

# St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

## 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Newsletter



### COURAGE AND PEACE

This week in school we had two school masses, one for the whole school community to gather and mark our patron saint's feast day, and then a joint mass for children from Year 1 and 6 where we prayed in particular for refugees and victims of conflict. Both the masses were lovely demonstrations of our faith and reminders that we can be courageous (like St Fidelis) and committed to spreading peace in our world. Br Martin reminded us all that each of us can play a powerful role in the spread of peace in our world.



### SUMMER UNIFORM

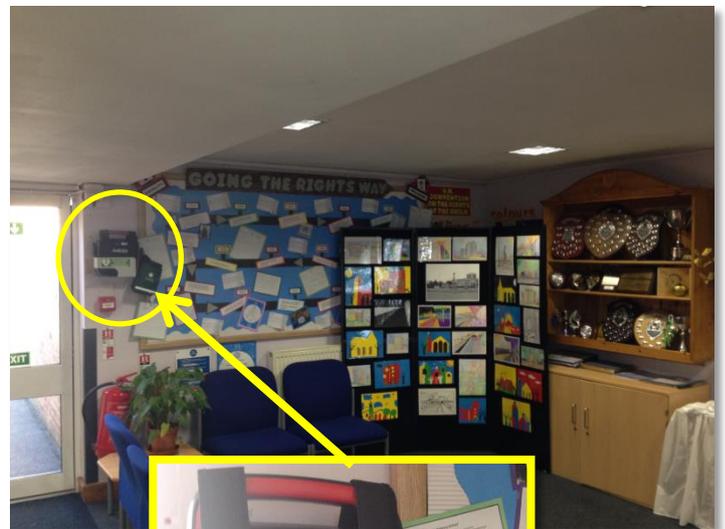
Although the weather cannot seem to decide what to do at the moment, we would be grateful if all children could be in summer uniform by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May please. This might encourage the sun to return...

### INFLATABLE DAY- 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

Our annual inflatable day will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June between 3:45-6:00pm and Mrs Thornton-Hayes is hard at work making the necessary preparations to make this event the great success it always is. She would be grateful for some volunteers and help with an African food stall and face painting. If you can help with either please let the school office know and they will pass your contact details on. Many thanks in advance for your support.

### DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATION

Hopefully we will never need this piece of equipment but just in case, the defibrillator is kept in the school reception area so anyone can access the device if needed. While staff have been trained to use this device, training is not needed to use the defibrillator. Simply open the defibrillator if someone is not breathing, to turn the machine on, attach the pads to the patient's chest (switching it to paediatric mode if the child is under 8) and the machine will talk you through how to use it. Please note the machine will not shock a patient if it is not needed and it is not recommended to use on children under 1.



## GOVERNORS' UPDATE FOR PARENTS

The curriculum committee gathered once more this month to meet with the school leaders to discuss our children's progress/attainment and also to analyse current school initiatives to drive improvement in all year groups. Each time we meet, we have a focus on areas of school improvement and this meeting spent the early part of our two hours, on a book scrutiny exercise so that the school leaders can demonstrate to governors the current strategies in certain areas of the curriculum.

Governors were given random samples of English and Religion books from Years 2, 4 and 6 so that we could compare the quality of the writing across these two subjects. Governors discussed their feedback with the senior leaders and were particularly impressed with the depth of thinking and emotive writing in the religion books across the year groups. We scrutinised spelling, grammar and sentence construction and fed back to the school leaders our thoughts and were told the school's strategies for even further improvement to ensure that the high standard of writing was being driven across all subjects. (Thank you to Mrs Tylee, Religion Subject Leader, for her time in our book scrutiny session).

Governors then went on to analyse progress and attainment data across the year groups to unpick how all children are performing and the initiatives in place to help all groups progress. We then finally discussed strategies in place for driving up the schools' performance regarding attendance, punctuality and behaviour. Whilst all these areas are at a high standard, governors and school leaders are never complacent and we ensure we visit these subjects regularly for review, scrutiny and to keep our focus strong in these areas that are crucial in order for the children to succeed.



