

# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

A huge thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity. It has been quite overwhelming. Working at Holy Ghost has been a privilege and I shall miss you all. Have a wonderful summer!  
- Sue Hanrahan



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*'A child helped by another child is like a strong city'*

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Dear Parents,

## Learning

Happy holidays from all of us here. We wish to thank you for all of your support this year. We hope you have celebrated all of the children's good news in their learning, and thank you for the comments you have made on their reports. From "Aladdin" to Spanish Day through to numerous sports' awards and finished artistic creations, it is busy, but, I hope, fruitful and enjoyable. All the classes are enjoying the end of term celebrations, and are also doing all they can to stay focussed and positive.



We enjoyed a very special Leavers' Mass and wonderful assembly yesterday. To have shared so many special moments with these exemplary Year 6 children has been a delight. Thank you again for helping us steer them to the end of their seven years. It is no accident that these children are as lovely as they are when we consider the relationships you forge with us, and the respect you show for our high expectations. We say a very fond farewell to the families who are leaving us, and hope to hear how the children fare as they move to their new schools, and their fresh challenges.



## Staff

We say a fond farewell and huge thank you to Mrs Hanrahan for her 28 years loyal service to the school. Year 5 have led the very special children's goodbye this morning. Thank you to parents for your amazing generosity towards Mrs Hanrahan. The full extent of your kindness is just incredible, and she loves the handbag presented to her at the parents' coffee morning. We also gave her – from parents, staff and children – John Lewis vouchers, a blender as well as some small mementos. Thank you so much.

We thank Miss Baker for all she has done for the children, and for her organised and thoughtful approach to her work, and also we thank Mrs Osborne, who came to help us this term, and who is moving too far out of Balham to commute.

To each and every member of the staff team, I thank them for all they do every day to ensure that the children receive the best we can give. Our distinctive mission as a Catholic school is to ensure the personal formation of every individual who passes through. We try so hard to live that mission. By ensuring that the needs of the children come first and foremost before all else keep us right, and then attending to the growth of each individual adult. The talents of the adult team speak for themselves, but their commitment and willingness to give their time and efforts over and above requirements, is the real cause for celebration. We have a super team, and I was particularly grateful to receive much positive feedback recently about the ethos in the school office, despite the loss of Mrs Hanrahan and Mrs Ford. It is exactly this which makes us Catholic: how we encounter Christ in the everyday.

## PTA

We are delighted to announce that due to all the amazing PTA fund-raising, and your personal responses to the astro-turf appeal, work starts next week! Your generosity towards us – on all levels – is deeply appreciated. Cobbling together every possible penny available, we have actually met our target, as I thought we would. Had it not been for the drive of the PTA, and the huge "giving" of so many parents, we would have made a good start, but we would certainly not be in this very happy position.

Thank you for all your kindness – if that was a go on the bottle tombola; buying a cake; or one of the donations which ranged from £50 to £2000, we have made it. We look forward to enjoying our new facilities in September.



## SCHOOL DATES

### September 2018 – July 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Days

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for Half Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Return to School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school (NOT INSET)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Return to school

Have a wonderful summer – with lots of rest, relaxation; an opportunity to recharge, and spend precious time with your families.

Children return to school on Wednesday 5th September.



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