St Fidelis Catholic Primary School
14th September 2023 Newsletter

SCHOOL MASS



Our first school Mass will take place on **Sunday 17th September at 10:30am in Our Lady of the Angels**. We hope that everyone will come along- as ever we will be collecting for the local food bank for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The children should bring these donations to the front of the church before the beginning of Mass. Our new Nursery and Reception children will receive a special blessing during the Mass.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are advertising for a teaching assistant, required to start as soon as possible. This post is on a fixed-term contract until July 2024. Please see the attached job advert. **The closing date for applications is at noon on Monday 25th September 2023.**

SWAP YOUR FOOTWEAR FOR OUR SCHOOL FOODBANK

We are inviting you to wear your trainers to school (with your school uniform) on **Friday 22nd September.** In return for being able to wear your trainers, we are asking you to bring an item or items for our school food bank. Our supplies have reduced and we would like to be able to offer groceries again this year. Thanks for your support in advance.

MRS ATHERTON - SENCO



Mrs Atherton has added to her job titles. Not only is she Assistant Head, she is Phase Leader for Years 1 and 2, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and since the start of this academic year, she is now our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

It is Mrs Atherton's role to oversee SEN within our school to help children with special educational needs thrive. She works closely with teachers, parents and external agencies ensuring that everyone has a common goal where our child is at the heart. If you have any concerns over special educational needs please see your child's class teacher in the first instance.

READING



We believe that some learning beyond the school day can have a really beneficial impact on the progress that all children can make. The most important element of their homework, whether in Year 1 or Year 6, is to read for at least 10 or 15 minutes every day. Younger children should read with an adult, which provides an opportunity to encourage, correct and question the emerging reader. Older children can read independently, but still benefit massively from opportunities to clarify, discuss and share their reading with an adult. We would be grateful if reading was recorded in the children's reading diaries as this allows the school to track the pace and frequency with which individual children are reading. Thanks for all your support in helping our children to become fluent and confident readers.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

This year we will be holding 'meet the teacher curriculum meetings'. Each meeting will be half an hour and will be held twice with a recording of the information made available on the website. Please see below for times -

Monday 18th September at 2:40pm	Eagles Jays Kingfishers Hawks Flamingoes Owls
Tuesday 19th September at 9am	Robins Nursery
Tuesday 19th September at 10am	Sparrows
Wednesday 20th September at 1:45pm	Penguins Puffins Kestrels Woodpeckers
Wednesday 20th September at 1:15pm	Swallows
Monday 25th September at 2:40pm	Swans Swallows Penguins Puffins Kestrels Woodpeckers
Tuesday 26th September at 9am	Sparrows
Tuesday 26th September at 10am	Robins Nursery
Wednesday 27th September at 1:15pm	Swans Eagles Jays
Wednesday 27th September at 1:45pm	Kingfishers Hawks Flamingoes Owls

REMINDER OF SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

A reminder that we have a window between 8:30am and 8:50am when children can arrive for school. The start of the school day stays the same, with **the school day starting promptly at 8:50am** with the register being taken in class at this time.



Please note the following collection times at the end of the day:

- **Nursery and Reception** will be dismissed at **3:10pm.**
- **Years 1-6** will be dismissed at **3:20pm.**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We would like to congratulate all of our pupils across the school who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library this summer. We had over 100 children across the school complete the challenge, which required them to finish 6 books! We are very proud of you all!





CLUBS FOR 2023-2024

Clubs will be resuming for the autumn term the week beginning 11th September 2023 and finishing the week beginning 4th December 2023. These are now live to book on mychildatschool. https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin Please note places are limited.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Time	Venue	Cost	Spaces
Monday	Mixed Football	1 & 2	3:20-4:30	In school	£55 11 sessions	0
Tuesday	Mixed Football	3 & 4	3:20-4:30	In school	£60 12 sessions	0
Wednesday	Mixed Football	5 & 6	3:20-4:30	In school	£60 12 sessions	8
Thursday	Lego Club	3, 4, 5, 6	3:20-4:30	In school	£60 12 sessions	0
Friday	Boxing Fun Fitness Club	3, 4, 5, 6	3:20-4:30	In school	£60 12 sessions	4
	French Club	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3:20-4:30	In school	£60 12 sessions	0

SPANISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IN THE ANGELUS CENTRE

The Spanish after school club starts again on Wednesday 13th September in the Angelus Centre from 3:30 to 4:45pm for children from years 2 to 6. Email sophiechaise@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS - SEPTEMBER 2024
If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you can now apply for a place in Reception September 2024.

