

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

16th July 2020 Newsletter



YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Today marks the end of our Year 6 children's time here at St Fidelis, and whilst they have had a different sort of end to the year that we all might have expected back in September, it has still been a very special experience with lots of virtual meetings, soaked staff, difficult quiz questions, marvellous achievement assemblies and emotional video farewells.

As was said to the children on their last group video call last night we are exceptionally proud of all of them and we know that they are ready now to take the school's mission of showing compassion, rising to challenges and striving for excellence on to their new secondary schools. St Fidelis is the best school because we have the best children.

So we are immensely proud of our wonderful pupils in Year 6 as they move on from St Fidelis this summer, but know that they are ready as confident, intelligent, articulate and moral young adults for the fresh challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of them in their new secondary schools in September. They will all be greatly missed.



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CONGRATULATIONS - DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

We were all delighted to learn that St Fidelis was again awarded second place across all three thousand schools in London for our innovative use of cloud technologies such as chromebooks and Gsuite for education. Mr Kennor, our AHT and Computing Leader, received the school's award from the London Grid for Learning, which manages the broadband network and services right across all thirty two London boroughs.



The London Grid for Learning also visited the school to film some case studies about our use of technology which can be viewed on the school website.

<https://www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/about-us/technology-at-st-fidelis>

SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER OPENING TIMES

If you have orders you would like to place for new uniform or school bags, please use the school's online shop www.mychildatschool.com to place orders and make payments. Items can then be collected before we break up at the end of term or alternatively when the school office re-opens at the end of the summer holiday from Tuesday 25th August to Friday 28th August from 9:00am to 12:00pm each day and on Tuesday 1st September from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please note uniforms must be preordered using the MyChildAtSchool app and collected on these dates.



TEACHING ASSISTANT ADVERTISEMENT

We are looking for an enthusiastic, kind and firm individual to join our team of excellent Teaching Assistants from October 2020. If you are interested in applying please visit the school website to download the application pack:

www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/vacancies



NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Children in Years 1 to 6 should return to school on **Thursday 3rd September** at the normal time - the gates will open at 8:30am for a prompt 8:50am start. Our new Nursery and Reception children's families will have received individual letters explaining each child's specific starting arrangements. We are really looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school in September.



ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

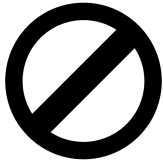
On Tuesday evening, Year 6 pupils and staff gathered virtually from our homes for a special achievement assembly. Every pupil in Year 6 was given an award by the two Year 6 teachers.



Bernadette Dowswell's Friendship Award	Mia Agduyeng
Chair of Governor's Compassion Award	Diana Mozie
Colette Doran-Hannon's Leadership Award	Matylida Brozyna
Head Girl and Head Boy	Ita Hannon & Nicholas Kalisa
John Chinery's Reading Award	Hermione Cooper & Daniel Gbenoba
Ken Ryde's Technology Award	Gabriel Spiessens
Lynne Simpson's Commitment Award	Ita Hannon
Paul Idiaghe's Maths Award	David Dopemu
Samantha Lovell's Music Award	Franek Gallera & Beatrice Robinson
Shaun Bull's Dedication Award	Sarah Sakyi
Sportsperson Award	Stephen Akabueze
Art Award	Nadia Kuzminska
Positivity Award	Aman Iovine & Sultan Adebisi

SCHOOL REOPENING GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

The government has now published the guidance for schools to consider and then implement in their individual settings. Set out below is our proposed way forward from September onwards.



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Do not come to school if anyone in your home is displaying possible symptoms of coronavirus. This is a high temperature or a new, continuous cough or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell (anosmia). **Feeling unwell means staying at home.**



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Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual. Children and staff will sanitize their hands on arrival at school each day, and then wash them regularly during the school day, particularly before and after eating food.



Created by Luis Prado
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Practice good respiratory hygiene. Children will have access to tissues in every classroom and staff will encourage the “**catch it, bin it, kill it**” approach.



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Door handles, toilets, sinks and desks will be cleaned during the course of the school day, with each classroom having an **enhanced daily cleaning** before the start of the next school day.



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Each class will be taught in much the way they always have been, although the majority of our **children will sit in rows facing the teacher** for most of the school day, rather than facing each other.



The **playgrounds will be subdivided** so that children from two years groups (four classes) share the same outdoor play spaces, rather than mixing with the traditional three or four other year groups at break and lunchtime.



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The children in each year group will **eat at separate times in either the school hall** (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) **or their classrooms** (Year 2 to 6).



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The children should wear their **full school uniform** (summer uniform is fine to wear up to 23 October if parents wish). Plain black shoes (not boots) please.



