



*~ Newsletter for the St. Scholastica's School Community*

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. On behalf of all the staff I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the children and parents as we start another new and exciting academic year.

I would particularly like to extend a very warm welcome to those parents whose children started school this term. I hope and pray that you will quickly feel part of our school community and that your involvement with the school will be both enjoyable and successful.

We are very lucky to have a fantastic stable staff who will be in the following classes this year.

Nursery – Ms Joyce, Miss Griffin & Ms Ngenda

Reception – Ms Daci, Ms Choytun & Ms Dag  
PPA teacher for Early Years - Mrs Courtney Diggins

Yr. 1 – Miss Vernon, Ms Diniz & Ms Thompson

Yr. 2 – Mr McColm & Ms Hawthorne

Yr. 3 – Mr Zapata, Ms Huggins & Ms Feria

Yr. 4 – Miss Ingabire & Ms Booth

Yr 5 – Mr Ash & Ms Allen

Yr 6 – Ms Ryan & Ms Gyampoh-Harper  
Ms Cousins and Mr Blackham will also both be supporting the teaching of literacy and Maths in Yrs 5 & 6

PPA teacher – Ms Anthony

SEND teacher – Mrs Sanderson

If you have any worries or concerns about your child or would like an up-date on their progress please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

We are also very lucky to have Mr George our PE coach, Ms Harding teaching music, Mr Richards gardening supporting many areas of the curriculum such as science and sustainability. There is the A Space team of art and play therapists and Ms Walberg our Family Counsellor supporting well-being.

As you can see from the attached calendar we have a very busy and exciting year ahead. With trips to museums, the zoo, the seaside, forests and parks etc. As well as visitors from the world of work, theatre companies and many more.

We look forward to working together as a team to ensure your child/ren receive an enriched and enjoyable learning experience that supports them in achieving the best they can.

## OUR VISION

### Love - Peace - Respect

“Our school is a Catholic community, committed to providing a safe environment where everyone is significant and respected for their differences and achievements. We inspire each other to learn, grow, enjoy and be happy. Nurturing everyone through the love of Jesus Christ, we create a strong self-belief, so that all are prepared to meet the demands of a changing world and make positive contributions.”

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Yr. 6 assembly**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Vision Assembly**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Yr. 6 visit to Lee Valley**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Junior Road Safety Officers visit to Hackney museum & Beginning of year Mass 2pm in the Church**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October Yr. 6 CAT test**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Yr 1 to Museum of Childhood**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Yr 5 assembly**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Yr. 6 to Kench Hill**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Yr. 2 assembly**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - individual & family school photographs (only children in school)**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Mass**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – World Heritage celebration assembly**

**For further dates for this year see attached sheet.**

**All the school community are welcome to join us at all Masses at 2pm and assemblies at 2.45pm we love to share these special occasions with you.**

## KEEP UP TO DATE

Please keep the yearly calendar in a safe place or on your fridge so you can refer to it and add dates as you get them. You can always look on the school website for more up to date information or the regular newsletters we send out.

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

As you can see the playground is still being developed. It is behind schedule due to unforeseen problems with the tree roots, the very poor foundations that were found beneath the playground and the bad weather this summer. Work will begin again very shortly and hopefully the multi sports pitch which will run along the back of the KS 2 playground will be completed by October half term. The activity area and the stage should hopefully both be completed by the end of November.

Thank you so much for your patience and support if you have to walk around the school perimeter to drop off and pick up your child/ren.

## MONDAYS DINNER MONEY DAY

**School Dinners cost £2.00 a day** and should be **paid for in advance** on a **Monday**. An adult should bring the dinner money to the school office where they will be given a receipt. If you are unable to get in to pay dinner money you may give your child a cheque to hand to the school office and they will give you a receipt. If you are sending in a cheque please ensure that you put the card expiry date on the back of the cheque along with the long card number that runs along the front of the card. We greatly appreciate school dinners being paid for in advance. Our school office is a very busy place and it makes a great difference to the smooth running of the office. If you fall more than 4 weeks behind in paying dinner money you will receive a letter to say that your child will have to go on to packed lunches until the debt is cleared.

## SAFEGUARDING EMERGENCY & MEDICAL FORMS

Your child's health & safety is our main priority in school. Every parent will receive a Medical Form and an Emergency Contact Form. It is vital that these forms are filled in, in full and returned to school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Asthma, sickle cell and serious allergies (e.g. nut allergies) must be notified and a Care Plan put in place for these children. Please note that it should be proper food allergies such as lactose or gluten intolerance, that should be noted and not preferences, he/she doesn't eat/like broccoli, fish, etc. as this is not a medical condition. In school we follow the government's Health Protection Agency (HPA) Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings, at all times.

## ASTHMA KEEP UP TO DATE

All children with **asthma must have** an unexpired **pump in school at all times**. We check the expiry dates regularly and will phone you when new medication needs to be brought into school. This should be done ASAP.



**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** It is lovely to see the children return to school in their clean smart uniforms. Can I urge parents to ensure that all items of clothing and shoes are named. You will appreciate that 250 children all wearing the same uniform can be a logistical nightmare when trying to relocate lost un-named clothing! In addition, it would be helpful if children in the Reception class can be taught how to fasten/unfasten buttons and laces. Thank you for your co-operation.

**P.E. KIT:** Can I please ask all parents to ensure that their children have the full PE kit in school, including pumps. **SCHOOL BAG:** All children should have the school's bag only, this is due to fire health & safety legislation that we must follow.

## UNIFORM AVAILABLE

At their shop, or on line.  
Divine Solutions Schoolwear Ltd,  
3 Northumberland Park,  
Tottenham, N17 0TA  
[www.dsschoolwear.com](http://www.dsschoolwear.com)  
020 8216 9113

**Divine Schoolwear will be in school again very soon I will let you know the date ASAP.**

## KEEP UP TO DATE

Please see the attached school year dates. It is a good idea to put this on your fridge and you can write in any more important dates as they arise. We hope to follow this calendar as closely as possible though there may be times that due to unforeseen circumstances dates may need to be changed. We will

## FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Next week you will receive a Curriculum Newsletter from every class outlining what your child will be learning and doing until Christmas. Please keep this safe as it will help you to support your children's learning at home.