

**Children may come to school in PE kit on
PE Days:**

Monday: Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
Tuesday: Year 2 & Year 3
Wednesday: Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 &
Year 5
Thursday: Reception, Year 5 & Year 6

NEWSLETTER

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Holy Ghost Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents,

The children have, by now, had a little taster of life in their new class, and are settling well – in every class. Best manners; highest standards in uniform; and best efforts with learning form the baseline we set for ensuring a successful year ahead. The teachers are embedding expectations lesson by lesson, and we thank you for your support of a positive return to a nearer normal school experience after a long 18 months of uncertainty. You will notice that we are striving to open up again cautiously but optimistically, with our Covid Outbreak Management Plan at the ready should we require it. We pray for a healthy, settled term ahead, and thank you for all you are doing to help us “reset” the highest standards in all of our work.

We are very proud of our little Reception children, as they have been introduced to their classroom and their school, and we are very proud to show you their new digging/planting area, and mud kitchen which was completed over the summer holiday.



Our new children are also settling very well into life at Holy Ghost, and in due course it will be great to meet with new families outside of Reception, to ensure that you feel welcomed, and comfortable with routines and expectations here.

There is a buzz of excitement and learning in all the classes, with Year 6 having impressed us so much with their preparations for pupil leadership roles in the school. On Monday we will announce planet team captains; pupil mentors; sports captains; pupil chaplains; Head Boy; Head Girl, and Deputies. Every year six child certainly has the opportunity to shine in their assigned role this year, and to hear them describe each others' personal attributes gave real insight into their own personal value systems. More than that, in Collective Worship on Tuesday, they very appropriately supported the younger children. They are simply delightful, one and all. We look forward to working with them this year.

Parents' meetings

On week beginning 13th September the teachers will meet via Zoom with their classes after school. We will provide the finer details and exact dates next week. Meantime we invite you to e mail office@holyghost.wandsworth.sch.uk to help the teacher hear about your child from you.

Child's Name:

Interests my child enjoys outside school:

Important information I would like to share about my child:

This does not in any way replace a conversation about your child, if one is required before the face to face meetings later in the term. Please arrange a meeting by emailing office@holyghost.wandsworth.sch.uk if you have an urgent matter you need to discuss.

We are all Equally Different - A celebration of our differences - Friday 17th September

We are planning a cultural diversity day on Friday 17th September. Please look out for some requests for homework. The idea is to celebrate our differences, and to do so by exploring other cultures - through their stories; songs; dance; food; art and crafts, culminating in a little picnic to round off the day. I am always reminded of the powerful words of John Hume when thinking about "difference". His words will be further explored on the day: "Difference is the essence of humanity. Difference is an accident of birth and therefore should never be the source of hatred or conflict. Therein lies a most fundamental principle of peace: respect for diversity. We will hear other famous words of wisdom on the themes of equality and diversity, and look forward to a fun day, and one in which our core Catholic values will also be revisited.

Whole School Mass - Wednesday 22nd September - 9.30am Holy Ghost Church

All parents are welcome to join the first Mass attended by the school in a long time. Year 6 will sit with their Reception buddies.

Extra day's holiday

Please note that school will be closed on Friday 22nd October. This is in lieu of the extra day's holiday being given for the Queen's jubilee in May (when we are already on half term holiday). We have yet to decide on two further INSET days.

A happy, productive year ahead for us all

We look forward with hope to a more settled year ahead, in which we can meet and work much more face to face, whilst at the same time taking advantage of the new online skills we have acquired, which can be used to ease the many demands on our time. We will get the best from the children and do the best for the children by using the time we have to truly listen to their needs. It is by giving children a bit of time and recognition - be it in the parenting role or the educator role - that we will help them thrive.

It has been so wonderful to see the children mingling and breathing life back into the school. It will be equally lovely to welcome parents again to our many annual events.

Best wishes,

Susan Lawless & Team

HOLY GHOST PRIMARY - SCHOOL DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER				
6th September Reception – 15AM & 15 PM. PE Starts Swim Squad Trials (B)	7th September	8 th September	9 th September Y6 Swimming	10 September
13th September Y3 Singing Project Swim Squad Trials (G)	14th September	15 th September	16 th September Y6 Swimming	17th September Equally Different Day
20th September Reception in. Y3 Singing Project Swim Squad starts	21st September	22 nd September Y4 Trumpet lessons	23 rd September Y6 Wandsworth Admissions Test Y6 Swimming	24th September Individual Photographs
27th September Y3 Singing Project Swim Squad	28th September	29 th September	30 th September Y6 Swimming	
OCTOBER				
				1st October National Poetry Day
4th October Y3 Singing Project	5th October	6th October	7th October Y6 Swimming	8th October
11th October Y3 Singing Project	12th October	13th October	14th October Y6 Swimming	15th October
18th October Y3 Singing Project	19th October	20th October	21st October Y6 Swimming	22nd October School Closed – Queens Jubilee Holiday HALF TERM

2021-2022	
Date	Event
NOVEMBER	
1st November	Return to School
9th November	Open Day 1.15pm
DECEMBER	
8th December	Christmas Lunch
10th December	Multi Faith Day
17th December	End of Term

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