



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents, carers, pupils, staff and governors

Children's Mental Health Week: 7th -11th February

Next week, schools around the UK will be shining a light on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **Growing Together** and we will be encouraging the children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. Many people have great difficulty talking about how they feel, but we know what good speaking to a friend, family member or professional can do for us all. We hope the weeks planned activities will offer everyone an opportunity to be heard. Remember to look on your child's class page for more information. There are also lots of resources available on Place2Be's on the Children's Mental Health Week website which you can access via the school website homepage or by clicking [here](#).



Dress to Express Day: Friday 11th February



We are marking the end of Children's Mental Health Week with a 'Dress to Express Day' on the last day of term. The idea is simple – we would like all the pupils to use colour to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit. Our lives are full of colour and we can use colour to help make sense of how we're feeling, who we are and the world we live in. Donations of a £1 per child are welcome and all funds raised will go to the Catholic Children's Society who provide a counselling service in our school and many others across London.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 8th February

Next week we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2022. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet. A letter with more detailed information about our Safer Internet Day activities in school, which includes links to support parents and carers, can be found by clicking [here](#). More information is also available on the homepage of the school website which will be updated throughout next week. Thank you to our Year 6 team of Digital Leader who have worked closely with Mrs Wilson this week to review the resources available for Safer Internet Day and who will help to lead the special assemblies.

Parent Zone are offering a live virtual safer internet day event for parents and carers on Tuesday 8th February at 4pm which you can join for free via the following link <https://youtu.be/s6dz2GoR6uM>



Catholic Life of the School

We are delighted to once again be able to invite parents and carers to come and join their child in worship in school as we resume our class prayer services which will start after February half term. The dates will be sent out next week and shared on your child's class page.

Fr. Keith has invited the children and staff to Mass on Ash Wednesday at 10.30am on Wednesday 2nd March. Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils will be attending Mass and we will bring some ashes back for the children and staff in Nursery and Reception. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

Vocabulary & Word Learning Parent Workshop: Monday 7th February 2022

Please see the letter set home via email regarding this workshop which you can also access [here](#).

Applications for Nursery September 2022

Applications for a Nursery place for September 2022 are open to families with children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 and close on 28th February. If you have yet to make an application or know a family who may be interested in applying for a place, please direct them to the Admissions section on the school website or ask them to call the school.

Applications for Reception September 2022

The closing date for applications was January 15th. However, the Local Authority has asked all schools to contact parents and carers to advise that late applications can still be made to your home local authority for pupils born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018.



Pupil Voice: Climate Change

Well done to our 5 and Year 6 for taking part in the recent ClimateEd workshop. St. Mary of the Angels was the first school in Westminster to take part in the workshop and visitors from the council, including the leader of the council Councillor Rachael Robathan, joined them at the workshop held in school last term. All were inspired by the children's knowledge of climate change issues and their curiosity and enthusiasm towards their learning. As a result of our participation trialling the workshop, Westminster City Council has now decided to roll this out to more schools across the borough.

We were also delighted to be asked to nominate six pupils to represent St. Mary of the Angels at Westminster City Council's Zero Carbon 2040 Conference held on Monday 31st January 2022, the theme of which was 'How do we embrace sustainability and carbon neutrality within Westminster?' A huge thank you to Jaidyn, Jordan, Erica, Meron, Vera and JJ for sharing what they had learned and posing such challenging questions to the panel during the virtual conference attended by over 100 council staff and councillors. If you would like to find out more about the conference and the questions asked please click [here](#) (questions are asked 9 minutes 50 seconds in).

Half-term Childcare

Please click [here](#) for details of holiday camp provision being offered by Fit for Sport at Bayswater Children's Centre.

Parent Teacher Consultations

The dates for our spring Parent Teacher consultations are as follows:

Goldfinches, Kingfishers, Herons & Swans

Tuesday 15th March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Thursday 17th March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Ducklings, Robins, Sparrows, Swifts & Kestrels

Tuesday 22nd March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Thursday 24th March 1.30 – 3.00 / 4.00 – 5.20

Appointments will be video or phone appointments and booking information will be sent home after half term.

After School Clubs

Booking opens for next half term's Multi-sports and Art clubs on Monday 7th February at 8am and clubs will resume the week beginning Monday 21st February. To book please visit www.schoolgateway.com

Half-term: Monday 14th – Friday 18th February

School closes at the usual time on Friday 11th February for the half term break and reopens on Monday 21st February.

Kind regards

Mrs Wilson
Headteacher

Mrs Hough
Deputy Headteacher (Acting)

