



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to see how the children have all settled happily back into their daily routines over the past week and we are very much looking forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead!

Please note our Key Dates for upcoming events at the end of this bulletin.

Mass led by Staff

The first Mass of the school year was led by the teachers. Together, we celebrated the birthday of the Virgin Mary and learnt about her unconditional love for Jesus. Fr. Terry asked Mary to bless all of us as we start our new school year.



New Parents Welcome Evening

Parents with new starters were able to attend the 'New Parents Welcome Evening' on Thursday 13th September. The event was also attended by many of our Governors, teaching and support staff, who, following a brief presentation by Mr Gloag in which he outlined his educational philosophy and the future direction of the school, were able to mingle, introduce themselves and talk about how their child has settled.

We would like, in particular, to thank Chef and his team for providing us with a lovely selection of drinks and tasty bites.

'Meet our New Headteacher'

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our 'Meet the New Headteacher' Evening on **Tuesday 18th September – 6.30-7.30pm**. Please confirm your attendance by emailing headteacherspa@saintchristinas.org.uk. Thank you to all who have already responded.

House Meeting

On Wednesday in our first KS2 assembly of the year, our three house captains introduced themselves to their houses. Year 3 girls and new girls to the school received their house badges.

The girls then spent time in their houses to establish what they wanted to achieve this year and how they would achieve it. They had to come up with three words that will define them this year.

Saint Francis decided that they would be 'Resilient' 'Caring' and 'Loyal'. Saint Cecilia came up with 'Friendship' 'Super Listening' and 'Amazing Teamwork' while Saint Joan of Arc decided that they will be 'Respectful', full of 'Cooperation' and good 'teamwork'. It was wonderful to see all of the girls across KS2 work together in their houses and listen so attentively to their new house captains. I know that this year will be a huge success already!

The annual poetry competition was also launched and the poem was distributed to all girls. Exciting news was also announced informing the girls that the poet who wrote the poem that they will be performing (Rachel Rooney) has agreed to come and be the adjudicator of the event. The girls are very excited and already thinking of ways to perform the poem to a high standard.

I, like the girls, am very excited to see where the House Competition will take us this year.

Louise Ellidson – Key Stage 2 Phase Leader



Reception Liturgy

On Thursday, both Reception Classes celebrated their first Liturgy of the academic year together.

The Liturgy focussed on ways in which we can show love for Jesus and the children thought of many ideas on how they could do this. These included taking care of a friend who is hungry and thirsty, letting someone play in their game and sharing their toys.

The children listened and sang beautifully throughout.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us in celebration – it was lovely to have you in attendance.

Mr Burke – Reception Class Teacher



Harvest Mass

Our Mass to celebrate the Harvest will be held on **Friday 28th September** at 2.15pm. Any gifts of non-perishable food may be left in the main corridor on the ground floor of the school. Fresh produce may be brought to school on Friday 28th September.

Following the Mass, your donations will be given to the Quex Road Parish to be distributed to the homeless and local families in need. As with all of our school Masses, you are most welcome to attend.



Saint Christina's Website – Parent Log-In Information

Please follow the instructions below to register for access to our Parent Pages on the School Website:

Go to the Home Page - Click on 'Parent Login' on top right hand corner of the screen – Click on 'Parent Registration' and follow the instructions. The school will then approve your registration and you will gain parental access to the site, which will enable you to view documents and news feeds.

REMINDERS

Absences

- If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ensure that you email your child's Class Teacher or email/telephone the School Office before 8.30am. If your child is absent from school and we have not been contacted by a parent by 9.15am, the school will contact you to find out the reason for the absence.

Requests for any other absences during term-time should be requested in writing and addressed to the Headteacher at least two weeks in advance of the planned absence. Holidays during term-time are strongly discouraged and absence will only be authorised under exceptional circumstances. We follow the strict guidelines with regards to children missing school issued by the Secretary of State for Education.

Illness

- Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, or not fully recovered from a period of illness. If a child is sent to school unwell, it causes unnecessary distress to the child and they may pass infection on to their peers and staff. We would like to kindly remind parents that pupils with vomiting and/or diarrhoea should not return to School until **48 hours after the last episode**. Thank you for your co-operation.

Timings of the School Day

- Please allow enough time for your journey to School each day. Registration is at 8.55am. The day ends at 3.15pm for pupils in Nursery and Reception Classes and 3.30pm for pupils in Years 1 to 6. Pupils arriving after 8.55am will be marked late and this will be shown on their School reports. If a pupil arrives after 8.55am, the parent/carer will need to sign them in on the screen in the School Foyer. Please aim to arrive when the doors open at 8.45am. We offer a Morning Club from 8.00am (there is a charge for this facility).

Collection of Pupils

- Please ensure that in the event of your child being collected by someone other than a recognised parent or carer, that the school is informed. We cannot let children leave school with another adult (this includes a parent of another child at the school) unless permission has already been given.

Break Snacks

- Please remember to give your child a healthy snack for the morning break: fresh or dried fruit or vegetables only please (no yoghurt drinks, cheese dips or manufactured fruit snacks). The school does not provide fruit for the morning break.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

- We have a number of pupils and staff in the school who have serious nut allergies. Please will you ensure that you do not give your child any nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella) to bring into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

EPIPENS

- If your child needs an EPIPEN in school, please ensure that one is given to your child's Class Teacher and a spare is given to the School Office. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that EPIPENS are regularly updated and ready to use in case of an emergency.

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 17 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra-Curricular & Teacher Led Clubs begin (with the exception of Art Club & Irish Dancing which begin on Tuesday 25th) |
| Tuesday 18 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Meet the New Headteacher Evening – 6.30-7.30pm |
| Wednesday 19 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Brigade visit Year 2 & Year 5 Classes• Year 5 & 6 Netball Fixture (away) |
| Thursday 20 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Gloag attending CISC Head's Briefing• Year 6 Netball Fixture (away) |
| Friday 21 st September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass led by Year 5 – 2.15pm |
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| Tuesday 25 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Club & Irish Dancing begins |
| Wednesday 26 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Day of Languages• Year 5 & 6 Netball Fixture (away) |
| Thursday 27 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 & 6 Netball Fixture (away) |
| Friday 28 th September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 History trip• Harvest Mass led by Year 4 – 2.15pm |
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| Monday 1 st October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WINTER UNIFORM TO BE WORN FROM TODAY• Year 5 & 6 Netball Fixture (away) |
| Tuesday 2 nd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual 11+ Transfer Meetings for Year 6 Parents (letter to follow) |
| Wednesday 3 rd October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual 11+ Transfer Meetings for Year 6 Parents |
| Thursday 4 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Francis Feast Day / National Poetry Day• Year 5 & 6 Netball Fixture (home) |
| Friday 5 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Francis House Mass – 2.15pm• Parents/Teachers Netball Match – 4.00pm |

