



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



September 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2023 NEWSLETTER NO.1

Key Dates for your diary:

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Tuesday 19th Sept: Reception

2024 Open Day 9.15am

Year 1 & 2: Stay, Play and Meet
the Teacher 3.15pm – 3.45pm

Wednesday 20th Sept: PSA

Welcome Social Event 5pm –
7.30pm

Thursday 21st Sept: UN Day of
Peace

Year 3 & 4: Stay, Play and Meet
the Teacher 3.15pm – 3.45pm

w/b 25th Sept: Book Fair Week



PSA Welcome Event

Wednesday 20th September

5pm – 7.30pm

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*"Learning
together in
God's love"*

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Welcome to St Agatha's

We hope that you have all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer break. We extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining our school this year. We look forward to making you feel part of our school community.

Wellbeing

We welcome back Serena Bargary, Wellbeing Practitioner, and part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST), that works across selected primary and secondary schools in Richmond and Kingston, including St Agathas'. Details of the service she provides may be found [here](#).

School Library

The school is looking for any volunteers to help change books in the library on a Monday, a Wednesday, or a Thursday from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. Training and support will be provided.

The school library is challenging to run without the help of volunteers and therefore, we would greatly appreciate your support.

Any queries, please contact Mrs Hernandez.

Nut Free Zone

Please be reminded that St Agatha's School is a completely nut-free zone. Under no circumstances should any packed lunches or snacks be brought into school which contain nuts of any kind.

Parent Volunteers Needed

The school is looking for some volunteers to help with the maintenance and painting of some sheds, benches and planters around the school grounds. If you are available and would like to offer your services, please contact the School Office.

Secondary School Transfer 2024

Children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 are due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2024. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023**. If you do not live in the borough, you need to apply through your own council and you can include Kingston schools in your application.

[Kingston Secondary Guide 2024.docx](#)

Further information is also available on our website:

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Secondary School Transfer \(stagathas.school\)](#)

Reception 2024

Our Reception 2024 Open Events will take place in the coming weeks. If you would like to learn more about our school, please refer to our website for further details: [St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Reception Admissions \(stagathas.school\)](#)

Please do share this information with any family or friends who may have a child starting school next year.

PSA Volunteers

Mrs Cahill has the privilege to be president of St Agatha's PSA. As such, she attends the PSA committee's half-termly meetings and works closely with the committee in planning the events for families to enjoy. Amongst other things, these include the welcome event, the Christmas and Summer Fairs, the fireworks night and children's disco. All parents, carers and staff are automatically members of the PSA. As such, you are invited to attend these events which have been organised to help build the school community and to raise much needed funds. In order to make these events as successful as possible, we invite you to volunteer your time and/or skills to support PSA events as without volunteers these events cannot take place.

Choir News

We are delighted to have a long tradition of choral singing at St Agatha's. We are proud that some of our former members have also sung in Tiffin Children's Chorus. Further afield, we have alumni in The London Youth Choirs and The National Youth Choir.

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 are warmly invited to join St Agatha's Choir. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 8am. To join our school choir, please click on the link below:

<https://www.stagathas.school/site/data/files/club-flyers/133COD2AA04F0B49BEF7CB6B3C4797D6.pdf>

Birthday Treats

Although there is absolutely no expectation that parents provide birthday treats for their child's class, we know that some parents like to do this and we respect their wishes. If this is the case, we ask that any treats are small, nut-free, individually wrapped, shop bought (not home-made) and are inexpensive.

Attendance

This week, parents will see the return of the attendance league table which will be emailed out every Tuesday from now on. The much-coveted attendance trophy will then be awarded to the class with the highest attendance.

By way of a reminder, the school's attendance target is set at 96.9% and it is one of our priorities to reach or even surpass this level throughout the school year.

Lost Property & School Uniform

We do not have the storage space nor the staff in the office to manage and store large amounts of non-labelled lost property.

When clearly labelled items are brought to the office, these will be returned to their owners within 24 hours. Non-labelled items will be kept for a short time at the office, and then disposed of or donated to the PSA.

If you have purchased new uniform, can we kindly ask you to note these points:

- All items should be properly labelled with your child's 1st and 2nd names.
- Please use a permanent marker or iron/sew on labels. Standard pens quickly wash out and markings become unclear and illegible.
- ALL items including lunchboxes, water bottles etc should be labelled.
- Non-uniform items, eg coats/hats/MUFTI clothing should also be clearly labelled.

Details of the uniform are available here:

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - School Uniform \(stagathas.school\)](https://www.stagathas.school/site/data/files/club-flyers/133COD2AA04F0B49BEF7CB6B3C4797D6.pdf)

Home-Start Volunteers

If you have some free time now the children are back at school, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 5 October to 16 November (not half-term 26 Oct). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the new academic year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Thank you to all those who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evening last week; I know that the teachers had lots of information to share and it was a good opportunity for parents to ask questions. These presentations are now on our school website for your reference.

As always, we have a busy term planned and so I ask that you check the key dates that will be shared with parents shortly and posted on our website. I am particularly looking forward to our Welcome Event on Wednesday and International day on Wednesday 4th October!

I wish everyone a happy, safe and successful 2023-24 academic year.

Mrs EA Cahill



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