Simon Hayes  
Chair – Curriculum Committee

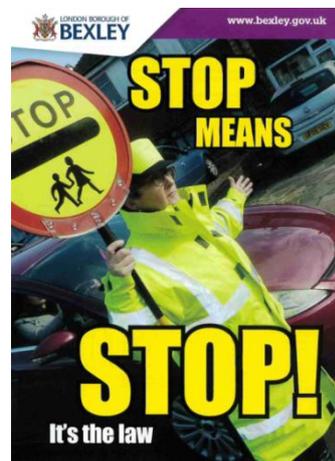


### **BIRD COLLEGE MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL**

Well done to all our choir and musicians who travelled up to perform in the Royal Festival Hall in central London to an audience of hundreds and hundreds a few weeks ago just before the Easter break. The children's performances were exceptional and they were undoubtedly the best children there!

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL- "STOP MEANS STOP" CAMPAIGN

Bexley Council's Road Safety Team is running a "Stop means Stop" campaign to ensure drivers are not endangering our students or our school crossing patrol. Please remember if the lollipop person holds their sign upright, drivers **must stop** – it is the law. They must also remain stopped until the patrol is safely back on the pavement. Failure to do so can result in a fine £1,000 fine and 3 penalty points on your licence.



## INFORMATION FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

Parents are required to register online at [www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests) if they wish for their child to sit the Bexley selection tests. Registration will be open from 2 May to 9 July 2017. Late registrations will not be accepted.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY- 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

After last year's successful "Polish Day", Wednesday 28th June 2017 sees the arrival of "International Day". This is to celebrate the many different countries and cultures that are part of our whole school community. We are looking for parents who are willing to create a stall about their chosen country for a hall event during the afternoon. If you are willing to help in another way, Mrs Whalley would love to hear from you- please either come in, telephone or email what you could bring/ talk about/ do on the day.

## TWITTER

Last week we had 418 followers on Twitter. This week it is up to 430 followers! Everyday we try to post some photos or video clips of excellent learning from some part or another of our school. It is a great way to develop a deeper understanding of what a wide range of opportunities the children have access to through the school day and to stimulate a conversation at home. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you would consider becoming one of our followers- download the app and search for: @headstfidelis

We have been asked by OLA Social Committee to publicise the following notice:

Our Lady of the Angels Social Committee presents:

**Music Night 2017 - Saturday 27 May - 7.30pm**  
**The Angelus Centre, Bexley Road, Erith**

Join us for our very popular music night - it's a fun evening of entertainment with many different types of talent performing! We'll also have a chance for anyone - whatever your level of talent - to join in a group sing-a-long! Plus (and we're very excited about this) - we'll have a round of 'Music Bingo'. An evening not to be missed - so don't delay, buy your tickets today - see the Social Committee after Mass. Tickets are just £5, light snacks are included, bring your own drinks as usual.

**We are still looking for more Musical Talent** - if you are you one of our talented choirs, a soloist, a duo, a band or a musician - please get in touch - we'd love to have you! Contact: Jackie on 07708 661216 or Maura on 07791 809819 or speak to one of the Social Committee after mass.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon  
Head Teacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YrR Robins assembly	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 3:00pm	
Yr3 First Holy Communion	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Kingfishers 10:30am Penguins 1:30pm
Yr2 & Yr4 Mass in school	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00am	
YrR Sparrows assembly	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 3:00pm	
Yr3 & Yr5 Mass in school	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00am	
Lion King performance	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm	
Yr2 Sleepover	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 7:00pm-Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 8:00pm	
Yr5 Secondary Transfer Parent Information meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 6:00-7:00pm	
Yr 6 & YrR group photographs	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 9:00am (change of date)	
New Reception (September 2017) Parent Information meeting	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 6:00-7:00pm	
Yr3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 9:30-11:30pm	
Reception, Yr1 & 2 Sports Day	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30-3:00pm	
INSET Day- school closed	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
School Mass Our Lady of the Angels church	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 10:30am	
Yr3, 4, 5 & 6 Art showcase	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2:45-3:45pm	
International Day	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
Inflatable Evening	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 3:45-6:00pm	
Yr2 A Song for You assembly	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2:45pm	
Mr Robinson's Summer Music Concert Our Lady of the Angels Church	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm	
Yr6 Leaver's Prom	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 6:00-8:00pm	
Yr6 Play afternoon performance	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm	
End of year school mass	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15am	
Yr6 Play evening performance	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm	
End of year prayer service Our Lady of the Angels Church	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2:00pm	