



St. Agatha's  
Catholic Primary  
School



October 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2023 NEWSLETTER NO.2

## Key Dates for your diary:

### AUTUMN TERM 2023

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Individual  
& Sibling Photo Day

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Reception 2024  
Open Morning 9.15am

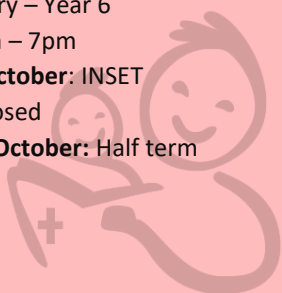
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Whole School  
Harvest Mass

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Nasal Flu  
Immunisations Rec – Y6

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School closes at  
12pm for Reception – Year 6.  
Parent Teachers Consultations  
for Nursery – Year 6  
from 1pm – 7pm

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October:** INSET  
School closed

**w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Half term  
holiday



## Parent Teacher Consultation Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (VIRTUAL MEETINGS)

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*"Learning  
together in  
God's love"*

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## Pupil Photo Day

Fraser Portraits will be visiting the school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October to take individual/sibling photographs. Children can wear summer or winter uniform, just so long as they look smart for their photograph!

Pupils who have their PE day on Tuesdays should come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into on the day.

## Wellbeing Courses

Please find below details of various wellbeing courses being offered by the Kingston Adult Education Service this Autumn. Many of the courses offered are free.

Workshops include topics such as:

Help your child to be a good friend: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Support Your Child Through Exam Stress: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

<https://bit.ly/CSWnewsletterOct-Dec23>

## 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. This includes snacks eaten in the playground at pick up time.

Mid-morning Snack: Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day, as part of the government School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme.

Children in KS2 should bring an appropriate snack to eat during their morning breaktime.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

School closes at 12pm for Reception-Year 6 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October for the Autumn Parent Teacher Consultations. These meetings will be held for Nursery to Year 6, virtually via Teams between 1pm - 7pm. Appointments should be booked via our PTC booking system.

The booking system will go live **from 11am on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and will close at 9am on the 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

Parents will receive a link to book, via email, when the system is live. Making a booking is very straightforward but for further instructions please visit the school website [here](#).

## Secondary School Transfer 2024

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 are due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2024. The closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Christmas Treat

We are delighted to share that children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting The Rose Theatre to watch 'Peter Pan', for their Christmas treat in December. Our thanks to The Rose Theatre and the PSA for partly funding this trip. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

## Sporting Events

We strive for all KS2 students to attend at least one event throughout the year but, as you can imagine, this can be difficult due to the number of events we can attend and the type of events on offer. For your information, we choose students based on:

Competitive Events:

- PE grades
- trials where possible

Festival Events:

- effort in PE class
- teacher recommendations

Thank you for supporting your child if they do not get chosen to attend an event this year and thank you to all the parent volunteers who support us in travelling to events as we could not take part without you.

All KS2 children take part in the intra school sporting competitions held throughout the year.



## PSA NEWS

**Welcome Social and Bingo** - Thank you to everyone who came along to the Welcome Social! It was lovely to see so many families there and well done to all the Bingo winners! A very big thank you especially to all the staff, parents / carers who lent a hand with setting everything up, running the stalls and packing away.

**Uniform Donations** - Thank you for the steady supply of 'Good as New Uniform' donations we continue to receive. We kindly ask you to please only donate items that are in good condition for re-sale and are part of the official school uniform.

**Fireworks Night** (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November) - Save the Date and Volunteer Appeal! In order for us to run this extremely popular event we will need approximately 20 volunteers to help out! Without enough volunteers, the event will not be able to go ahead. Please get in touch with the PSA if you can help with any of the following activities: event planning, set up on the day, helping at a stall, being a marshall, being a named first aider, packing away on the day.

**PSA Open Roles** - The PSA needs your support! We have previously shared information on the open roles, including the PSA Chair, which are still vacant. The PSA cannot function without enough members on the Committee. In addition to the formal committee roles, we are also in need of event planners and event organisers for the PSA activities that happen throughout the school year. If you are looking for a rewarding role that will contribute to the benefit of the school and its pupils please do get in touch with us via the PSA email ([stagathaspsa@gmail.com](mailto:stagathaspsa@gmail.com)) - we would love to have a chat!

**Many thanks**

**St Agatha's PSA**

# Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since the last newsletter, I find myself with so many of you to thank and children's learning to celebrate. Once again, the PSA Welcome Event was a great success – thank you to all those involved. The children also enjoyed a wonderful International Day; we are very grateful to all those who worked behind the scenes to ensure it was an enriching experience.

I very much enjoyed the opportunity to attend a local civic event, with the newly elected house captains and RE leaders, at All Saints Church. It was quite special to see the Crown Court judges and magistrates in all their finery.

I hope that those of you who managed to attend our phonics work shop for parents found it helpful.

Please do remember to sign up for a Parent Teacher Consultation once the booking system opens.

Mrs EA Cahill



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## INTRODUCING OUR BRAND NEW: ST AGATHA'S LOTTO

- ★ EASY ONLINE SIGNUP
- ★ A PRIZE WINNER EVERY MONTH
- ★ £5 PER MONTH
- ★ RAISE MONEY FOR THE PSA



FIRST MONTHLY DRAW TO TAKE PLACE AT THE  
END OF JUNE – PLEASE SIGN UP BY 14TH JUNE  
TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING THE  
FIRST MONTH'S PRIZE

TO SIGN UP, USE THE QR  
CODE ABOVE OR VISIT  
THE LINK BELOW

[HTTPS://PAY.GOCARDLESS.COM/AL0003SPYNMNB](https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0003SPYNMNB)

FOR T&CS, PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.TINYURL.COM/CC83SS73](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/CC83SS73)

