O	4B	5D	6A	Ariella
Honglin Olivia	Muniru Simonette	Simeon Zuri	Paul Wisdom	Elijah Tomi	Faith Meherun	Eunice Jayden	
RS	1F	2J	3S	4H	5M	6H	
Bibiana Micah	Mia Sophie	Bryan Kenayah	Jessiah Natalie	Chiamaka Osasere	Reanne Ruby	Jayden Tianna	

Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th November	3.15pm – 4.30pm Year 6 Football 3.15pm – 4.05pm Rec/Year 1 Football
Tues 12 th November	New parents Reception meeting 9.15am in the Infant Hall 8am – Year 1/2 Judo 8am – Year 3 Multisports 3.15pm – 4.30pm Year 4/5 Football
Wed 13 th November	8am – Year 4 Multisports 3.15pm – 4.05pm Year 2/3 Football
Thurs 14 th November	8am – Year 5 Multisports 3.15pm-4.15pm Nursery and Reception Multisports
Friday 15 th November	8am – Year 3/4/5 Judo 8am – Year 5/6 Girls Football 9am – 6H and 1B Mass 2.45pm - WOW celebration assembly – parents welcome

Christmas Festivities

Thursday 28th November	EYFS Advent Liturgy in Church 2pm.	Church
Thursday 28th November	Food donations to be in school by this date	Classes
Thursday 12th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 2pm	Infant Hall
Friday 13th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 9.30am	Infant Hall
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner	Infant Hall
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Parties	Classes
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm	Church
Friday 20th December	School closes for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm	



**★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!**

Birthdays 4th November – 10th November

Joshua 6; Ziana 4; Michael 4; Tomi 9, Bibiana 5;
Anthony 8; Johanna 5; Chidera 11; Masnun 11; Amira 6; Somto 9;
Jasmine 5; Joshua 8; Japheth 4.

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God Bless,
CScott

Mrs Clare Scott
Headteacher

