



Newsletter Number 9

Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Friends,

Remembrance

November is a time when we remember all the departed, especially family members and friends. It is also a time of national remembrance when we recall those who have died for our country in wars. Please take the time to have a look at the display the children have created in and around the front entrance.

Today we observed 2 minutes silence.

'November the month of the Holy Souls is a time to remember and recall with gratitude and affection our loved ones who have departed this life. One of the most precious gifts is that of memory and the Church reminds us it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. November is not a morbid month, the opposite is true, because in calling to mind our beloved dead we remember them. We remember how we were a part of the journey of their lives. We are companions on the journey. We remember the bits and pieces of their lives, the sorrows, the times of despair, times of hope. So remembering can be life-giving. An intimate moment can be the most personal of memories, something which almost cannot be shared as it loses some of its meaning when transposed outside the original setting, carrying as it does aspects of emotion which touch the heart more than the mind.' Fr Pat Salmon.

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.



Anti-bullying week

Starts Monday 12th November to Friday 16th November. There will be various activities taking place during the week in school. On Monday, we would like all the children to wear their craziest odd socks.

Advent & Christmas

As part of our preparation for Christmas, we are planning to make a food donation to the local foodbank. Your child will be bringing home a letter today giving you all the information you need about this cause.

Wednesday 28 th November	EYFS Advent Liturgy in Church 2pm. Food donations to be in school by this date
Friday 30 th November	Non uniform – bring a bottle, unused new gifts, toiletries etc for Church Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 8 th December	St Peter's Church Christmas Bazaar 12pm – 4pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Concert at Brentwood Cathedral (separate letter sent)
Thursday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 2pm
Friday 14 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Tuesday 18 th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties
Thursday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

Reception 2019

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 then they will be due to start school in September 2019. Please make your application online at www.eadmissions.gov.uk and bring the relevant documents to the office before 15th January 2019.

Winter Uniform

All children should now be wearing the winter school uniform (shirt and tie) except Nursery. Please see our website for full details.

Both Castle Green and Premier have our uniform in stock should you need any items.

We have commissioned Premier Uniform shop in Dagenham to sell our school uniform along with Castle Green, and Premier have all of our uniform in stock from today. I hope this makes it easier and quicker for families to obtain the uniform. Please see below the details of both of our approved stockists.

Premier Uniform Shop
688-690 Becontree Avenue
Dagenham
RM8 3HD
020 8592 0141

Castle Green Uniform Shop
Gale Street
Dagenham
RM9 4UN
020 8724 1500

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.

School Photos

Your child will be bringing home their school photos today. Please make sure any orders are returned to the school office by Tuesday 20th November or you can make the order online. Many thanks.

Parish Links

Every week, two classes join the local Parish to celebrate Mass. Please see below a list of dates detailing which classes are attending Mass this half term.

Friday 16 th November	9am	6A&1G
Friday 23 rd November	9am	6H & 1B
Friday 30 th November	9am	5D & 3OA
Friday 7 th December	9am	5H & 3S
Friday 14 th December	9am	4M & 2F

Twitter

The school is now making fantastic use of our school Twitter feed. This is an excellent way for us to showcase what is going on in school, with photos and short video clips. If you have a smart phone, you can download the Twitter app for free and look us up by searching for

[@stpetersdag](#)

I will be holding a short workshop for parents just after half term to explain this in more detail and show how it works. There is also a link to our twitter feed on the home page of our school website.



Maths Information Workshops

Year 3	2.45pm	Wednesday 14 th November 2018
Year 4	2.45pm	Wednesday 21 st November 2018
Year 5	2.45pm	Wednesday 28 th November 2018

Mathletics

Our school uses Mathletics as part of our Maths curriculum. Mathletics is a targeted, rewarding and captivating online learning resource which is aligned to the National Curriculum. Your child has taken home access to Mathletics, so they can sign in on any compatible computer or device. The extra Mathletics practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress. Please take every opportunity to use this fantastic resource that is available to your children.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 12 th November	CRAZY ODD SOCK DAY 3.15pm – 4.30 pm Yr 5 Multisports
Tues 13 th November	8am Yr 2 Judo 8am Yr 3 Multisports 3.15pm – 4.30pm Yr 2/3 Football
Wed 14 th November	8am Yr 4 Multisports 2.45pm – Year 3 Maths Workshop 3.15pm – 4.30pm Yr 4/5 Football 3.15pm – 4.30pm Yr 6 Multisports
Thurs 15 th November	8am Yr 5/6 Gymnastics
Friday 16 th November	8am Yr 5/6 Girls football Special lunch menu for Children In Need – see bottom of newsletter for more information 2.45pm - WOW celebration assembly – parents welcome

A little thought

*As I live each day
may I do my part,
to make one difference
to touch one heart,
and through each day
may it be my goal,
to encourage one mind
and inspire one soul.*

Workers of the Week

Every Thursday, two children from each class are nominated by their teacher to receive this award. They come to see either myself or Ms McBride on Thursday to share their success and are given stickers. They are then presented with certificates in assembly at 2.45pm every Friday to which parents are most welcome. 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
RS	1B	2F	3OA	4M	5D	6A	Nicholas
Chyna Thiago	Mustafa Nancy	Ehime Raphael	Lara Marilyn	Jim Natalia	Audrey Patricia	Jerbozan Tilly	
RSG	1G	2J	3S	4H	5H	6H	
Cynthia Mia	Ikenna Obaa	Sarah John	Angelus Michelle	Ernest Hervi	Elijah Jayden	Prince Daniella	

Best Attendance Class & Best Punctual Class 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
4H 100%	4M
RSG 100%	

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Our school nurse will be in the reception area on the following dates between 2.30pm and 3.30pm if you would like to meet with her. Thursday 8th November, Thursday 13th December and Thursday 17th January.



Birthdays 5th November – 11th November

Tomi 8; Bibiano 4; Anthony 7; Johanna 4;
Chidera 10; Masnun 10; Amira 5; Somto 8;
Joshua 7; Gabrielle 9; Rae 4 John 7.



Party Bags

Due to lots of food allergies in the school, we can no longer accept party bags and cakes. If you would like to send anything in to celebrate your child’s birthday, we will only accept wrapped sweets. For example small bags of Haribo sweets.

Friday Gospel

The first Friday of every half term we will be welcoming Parents to read the Gospel in the Friday Celebration assembly. Please see Mrs Scott, Miss McBride or Mrs Barnes if you would like to read.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

God Bless,

CScott

Mrs Clare Scott
Headteacher

