



# ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

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1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all got to spend some time with family during the half term break. This will be a very busy time in the build up to Christmas celebrations with lots of exciting events taking place. (See key dates at the end of this letter).

This term we will have a parent governor election. Any parent/carer of a registered pupil in Reception – Year 6 at the school is eligible to stand for election as a parent governor. Should you be interested in putting your name forward, please collect an application form from the school office. The deadline to submit an application form will be Thursday 3rd November 2022. Once applications are received you will be able to vote on who your parent representative will be on the governing body.

November is the time in which we remember those who have died. There will be a minute's silence at 10.59 am in the school playground on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November for the whole school. There will also be poppies for sale to support the British Legion every morning and home time.

The end of November also brings us to the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting on the first Sunday in Advent which this year is the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Our School council have decided to help our school become more eco-friendly and lower the cost of our electricity bill. They have been monitoring the use of electricity in the school, ensuring lights are turned off in an empty room and helping reduce paper use.

We have signed up to the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' Programme which will be delivered online to the school the week commencing 17th November in support of Anti-Bullying Week. There will be a follow-up workshop on Monday 21st November for Years 5 and 6, which will be delivered in school by NSPCC volunteers.

We have had a number of class trips so far this year, which have included visits to the Museum of London, Soanes Centre, Natural History Museum and the Shakespeare Globe. Year 5 are currently taking part in the BEE (Business, Enterprise, Employability) Programme, which consists of workshops on money and enterprise delivered by employee volunteers. As part of this, they will be visiting the Bank of England this term.

Miss Karla will be hosting a phonics workshop for Reception class parents/carers on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am in the new hall. The workshop will last for approximately 45 minutes and will focus on phonic development, early reading and writing. It will be particularly useful for any parents who are unsure of reading/writing strategies.

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Mrs Stapleton will be also be hosting a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents/carers on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am in the new hall. The focus will be preparation for the phonics screening check children sit later in the year and will last approximately 45 minutes.

Assessment week will be the week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November so please ensure children are in school on time every day that week so as not to miss out on important assessments.

As the government is not publishing any data relating to 2021-22, we thought we would share our end of KS2 (Year Six) data with you and show how it compares with national data. GDS = greater depth and is the higher level. We were all very pleased with the results as it was a difficult year for us with staff and pupil absences.

KS2 Attainment					
Attainment at KS2		National 2019	School 2019	National 2022	School 2022
Reading	Exp+	73.2%	82.1%	74.5%	95.7%
	GDS	26.9%	14.3%	27.8%	65.2%
Writing	Exp+	78.5%	78.6%	69.5%	91.3%
	GDS	20.2%	14.3%	12.8%	21.7%
Maths	Exp+	78.7%	89.3%	71.4%	95.7%
	GDS	26.6%	14.35	22.5%	30.4%
R, W Ma combined Exp+		64.9%	71.4%	58.7%	91.3%
R, W Ma combined GDS		10.5%	0.0%	7.2%	8.7%

If you wish to apply for a place in our Nursery or Reception class for September 2023 please visit the school website or contact the office. The deadline for applying for Nursery is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and for Reception is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to the Bow Food Bank via Parentmail. The payment item will remain on Parentmail should anyone still wish to donate. Father Howard is accepting donations of non-perishable food items at Our Lady and St Catherine of Siena Church who will then transport items to the food bank. Should you wish to access the food bank it is now located in the Bromley By Bow Centre, St Leonards Street, E3 and is open every Monday from 08:30 – 12:30. Once registered you are entitled to 12 visits.

Lastly, we are very pleased to announce class assemblies have restarted and all parents/carers are welcome. Please see the attached list for dates.

Yours sincerely

Ms McDaid

Headteacher

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## Save the date:

**Class Led Assemblies:** 9.10am in the main hall. Parents/Carers are invited to attend.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>
Year 6	03/11/2022
Year 5	10/11/2022
Year 4	17/11/2022
Year 3	24/11/2022
Year 2	01/12/2022

## Christmas Events:

**Nativities:** In school hall. Parents/Carers are invited to attend.

06/12/2022 – 9.30am Nursery and Reception

08/12/2022 – 2.00pm Year 1 and Year 2

**KS2 Carol Concert:** Our Lady and St Catherine of Siena Church. Parents/Carers are invited to attend.

13/12/2022 – 4.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service

## Christmas Lunch:

14/12/2022 – Whole school have the choice of a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Details of lunch provided nearer to the time. Children are able to wear a **sprinkle** of Christmas with their school uniform. This can be a Christmas jumper/headband/socks or even a touch of tinsel added to their uniform. Children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/jewellery items.

## Christmas Parties:

15/12/2022 – Whole school will have their class Christmas parties and a visit from Santa. Children are to come to school dressed in their party clothes.

## Last day of term:

16/12/2022 – 2pm Finish for whole school. There will be no after school club facilities on this day.

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