



Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Storytime

It has been wonderful to see so many of our children back in school this week for their End of Year Storytime sessions with their class teachers. Thank you for engaging so well with the complex process of pick up and drop off under the new social distancing system! The children were all delighted to be back and teachers were delighted to see them. There was lots of excited chatter and many happy faces! We look forward to the final sessions of Storytime next week, before welcoming back the whole of Year 6 for the final week of term.

Virtual Sports Day

Thank you too for the enthusiastic response to our Virtual Sports Day today. Thank goodness the rain held off this morning! We have received photos and videos of the children at home competing in their events and the bubbles in school have also been timed and measured competing in the same events. This morning, we took all the children in school out in their bubbles on the field to complete the last two events – Egg and Spoon and Sprint – together, competing against the clock and their classmates at home. Although in no way reminiscent of the wonderful Sports Day events we have with all the families gathered on the field to support their children, the children wore their house colours and enjoyed representing their houses, just like the children at home! It would be lovely to receive more video or photo footage of the children competing at home if you have it – by sending it in to school, you are giving permission for us to share the photo with the school community. Let us know if this is not your intention!

Mr Joice will collate the results submitted from home and from school and will calculate the winning house, as well as event winners in each class. We will share the results with you early next week, once all the information has been gathered.

Reports

End of year academic reports will be coming out to you next week as well. As you can imagine, it has been an interesting exercise for teachers compiling these, with no end of year national assessments and children both in school and at home completing slightly different work than they would normally be completing at this time of year! In common with other schools, we are reporting on the situation as it was up to March, before the lockdown, rather than having unequal assessments of children in all their different situations right now. A letter will come out with the reports explaining this further, but please don't worry about it. Results nationally will not be counted for this summer and we are well prepared to support our children back in school in September.

Summer Camps

As you will be aware, Planet Soccer are running Summer Camps for 4 weeks of the summer holidays at Cardinal Newman and bookings are now open. They anticipate high demand for these weeks, so it would be worth booking up quickly if you are hoping to use these.

School Reopening

Yesterday's Primary School guidance for September looks very promising, allowing us to take back all of our children in bubbles of 30, with some restrictions on staggered starts and lunchtimes. We will be in touch before the end of term with further information about what this will look like at Cardinal Newman, but we are delighted that we will be able to have our children back together in one community again. Wraparound Care (Whizz Kids) will also be able to open within the guidance from September and again, we will be in touch to confirm places and share further details before the end of term. Thank you for your patience while we consider the best way of implementing the guidance for our school community.

Public Mass returns

Along with the wider reopening of pubs, restaurants and shops, we are delighted to be able to hold public Masses in our Catholic churches once again from this weekend. Wouldn't it be lovely if there were queues outside our churches as well as outside the pubs!!

As with everything at present, there are certain restrictions, but details for our parishes for this weekend are here:

All Saint's, Hersham

Saturday 4 July Vigil Masses at 4pm & 5.30pm

Sunday 5 July Masses at 8am & 9am

Email: fr.biggerstaff@gmail.com

<http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org/>

St Barnabas, Molesey

Saturday 4 July Latin Mass at 10am

Sunday 5 July at 11am, 12 noon & 6pm

Email: fr.biggerstaff@gmail.com

<http://www.stbarnabasmolesey.org/>

St Erconwald's

Sunday 5 July 9.15am & 11.15am

Church will be open for Mass, but only 30 people or family groups allowed at each Mass. **You must email the office to book a place to attend**

mail@sterconwalds.org.uk

<https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/>

Please check Church websites for more information.

Hall Extension

We are delighted that the Xavier Board of Directors have agreed this week to fund some of the increased cost of our Hall Extension and I am meeting with contractors to agree final details before the end of term. We now expect the build to begin in August 2020 and this will include the full-scale hall extension and the shell of the other amenities. The Governor Fund is continuing to fundraise to support the completion of the Hall Extension project and Governors will write separately with a full update and to share different ways you can support the project.

Our huge thanks go to the organisers of the St Patrick's Day event which was due to have been held in our school hall in March – they are donating £600 to our School Hall Fund! Thank you so much for your support.

Thank you once again to all parents for all your support for our school community during these unsettling times. It has been wonderful to have so many messages of thanks and support during this week – these are really appreciated by all of us. Thank you.

I wish you a very happy weekend enjoying some of the newfound freedoms we will have tomorrow!

All best wishes

Catherine Burnham

HT Awards

Headteacher's Awards for Home Learning: Well done for all your hard work! Your awards are on their way!

E Cronin, Y6; L Wright, Y2; A Battelle Y4; K O'Kelly Y6

Headteacher's Awards for children in school:

A Jones Y6; O Gurney, Y6 for their Europe projects.