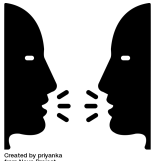
Breakfast and after school childcare is available once again through Jacqueline's Gems. The children will use the school hall as their base in the morning and afternoon. Other after school clubs will resume during the course of the autumn term.



Families should arrange for children to be collected at the following **staggered collection times:**

3:00pm Nursery & Reception
3:10pm Year 1 & 2
3:20pm Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Where families are collecting two or more children, families should arrive for collection only at the collection time of the oldest child.



Meetings will be virtual wherever possible- email, phone and video conferencing to keep the number of adults in the building to a minimum.



You may have further questions and queries both about the next academic year. I would be grateful if you could email these to:

admin@st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk

and I will endeavour to answer these questions to the best of my ability in my next letter to you as parents.

A copy of the Parent Information Briefing video is available on the school website.

www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hannon

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Head Teacher

TRANSITION

On the school website <https://www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/parents/transition> you will find videos of all of the teachers introducing themselves and their classroom to the children so they can start to be prepared for returning to school in September.

The table below sets out which class the children are currently in, which class they are moving to and who their new teacher will be in September 2020.

Current Class	New Class	New Teacher	Transition video
N/A	Nursery	  Mrs Chapman Mrs Sheridan	https://youtu.be/pulkx5l0eag
N/A	Reception Robins	 Miss Finch	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wbv7iGiBsYE&feature=youtu.be
N/A	Reception Sparrows	 Miss Freeman	
R Sparrows	1 Swans	 Mrs Atta	https://youtu.be/dWIZlVxGMX0
R Robins	1 Eagles	  Mrs Tylee Mrs Atherton	https://youtu.be/TxdT7xLfDSY

1 Swans	2 Swallows	 Mrs Whalley	https://youtu.be/_udKw_wdCVas
1 Eagles	2 Jays	 Miss Hall	https://youtu.be/jP6aW4GCI6I
2 Swallows	3 Kingfishers	 Miss Shrewsbury	https://youtu.be/tWi1stUggkQ
2 Jays	3 Penguins	 Miss Bacunawa	https://youtu.be/0_4FL0TssBg
3 Kingfishers	4 Hawks	 Miss Cosshall	https://youtu.be/wfaevfCUvc0
3 Penguins	4 Puffins	 Miss Santini	https://youtu.be/LlrRB5BBZCo

4 Puffins	5 Kestrels	 Mr Deacon	https://youtu.be/SftSZrgA6F8
4 Hawks	5 Flamingoes	 Miss Phelan	https://youtu.be/zzFI_oFJN_8
5 Flamingoes	6 Woodpeckers	 Miss Sullivan	https://youtu.be/Fnawl nhTSBk
5 Kestrels	6 Owls	 Miss Daly	https://youtu.be/tjbTW BhUC_4

Miss Bull will provide specialist PE teaching to classes from Reception to Yr 6.

Miss Kirby will provide reading intervention support to selected children from Yr 2 to 6.

Mrs McMonagle will provide maths intervention support to selected children from Yr 5 and 6.

Mr Robinson will provide specialist music teaching to classes from Reception to 6.

Mrs Sargent is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and will teach across several classes.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

As a Catholic school, we believe parents are the first educators and are grateful for the support shown in the maintenance of high standards of appearance and presentation by all our children. Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's name. Without this information it is impossible to reunite mislaid clothing with the correct pupil. The children always look beautifully presented at the start of each year, and I believe it says something about us as a school and the value and importance we place upon education. As ever, the staff and I are dependent upon your support for our school uniform policy.

Boys:

Navy-blue V-neck jumper
Grey trousers
White shirt
School tie
Grey socks

Summer:

Grey shorts or trousers and a white polo shirt

Girls:

Navy-blue cardigan
Navy-blue skirt or tunic
Grey trousers
White blouse
School tie
White socks or navy tights

Summer:

Light-blue and white checked dress

Coats: Must be plain navy-blue or black

Footwear: Plain black flat school shoes, **no trainers**

PE Kit: Navy-blue tracksuit
Navy-blue shorts
White t-shirt
Black plimsolls
White trainers
PE kit must be kept in a suitable labelled bag

Headwear:

Warm hat, scarf and gloves for winter months
Navy-blue plain baseball cap for summer months

Hair, etc:

Long hair to be tied back
Neat and tidy with no extreme hairstyles
No earrings

Equipment: School bag
No handbags or oversized sports bags
No mobile phones
No earrings

Summer uniform can be worn through to the end of the Autumn 1 half term (October). Many items of uniform are available to purchase through the school's online shop. Parents are not required to buy these items from the school and can source the majority of uniform items from a range of other suppliers.