Please pick up an application form from the School Office or download from our website;
https://www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/admissions

Signing dates at Our Lady of the Angels can be booked via the following link;
https://www.olaerith.org.uk/appointments

Details of our Open Sessions can be found below:

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RECEPTION 2024 ADMISSIONS

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 and you would like to apply for a place at St Fidelis in Reception for September 2024, it is important that you submit your application soon.



Parents and carers will need to collect and return a supplementary form to the School Office (as well as completing the Bexley online form) by the closing date of **15 January 2024**).

The school open mornings/evenings for admission to Reception for September 2024 will take place at the following times:

- Friday 3 November 2023 9:30am
- Thursday 16 November 2023 9:30am
- **Monday 20 November 2023 5:00pm**
- Friday 24 November 2023 9:30am
- Wednesday 6 December 2023 9:30am
- Friday 12 January 2024 9:30am



Each tour will begin promptly and last approximately 1 hour. Parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet the Head of School, Catherine Quirke, and some of our fantastic Year 6 pupils who will be delighted to show you what our school is like and what we think makes our school unique.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

The school has been made aware of some clubs run by Bexley Snap which are available for children with SEND in the borough.

- 'Early Years' For ages – 1 to 5 running Thursday and Friday sessions during term time

They are based at Normandy SEND Hub, Barnehurst. They have access to a large playroom, outside play area, ball pool and a new sensory room. They deliver term time sessions Snap's team concentrate on helping to increase all areas of children's development, helping them to be ready for school. The club is £2 a session.

- 'Little Explorers' For ages 5 to 11 running Saturday during term time.

They are also based at Normandy SEND Hub. As one of Bexley Snap commissioned services they offer young disabled children the chance to come along and play with other children in a safe and caring environment. They will experience the chance to play both inside and outside in our garden on the newly laid Astroturf. They will also be able to try new themed arts and crafts and messy or sensory play which will encourage children to engage with their peers and will help develop their fine motor skills and social skills. Their sensory room offers a space for calm, comfort and relaxation. The club is £2 a session. For more information in Bexley Snaps services and clubs please visit - https://bexleysnap.org.uk/bexley-snap-clubs/

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have been really fortunate to come back to school with the sun and the warmth. A reminder that children can stay in summer uniform until October half term, if the weather should still be warm enough. We would like all children in their winter uniform by 31st October, when we return after half term.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have **second hand uniform available for free**. This can be collected from St Patrick's room on the KS1 playground at the end of school on Wednesdays and Fridays.

ASSEMBLIES

Here is a list of all the class assemblies which we have this half term. Please note these are always on a Friday, starting promptly at 2:45pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend their child's class assembly which will be held in the school hall.

Friday 15th September	Year 6 Owls
Friday 22nd September	Year 5 Flamingoes
Friday 29th September	Year 4 Puffins
Friday 6th October	Year 3 Kingfishers
Friday 13th October	Year 2 Jays
Friday 20th October	Year 6 Woodpeckers

Yours sincerely,

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TEACHING ASSISTANT
BEXLEY SCALE 5 POINT 051-054
£13.21 - £13.43 per hour
Fixed term contract until July 2024
Required to start as soon as possible

Hours are: Monday - Friday:

8:30am-3:30pm

We can offer you:

- Opportunity to work as part of a skilled team committed to the development of every child
- Children who have immense potential
- An environment that is amply resourced and well designed

For an application pack, please contact the school office:

admin@st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk. Alternatively the pack can be downloaded from the school website: www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing date: Noon Monday 25th September 2023

The school and all its personnel is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

This post is considered to be a customer-facing positon; as such it falls within scope of the Code of Practice on English language requirement for public sector workers. The school therefore has a statutory duty under Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016 to ensure that post holders have a command of spoken English sufficient for the effective performance of the job requirements. The appropriate standards are set out in the person specification. These will be applied during the recruitment/selection and probationary stages.

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