

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

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Dear Parents,

Living Stones

It may have reached you that one of the themes we have been exploring at the beginning of this school year is how we each contribute as "living stones". Thinking about the Bible story of the wise man who built his house upon the rock, the children have been designing and creating their own stone which represents the particular values they represent within the living walls of our school. The children are very well able to articulate wise and foolish actions and values, and we look forward to returning to our character traits and our value systems as we navigate the year ahead.



Equal in Dignity

Thank you for sending the children to school last Friday dressed to celebrate their cultural heritage, and with food to share. They had a great day, and each teacher found different ways to help the children understand how they are 'equal in dignity' whilst still being very different. This was a chance for us to really highlight and celebrate one of our deeply held convictions as a school that "We are all equally different", made in the image and likeness of God.



INSET Day 1st November

Please note the new INSET day - Monday 1st November. This day is required to bring the staff team up to date with new requirements, including a new assessment tool.

Coffee Morning - all welcome

We would like to welcome all of you to a Coffee morning on Friday 15th October at 9.05am on the back playground (just as soon as Reception have been collected by the teachers). This is rather dependent on the weather, so let's keep our fingers crossed. As well as being an informal opportunity to say hello to you all - and give you a chance to meet and mingle - Vanessa and Tania from Place2Be will be circulating. We will also have collection boxes for Macmillan. We hope you can make it.

Place To Be - Goodbye to Tania

We are saying goodbye to Tania as our school project manager (SPM) as she undertakes a new and exciting role with Place2Be's family partnership work. The new role means that we shall continue to work with Tania, but in a different way. We cannot adequately thank Tania for her kindness, wisdom and willingness as SPM to help lift barriers and worries for children, parents and staff. Her excellence as a practitioner will now be shared more widely, and we are pleased still to be closely linked to her.



Vanessa is our new school project manager and has been having a handover from Tanya in recent weeks. We feel very positive that we have another very safe pair of hands helping us manage the minefields of children's mental health and emotional needs. We look forward to working more closely with Vanessa.

Attendance

We are very grateful to the parents who give full and respectful attention to our attendance policy. We don't take the respect shown by most parents for granted. It helps us to meet mandatory attendance requirements, if parents complete the 'absence request form' as far as possible in advance of the absence. Absence in term time is highly disruptive to any child's education, and should, as a general rule, be restricted to sickness. Thank you to Year 6 parents for your conscientious approach to the absences which are part of the preparation for secondary schools. As we have already explained, in line with the school's educational welfare officer, we are restricting the number of absences we can authorise for secondary school visits, whilst still fully supporting parents and a positive transition for every child.

Keeping Children Safe at the Gates - please show you care.

Avoiding the zig zags and doing your bit to promote safety at the school gates is everyone's business - for your children's safety and the safety of every other child. Stopping your car in the middle of the road, or on the zig zags, or double parking, causes unnecessary hazards that can be easily avoided. We see many dangerous moments, putting our children at risk, and, as a result, we will have no hesitation in sharing registration numbers with the traffic enforcement officers. To those parents who simply would not ever endanger children in this manner - we thank you for showing that you care.

Labelling all items of uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children's uniform is correctly labelled with their name. You would not believe the time this saves when items go missing, as mislaid items are returned to their owner without delay. Thank you.

Parents' Meetings

We welcome any feedback on the Zoom parent meetings this week. We hope they provided greater clarity on the specifics for your child's year/class.

Spanish

We are delighted to let you know that Mr Fabien Brossier is now teaching Spanish at Holy Ghost, and has certainly met with the approval of the children. We look forward to the children building on the excellent progress made under Mrs Kershaw's leadership of Spanish.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Susan Lawless & team

HOLY GHOST PRIMARY - SCHOOL DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER				
27th September Y3 Singing Project Swim Squad	28th September	29 th September Y4 Trumpet	30 th September Y6 Swimming	
OCTOBER				
				1st October National Poetry Day
4th October Y3 Singing Project	5th October Dulwich Football Tournament Y5 - selected	6th October Y4 Trumpet	7th October Y6 Swimming	8th October Whole School Mass, 9.30 Holy Ghost Church
11th October Y3 Singing Project	12th October Second hand uniform sale 9.05am - Back Playground	13th October Y4 Trumpet	14th October No Y6 Swimming Wandsworth Borough Cross Country - Y5/Y6 selected	15th October Coffee morning - P2B 9.05am Y5/Y6 Inter planet Football (at school)
18th October Y3 Singing Project	19th October	20th October Y4 Trumpet	21st October Y6 Swimming Y3/Y4 Inter planet Football (in school)	22nd October School Closed - Queens Jubilee Holiday HALF TERM
NOVEMBER				
1st November INSET DAY	2nd November Children return to school	3rd November Y4 Trumpet	4th November Last Y6 swimming	5th November
8th November	9th November 1.15pm - Open Day	10th November Y4 Trumpet	11th November Y5 Swimming	12th November

2021-2022	
Date	Event
NOVEMBER	
15th November	Anti-bullying Week
DECEMBER	
10th December	Multi Faith Day
15th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
17th December	End of Term
JANUARY	
4th January	INSET Day
5th January	Children return to school

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