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# Newsletter

Welcome back for another busy and fun-filled term! The children (and staff!) have returned relaxed and refreshed from the Easter break, ready for more exciting learning. Holidays certainly seem to be good for getting the creative juices flowing, with children from YR, Y2 and Y6 all coming to me this week to share their excellent progress and creativity in writing. There have been several Headteacher's Awards for impressive writing this week and we look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate the children's achievements both in and out of school in the weeks to come.

The big news for this week is our new arrival - yes, this is, of course, the greatly-anticipated delivery of our new school minibus! The minibus arrived yesterday lunchtime and was the source of great excitement among the whole community. It seats 17 (16 plus driver) and can be adapted for wheelchair access. Some of the children helped us to test out the seatbelts, steps and ramps and professed themselves very happy with our new purchase. You can see photos of the bus on our school website. HUGE THANKS are due to the Governors Fund and to the PA (and in particular the Ball Committee) who have made this purchase possible! The cost has been shared equally between the two and the ongoing running costs will be met by the PA. As a school community, we are delighted to have such a useful addition to school life and can't wait to start using the minibus!

Summer term weather always brings the prospect of more school trips and there are several coming up. The School Council is looking forward to their annual trip to the Houses of Parliament (postponed in March due to snow!) and Prayer Council children from Y4 and Y5 will be representing the school at the Good Shepherd Celebration at Worth Abbey this term. With this week's new arrival, we hope to see more local area trips this term too!

In school we have been celebrating the continuation of Eastertide. Many of the children were amazed to hear that Easter runs for 50 days until Pentecost but they were pleased to realise that meant they could continue to sing their favourite Easter hymns for a few more weeks yet! Today we were very fortunate to have Fr Bill in school to say a whole school Eastertide Mass for us for the start of the Summer Term. A great way to start the new term!

All best wishes, Catherine Burnham

**GOVERNORS' FUND** The Governors' Fund relies on monthly standing order contributions from participating families. The next big Governors' Project will be to help replace the ageing Interactive Whiteboards around the school – if you are not already contributing to the Governors' Fund, please do consider whether this is something you could do to support our school infrastructure. We currently have a very low participation rate, which limits the capacity to support projects for school improvement. If every family in the school contributed £5 a month, the Governors' Fund income would be more than doubled. If every family contributed £10 a month, the Interactive Whiteboards could be replaced within two years. If you would like to donate to the Governors' Fund, there are forms attached to this mailing. Thank you for your help.

**ST GEORGE'S DAY—MONDAY 23 APRIL**

Children may wear their Scouting, Guiding or St John Ambulance uniforms on Monday to mark St George's Day. (We have an unnamed Cubs sweatshirt, size 32, in the office.)

**DIARY DATE UPDATES**

Tue 22 May Yr 6 French Trip meeting 7.30pm (was 7.00pm)  
Thu 14 June Violet Class 9.00am

An updated list is available on the website.

**CLUB NEWS**

An updated list for this term is attached—please make a careful note of start and end dates. Letters for school-run clubs also include dates during the term when the clubs will not be running. Full details are on the Club page on our website.

**FIRST AID/INJURY REPORTS**

Currently if children receive first aid treatment at school we send home a paper Accident/Illness Form. From Monday 23 April we will be emailing this form and we hope you will find this means you get the information more easily and quickly. We will, of course, continue to telephone parents if a child receives a more serious injury or if we think they may need further treatment.

**HAY FEVER**

If your child suffers from hay fever in the summer months and you would like to keep medicine in school, please bring it to the school office together with a completed Medication Request Form. We have been advised by the school nurse that antihistamines are more effective when taken regularly as a prevention before symptoms occur, rather than intermittently only when your child has symptoms.

**HOT WEATHER**

A reminder that if hot weather is forecast, children must bring into school a water bottle and sun hat as well as applying sun cream at home. Red school baseball caps are available from our uniform supplier, AlleyCatz.

**SALESIAN SCHOOL AUCTION**

Please look on our website for information about Salesian School's online auction. It closes at the Salesian Spring Ball on 21 April and is raising funds for school projects.

**MISSIO LENT COLLECTION**

Thank you for supporting the MISSIO Lent collection. Please return your red collection boxes by the end of next week.

**SEND INFORMATION COFFEE MORNING—FRIDAY 15 JUNE 9.00AM**

Parents are invited to a coffee morning with Nikki Beckett from Surrey SEND Information and Support Service (SSIASS). SSIASS offers a range of support services for parents for children with SEND. To help us prepare, please let the school office know if you would like to attend.

**LOST PROPERTY**—There is still a large amount of lost property. It will be in the playground at pick up time so please check in case any of it belongs to your child.

**PA NEWS**—Year 3 Cake Sale after school