



20th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed your Easter holiday break and are well rested. I always think this is one of the most beautiful times of year with the fresh spring green leaves and colourful flowers; and it is so good to be arriving and leaving school in the light! It was lovely to see the children returning to School so refreshed and happy.

Thank you so much for the cards and gifts that you gave to the staff and myself at the end of term. It was very kind of you.

All children should now be wearing their summer uniform. The School boaters (girls) and caps (boys) must be worn every day that the children are in uniform. If it is a day where the children are in their PE kit, they should wear the School baseball cap in their house colour. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Year 6 pupils are welcome to wear their hoodies for sport and for the School Journey Week but not as part of school uniform please, as we want our girls to look smart.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. Class teachers can be contacted via email should you need to arrange an appointment.

Our International Mass will take place on Friday 4th May at 2.15pm. Children may wear international dress/ colours and we kindly ask parents to donate £2 to go towards the East Timor Project. Thank you for your support.

The Year 6 secondary school offers list has been updated and can be found on the School website with another offer and acceptance at St. Michael's Grammar School.

Staff news

- Congratulations to Ms Louise Argles who was married during the holidays. She will be known as Mrs Ellisdon next academic year.
- We welcome Ms Alica Nunes who is teaching Reception AE during Mrs Evan's maternity leave.
- We have a new chef, Mr Sarbhal Da Silva, who has joined us this term.
- Miss Jo Hudson will be going on Maternity Leave next Friday 27th April, we wish her lots of luck and look forward to meeting her new baby!
- We will be welcoming Miss Sandra Barbosa into Reception RP, where she will be covering Miss Jo's Maternity Leave as Teaching Assistant in Miss Pywell's class.

Coffee mornings

The following year groups coffee mornings will be held this term from 9:00-9.30 am.

Nursery - Friday 18th May
Reception - Friday 25th May
Year 1 - Friday 8th June
Year 6 - Friday 22nd June (to receive school exit information)

The remainder of the school year groups will have their coffee mornings in the Autumn Term.

We have received the following air quality alert from The Mayor of London.

This is an air quality alert provided by the Mayor of London. You are receiving it because the air pollution in London is forecast to go above "Low" on the Defra Daily Air Quality Index. Please see further information below:

This is the advice for a **Moderate** air pollution alert, based on Defra's national [Daily Air Quality Index](#).

Advice for the general population	Advice for at risk individuals
Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, who experience symptoms , should consider reducing strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.

In addition to Defra's advice above, the following are some practical ideas your school or educational institution may want to consider in partnership with parents and guardians:

- If at all possible, **advise parents not to drive their children to and from school** (or students themselves not to drive), as this exacerbates pollution in the school vicinity. Note that pollution levels are often higher inside cars even when the windows are shut.
- For those who continue to drive, ask parents/guardians/students **not to idle their engines in the school vicinity**.
- For those walking and cycling, try to plan a route to and from school that **sticks to side roads or goes through parks or other green areas**. In the next few months additional guidance and helpful tools will be published by City Hall to help you identify further actions which you, with the support of your local borough, can take to tackle pollution in and around your school or educational institution.

If you have questions concerning this pollution alert please contact airqualitylondon@london.gov.uk

Keeping Safe online: YouTube 'Stars'

Further to the letter I sent to you regarding addictions to smart phones, I recently received information about 'vloggers' (video YouTube bloggers) who encourage children and teenagers to watch YouTube videos about themselves. They can manipulate and influence your children's thinking. It may be worth your while checking out the latest pre-teen and teen idols in case your children are drawn to follow them, so you know at least who they are and what they are saying.

- 1) Jojo Siwa (14 years) is an American singer and dancer who posts YouTube clips about herself and she tries to sell her merchandise (unboxing toys) for \$30 US dollars. She appeals to mostly girls from 7+. Her trademark is her oversized bow.
- 2) Caspar appeals to young teens and he likes to stage pranks. Some of his themes contain sexual content and swear words.
- 3) Zoella appeals to tweens and young teens. She is a beauty fashion blogger. Anything she recommends tends to sell quickly. She recently tried to sell an advent calendar for £50.
- 4) Dan Howell is a former BBC Radio 1 personality and joker who appeals to tweens. Some of his vlogs are not child friendly and contain swear words.

Date	Event
Monday 23 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra-Curricular & Teacher led Clubs begin • Nursery & Reception Book Fair – 3.00-3.30pm in the Main Hall • Pupil to be Headteacher for the Day • Ballet restarts • Y4 Netball fixture
Tuesday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 History trip • Year 1 & 2 Book Fair – 3.00-3.30pm in the Main Hall
Wednesday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Swimming begins • Year 3 ICT trip • Year 3 & 4 Book Fair – 3.00-3.30pm in the Main Hall
Thursday 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Mathematics Challenge – selected pupils • Year 5 & 6 Book Fair – 3.00-3.30pm in the Main Hall • SRE & School Journey Meeting for Year 5 & 6 parents – 6.00pm
Friday 27 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass led by Year 5 2.15pm • Whole School Book Fair (last chance to buy!) – 3.00-3.30pm in Main Hall
Monday 30 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Week
Tuesday 1 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Fundraiser for East Timor • Puberty talk for Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 ICT Trip
Thursday 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Educational Trip
Friday 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Finlayson & Fr Rudolf visiting Francis Holland School • International Mass led by Year 6 2.15pm (Children may wear international dress or colours to school and donate £2 to the East Timor project) • Puberty talk for Year 5 pupils
Monday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Bus visiting KS2 • Year 5 RE Trip
Wednesday 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 class Assembly?
Thursday 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5&6 Swimming Gala
Friday 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 2 Cross Country Run 9.30am • Joan of Ark House Mass 2.15pm

Tuesday 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Photographs • Puberty talk for Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 16 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 ICT Trip
Thursday 17 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala • Year 3-5 11+ Talk with visiting Headteachers - 6.00pm refreshments for a 6.30pm start
Friday 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery parents Coffee Morning • St • Raphaela Mary Feast Day – Whole School Mass 2.15pm
Monday 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5&6 School Journey
Tuesday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Classes Pirate Workshops
Friday 25 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception parents Coffee Morning • Year 5&6 return from School Journey • Half Term – School Ends 1.30pm for Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils and staff return • Year 6 Cycle Training

Yours sincerely,



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