

“I am because
We are”

NEWSLETTER

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‘A child helped by another child is like a strong city’

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Dear Parents,

We have made it, thank God, to the end of the year, and what a year it has been. Thank you for returning your comments for the children’s reports, all of which record the excellent partnership that exists between parents and teachers, and the strong sense of connection between us, which of course is singularly the best ingredient for steering the children through events like the past two school years. It is this sense of connection and pulling together that will sustain us for the foreseeable future.

The Sports’ newsletter accompanies the newsletter this week, and the videos of both sports days are available to view on Google classroom – see the Headteacher’s page for details.

Our sporting strategy pays testimony to the brilliance of Mrs Webb as a teacher and leader of her subject. Her passion; her insight, and the ripple effect to mental and emotional development that emanates from PE and sports will last all of us a lifetime.

Out and About

Year 5 had a superb time at the Wetlands on Monday. Here they are enjoying their day, our Year 6 in waiting. They have impressed us so much of late, and we look forward to working with them in their many pupil leadership roles next year.



“Seaside” and Egyptians – fun for Year 2 and 3



Staff Changes

We mentioned last time that we were sad to see Mrs T Jones and Miss Geradine leave Holy Ghost for new challenges, and we thank them again for their superb contributions to the work of the school. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mr Allcock who has been a wonderful TA in Year 6 this year, and whose intelligence, great flexibility and gorgeous nature we will all miss, and to Mrs Walshe who has helped us in recent weeks.

Mrs Jones – our hard working Deputy Head, as part of a phased retirement, is passing on the mantle to focus on her first love – the classroom. Mrs Jones is our curriculum and assessment guru, and as many of you will know, is a rare gift to a school because she can teach any year group. We are delighted to retain her expertise on the team. Miss Murphy has accepted the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher, pending an appointment in the Autumn term.

You might like to put a face to the name - Miss Atkinson is our new Year 4 teacher, who has met the children as part of her preparations for September. You will meet her in person in due course.



Mr Rakic is returning full-time to Holy Ghost, after a little stint elsewhere, which is great news for us, and we have appointed an ex pupil Miss Donnelly to the TA team.

Arrangements for September – entering and exiting school

Class	Entry Times	Exit Times
Reception	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 1	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 2	8.45am-8.55am	3.10pm
Year 3	8.45am-8.55am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am-8.55am	3.15pm
Year 5	8.45am-8.55am	3.15pm
Year 6	8.45am-8.55am	3.15pm

* Back Gate for entry and exit

* Front Gate for entry and exit

Thanks to all the staff

No accolade could quite capture the thanks due to the TAs; to the Office staff; to Alf and the premises team; and the midday staff for the many many ways they support the teaching team, and the children. They have certainly earned their summer holiday, and we send them off for a well-deserved break from all the minutiae of school life, and all that happens in any school day.

To the teaching team, in any school year, we say the most enormous thank you and well done. Since lockdown it has been an extra special effort to grapple with ever-changing guidance, and more of the unexpected than we have ever known. It is a privilege to work with such talented and wonderful professionals, who live by the values of our Catholic school, and who appreciate each child for who they are, rather than for what they can or cannot do.

Attendance

Congratulations to the 40 children who have made it through this school year attending school for the maximum number of days possible, and thank you to parents for your respect of our attendance policy.

Reception and Year 1 Sports' Day

The heat was on- and our littlest children were a delight at their sports' day. They ran; they focussed on their challenges, and they enjoyed their medals. Every-one was a winner – and the children themselves quoted “kindness” as being the value they noticed most on the day. That kindness came from each other and from their Year 5 and Year 6 supporters. Everyone was a winner.



Our Year 6 Young Leaders were so highly impressive. Some led with the practice event; some led the actual event, and all surpassed themselves in terms of their organisational skills; their care of the younger children, and how well they showed pupil leadership skills.

As ever we thank George Ashman for his camera work. Please see the Headteacher's page of Google classroom for the videos.

And finally

We wish Miss O'Brien and Graham a very happy wedding day, and we will look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs O'Brien.

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting us this year. Have a wonderful summer and see you on the 1st September.

Best wishes,

Susan Lawless & team

HOLY GHOST PRIMARY - SCHOOL DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER				
	31 st August INSET DAY	1 st September School Starts 10 Reception Children	2 nd September 10 Reception Children	3 rd September 10 Reception Children
6 th September 15 Reception - AM 15 Reception - PM Swim Squad Trials - boys	7 th September	8 th September	9 th September	10 th September Cultural Diversity Day
13 th September Swim Squad Trials - girls	14 th September	15 th September	16 th September	17 th September
20 th September	21 st September	22 nd September	23 rd September Y6 Wandsworth Test	24 th September Individual Pupil photos
27 th September	28 th September	29 th September	30 th September	

2021-2022	
Date	Event
OCTOBER	
22 nd October	Half Term
NOVEMBER	
1 st November	Children Return to School
DECEMBER	
17 th December	End of Term
JANUARY	
4 th January	Inset Day
5 th January	Children Return to School

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