

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring”.  
St. Catherine of Siena

# NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Parents,

## Parents' Visits to School

With just one week left until the Easter break, we thank you for your support of the “Open Class” visits, and hope you enjoyed viewing the children’s books. As I am sure you were able to see there is much progress being made, of which children and their parents should feel proud, not to mention many other developments personally and socially. A host of sporting achievements have also been enjoyed this term, and of course other great curricular strides across history, geography, art, DT and Music.

We congratulate our biathletes for their superb performances last weekend in Bath. Please look out for more details in the Sports Newsletter.



## Lent

Year 4 are preparing a reflection on the Stations of the Cross – to be shared with parents on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm. Two adults are invited to attend for each child. Our journey through Lent will be brought to a focus via the simple message of the children. Wonderful examples of living our Catholic faith are evident in school every day, and even amid those moments of disagreement and conflict, the idea is that we learn to make better choices, and longer term changes.

We thank Fr Giovanni for leading assembly on Monday morning, and inviting the children to think of ourselves as the fig tree in the gospel, with God as the gardener. Year 3 made their First Confession this week and all other key stage two classes will have gone to Confession by the end of term, for Lent. We thank Fr Richard, as ever, for all he does to shepherd the flock at Holy Ghost. We are blessed to have such conscientious priests.



## Place to Be

This week we welcome our new Place to Be school project manager – Kathryn Shepping.



We look forward to welcoming Kathryn to Holy Ghost and hope to restore the full service on Fridays at Holy Ghost, although instead of Monday afternoons, Katherine will be in school on Thursday mornings. As parents you are able to ask for a referral to Place to Be at any time. The assessment process that they undertake usually helps them arrive at some choices for how best to help children, parents, families and teachers navigate any matters arising. We look forward to a more consistent service than has been the case in recent months.

## Parental Questionnaire

Please find attached the outcomes of our recent questionnaire for parents. We are very grateful for your feedback. If you have any bright ideas for PTA fundraising please e mail the Office. The new PTA are keen to hear from you, and the children.

## New arrangements after Easter – leaving school

Coming into school in the mornings is working very smoothly for the children, as you will be very aware. There is high visibility of Reception and Year 1 staff at the back gate and they like the arrangements because it gives the children a calm start to their day, and there are enough staff there to assist children if needs arise. We will therefore not change this for now. The front gate flows and children enter happily. Morning and afternoon clubs are now at full capacity, using the spaces we have available.

With the express desire of hearing parents about coming on site again, we plan that from after Easter, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents (as always was the case pre-Covid) will be welcome on the back playground to pick up their children. Year 2 will exit from the back. Timings: Reception: 3.05pm Y1 and Y2: 3.10pm. Let's see how this works. Parents can then make their way to the front for older siblings at 3.15pm.

Happy happy Easter when it arrives, and thank you for all your support this term.

Best wishes,

Susan Lawless & team.



## HOLY GHOST PRIMARY - SCHOOL DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MARCH</b>				
28 <sup>th</sup> March Y6 Netball V Telferscot	29 <sup>th</sup> March Tennis – Rec, 1,2 & 3	30 <sup>th</sup> March Y6 Football League (Girls) - Selected	31 <sup>st</sup> March The Passion 2.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> April Y5&6 Inter Planet Hockey 2.00pm End of Term
<b>APRIL</b>				
18 <sup>th</sup> April Bank Holiday	19 <sup>th</sup> April Back to School	20 <sup>th</sup> April Y4 Pizza Express (making lunch)	21 <sup>st</sup> April Y3 Swimming	1 <sup>st</sup> Y5 & 6 Hockey
25 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> April	27 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April Y3 Swimming	29 <sup>th</sup> April Y3 Tennis Festival, Tooting Common
<b>MAY</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> May Swimming Gala (selected)	5 <sup>th</sup> May Y3 Swimming Class photos	6 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11.30am Y3 – First Holy Communion Mass
9 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May Y3&4 Swimming Gala (selected)	12 <sup>th</sup> May Y3 Swimming	13 <sup>th</sup> May Inter planet tag Rugby – Y5/Y6
16 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May Y6 Cricket Festival (Selected)	18 <sup>th</sup> May Y5 & 6 Swimming Gala	19 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May Y6 Hockey festival PTA Quiz Night
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May Y6 boys Cricket Festival	25 <sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm Governors Open School Evening	26 <sup>th</sup> May Jubilee Crazy Hair Day End of Half Term	27 <sup>th</sup> May

2022	
Date	Event
<b>JUNE</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school Y6 Girls Cricket Festival
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter planet Tag Rugby Y3 / Y4
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Swim Squad Gala
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Journey
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls Cricket @ Spencer Park
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Commonwealth Games Legacy
25 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Boys Cricket (selected)
29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Peter & Paul Holy Day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Boys Football (selected)
<b>JULY</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Boys Football @ Southfields
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Cricket Festival (selected)
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 & KS2 Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 & 6 Inter planet Swimming Gala
15 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Leaving Mass for Miss Lawless – all welcome
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Mass
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y3 & 4 Inter planet Swimming Gala
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Term

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