

Newsletter 29: Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Sister Anne Kavanagh FMDM – we are really sad to announce the death of Sister Anne, who died on Tuesday morning. As many of our parents will know, we have been blessed over a number of years by the support and help of Sister Anne. She took a keen interest in our school, coming in every week to run a lunchtime prayer group for the children. She was also involved in the governing body as an associate. She was a very important link between us and Ladywell Convent and is going to be sadly missed by everyone at school, in the parish and, particularly, the Sisters of Ladywell. May she rest in peace.



Easing restrictions – from next week parents and carers will no longer need to wear masks at pick-up and drop-off. However, social distancing is still required. Masks will need to be worn if you come into the building. Although national guidance allows more mixing from Monday 17th May, our schools guidance still expects us to keep to our tight year group bubbles and no whole-school indoor events can take place at this time.

Parent volunteers – we hope that we will be able to start having volunteers in school again soon. However, before parents can come back to school as volunteers, it will be a requirement to undertake safeguarding training run and managed by the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. If you wish to come back as a volunteer, please let the office know. There are some upcoming training sessions, detailed below. Volunteers will also have to complete an application form which is available on our school website (School Information/Parents/Useful forms and letters). Please contact the office if you would like to book on to one of the training sessions.



9 th June	10am, 1pm and 6.30pm
7 th July	10am and 6.30pm
14 th September	10am and 1pm
16 th September	6.30pm

Bugingham Palace, final call – Mr Judge would be very grateful for bamboo canes which can be chopped up and put into the bug house. Also, terracotta pots either broken or complete. Thank you! Also, **for the gardening club**, he and Mrs Patrick would be grateful for any big containers, tubs or big planters for planting vegetables.

Please pay promptly – the term is getting quite busy with a number of lovely outings for the children. Please could the office appeal to you to pay for trips promptly. Thank you.



Families Surrey South West – we would normally send out hard/paper copies of this excellent magazine for local families. Until we are able to do this again, here is the link to the May/June issue of the Families Magazine.

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/surrey_west_may_june_2021?fr=sOTY5ZjM2MTY00TE

Headteacher's Blog – every Friday Mrs Higgins writes about what has been happening in school during the week in her Headteacher's Blog in the website. Do remember to have a look every week to keep yourselves up to date by clicking on this link.

<https://www.stedmundschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=14&nid=10>

PARISH ITEMS

Open Air Songs of Praise on Pentecost Sunday – this event takes place at 3pm on 23rd May at the Godalming United Church, outside on the grassed area behind the church, and has been organised by Churches Together in Godalming. On this wonderful feast day it is a chance to get together to praise the Lord, with the added blessing of being able to sing!

Are you concerned about the environment and the climate crisis? Our parish *livesimply* group has arranged a meeting with Jeremy Hunt MP on 18th June at 3.45pm on zoom to discuss the issue of our climate crisis and how this affects the poorest communities around the world. To ensure

