

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

14th July 2017 Newsletter



ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Yesterday morning all of Key Stage Two gathered in the school hall for our annual achievement assembly. Every teacher in every class was able to award five certificates only in recognition of particular achievements made by individual pupils. In addition, it was particularly striking to see how many children are engaged in different sporting, musical and arts experiences, representing the school through things as diverse as swimming, football, netball, street dance, steel pans, choir, orchestra, rounders, athletics, handball and liturgical dance to name but a few! Well done to the thirty children who received their formal qualification- the Arts Award. We hope to be able to submit applications for as least as many children next year.



Back Row: Ruth Akande, Joanne Oluwaji, Thandi Kamushinda, Angel Asiegbu, Phoebe Robinson, Dominykas Sicas, Bethany McCreath
Front Row: Axel Hartfeil-Brand, Francesca Quinlan, Emily O'Connor, Mark Dogbey, Gabriella Munyira

A special mention must go to all our individual award winners who had their individual successes marked with either a shield, trophy or plaque:

Bernadette Dowsell's Friendship Award	Gabriella Munyira
Chair of Governor's Compassion Award	Ruth Akande
Colette Doran-Hannon's Leadership Award	Thandi Kamushinda
Head Girl & Head Boy	Francesca Quinlan & Mark Dogbey
Ken Ryde's Technology Award	Axel Hartfeil-Brand
Lynne Simpson's Commitment Award	Angel Asiegbu
Samantha Lovell's Music Award	Phoebe Robinson
John Chinery's Reading Award	Bethany McCreath & Dominykas Sicas
Shaun Bull's Dedication Award	Emily O'Connor
Sportsperson Award	Joanne Oluwaji

All the photographs taken during the achievement assembly are available to download from the school's Flickr account- just follow the link at the bottom of the school website- www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk

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COMPASSION TREE

A few weeks ago we launched our new initiative to celebrate the many, many positive behaviours that happen day in, day out around our school and that make it such a special place to be.



Some of our proud recipients of the compassion tree awards

The 'Compassion Tree' has only been in school for a few weeks and already all of these children have been recognised by our staff for showing compassion towards others or doing a tiny little thing which has made a difference to someone else's day. Next time you are in the Reception area you might want to take a moment to read some of the tags hanging on our Compassion Tree.

MOVING ON

This summer we say goodbye to several staff:

Mrs Marilyn Gamble has been a teaching assistant in St Fidelis since September 1997 and is retiring after working for twenty years here in the school. She has been at the heart of the school community for such a long time it will seem strange when she isn't present here in September. We all hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.

Miss Rebecca Wood has been a teacher in St Fidelis since September 2011 and has been pivotal to the creation of the engaging geography curriculum we now have across the school. She is leaving to take up a new teaching role in Barcelona in Spain, where we know she will thrive and continue to excel.

Miss Kylie Boyle has been a teacher in St Fidelis since September 2013 and has had a really positive impact on many children over the last four years. She is leaving the school to take up a new teaching role in Qatar in the Middle East, where we wish her every success.

Mr Conor Hanna has been a Year 6 teacher in St Fidelis since September 2014 and has prepared many children over the last three years for the challenges of secondary education. He is leaving the school to start a new life in Canada, where we know he will enjoy fresh adventures.

Miss Lydia Lake has been our Art Specialist teacher for the last three years and has improved the quality of our art provision significantly in Key Stage 2. She is leaving to take on a full time role as Head of Department in St Catherine's, where we know she will continue to have a positive impact on art, design and technology.

I would like to thank all these staff for their commitment and dedication to the school, and to wish them every success in the future that lies ahead of them.

BOOK AMNESTY

Mrs Kang, our English leader, and a team of staff spent a whole day last week categorising all our reading books right across the school into coloured book bands. This is to help the children and staff select reading books that provide the right level of challenge for readers- not too easy and not too hard.

If you have any books at home that might belong in the school libraries, we would be grateful if these could be returned before the summer holidays. Please could you have a search at home for any school books that may be under beds, in cupboards or hiding somewhere else. We are trying to stock our classrooms for next year. If you find any, just return them to school- we'll be pleased to have them back!

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 SIMS Agora to place orders and make payments. Items can then be collected before we break up at the end of the term or alternatively when the school office re-opens at the end of the summer holidays from Tuesday 29th August to Monday 4th September from 9am to 12noon each day.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

Children in Years 1 to 6 should return to school on Wednesday 6th September at the normal time- the school gates will open at 8:30am for a prompt 8:55am start.

SIMS AGORA

Please ensure that your SIMS Agora code is up-to-date as this is the method the school uses for payment of school dinners, uniform etc. If you need a new code, please contact the school office before the end of term so that we can activate this.

CLASSES AND TEACHERS FOR 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Next week the children will have an opportunity to visit their new classrooms and learn a little more about what the new academic year will hold.

Current Class and Teacher	New Class	New Teacher
x	N Wrens N Doves	 Mrs Sheridan Mrs Chapman
x	R Sparrows	 Miss Freeman
x	R Robins	 Miss Finch

R Sparrows
Miss Freeman

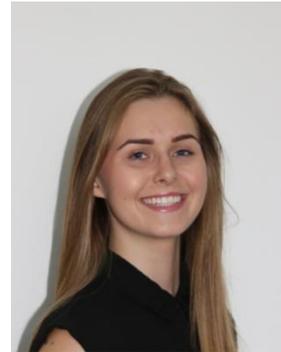
1 Swans



Miss Hall

R Robins
Miss Finch

1 Eagles



Miss Thumwood-Browning*

1 Swans
Miss Hall

2 Swallows



Mrs Whalley

Mrs Atherton

1 Eagles
Mrs Kang

2 Jays



Mrs Campbell

2 Swallows
Mrs Whalley &
Mrs Atherton

3 Penguins



Mrs Sargent

Mrs Tylee

2 Jays
Mrs Campbell

3 Kingfishers



Miss Manning

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Miss Manning

4 Hawks



Miss Cosshall

3 Penguins
Miss Boyle

4 Puffins



Mr Kennor

Mrs Itiveh*

4 Puffins
Mrs Sargent &
Mr Kennor

5 Kestrels



Miss Daly*

4 Hawks
Mrs Ransom

5 Flamingoes



Miss Pembroke*

5 Kestrels
Mrs Tylee

6 Woodpeckers



Mr McNicholl*

5 Flamingoes
Miss Cosshall

6 Owls



Miss Phelan*

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

Coats: Must be plain navy-blue or black

Footwear: Plain black flat school shoes.

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

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

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

Hair, etc:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mr Robinson's Summer Music Concert Our Lady of the Angels Church	Friday 14 th July 7:00pm
Yr6 Leaver's Prom	Saturday 15 th July 6:00-8:00pm
Yr6 Play afternoon performance	Tuesday 18 th July 2:00pm
End of year school mass	Wednesday 19 th July 9:15am
Optional Parent's Meeting	Wednesday 19 th July 3:45-5:00pm
Yr6 Play evening performance	Wednesday 19 th July 7:00pm
End of year prayer service Our Lady of the Angels Church	Friday 21 st July 2:00pm

If you would like to discuss your child's end of year report (which should be sent home on Friday 14th July), please come along on Wednesday 19th July between 3:45 and 5:00pm (appointments will last a maximum of ten minutes per family). This is an informal session so no appointments need to be booked, just turn up.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon
Head Teacher