



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



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January 2024

SPRING TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER NO.1

Key Dates for your diary:

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Friday 2nd February: PSA 'Good as New' Uniform Sale

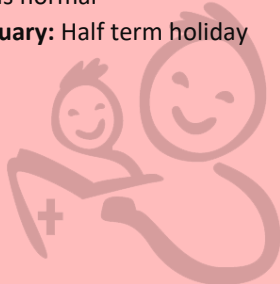
Monday 5th February: Feast of St Agatha's School – Whole School Mass

Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February: Parent Teacher Consultations Nursery – Y6
School closes at 12pm for Rec - Y6

Friday 9th February: PSA Cake Sale
School open as normal

w/c 12th February: Half term holiday



Parent Teacher Consultations Thursday 8th February

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Parents on school premises

Please be reminded that, should you wish to meet with your child's class teacher, you should email the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time. Parents and carers should not be entering the school building at the start of the school day when teachers are preparing for the day or settling the children.

All visitors should enter via the School Office, where they will be asked to sign in and be issued with a visitor pass.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Spring Term Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Thursday 8th February (Nursery – Year 6). Please note the earlier closing time of 12pm on 8th February.

These meetings will be held **face to face** in school from 1pm.

Details of how to book appointments are available on the school website -

<https://www.stagathas.school/parent-teacher-consultations/>

You will receive a link to the booking system on the morning of **Friday 26th January**. The system will close on Monday 5th February. If you experience any difficulties when booking, please contact the School Office.

School Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, for whatever reason, it is vital that you contact the School Office on each day of absence. Registers are taken to ensure that pupils arrive here safely. Text messages will be sent to those pupils who do not arrive at school, and it is imperative that you respond to these text messages. Thank you.

School Fund

As we start a new school term, we would like to remind parents about the school fund. The school fund is based on voluntary charitable donations from families of children at the school and is used by the school to cover a range of outlays which could include, among other things, new books, improvements to the classrooms, or ICT equipment that the basic school grant would not extend to.

The board of governors has recommended that the voluntary contribution to the school fund is £25 per pupil per term. All contributions, of any amount, are gratefully received.

Payments should be made via your SchoolMoney account.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please also remember to Gift Aid your donation, this will boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Please use this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/G5Qv3ptPfN>, scan the QR code or download a copy from the school website under Parents, School Fund.



Uniform

Please ensure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled, including coats, scarves and gloves. We are unable to return items of unidentifiable lost property. Details of the correct school uniform are detailed on our website: <https://www.stagathas.school/school-uniform/>

Absence due to D&V

As per our school policy and to prevent outbreaks spreading, please be reminded your child should not return to school within 48 hours if they have been experiencing vomiting or diarrhea.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all the donations to this year's RBL Poppy Appeal. The total collected was an amazing £254.57.

Cricket Club

We are pleased to offer boys and girls aged 5-8 the opportunity to join one free cricket taster session, on the afternoon of Saturday 13th January at Richard Challoner School. No prior cricket experience required.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis, parents should complete [this form](#) to apply.

Swimming Course

Swimming in the holidays is a great way for children to get their day started. If you are looking to build confidence in the pool or fine tune some of those stroke techniques, then please check out the details below.

Course details:

Age of swimmer: 4yrs to 11yrs – minimum height 105cm.

Stages available: Ducklings (beginners) through to stage 5.

Where: The Latchmere School Pool.

When: w/c Monday 12th February for 4 consecutive mornings.

Times: 30-minute lessons

Book via the link:

<https://willpoolswimschool.classforkids.io/camps>

Click on the "camps" tab at the top of the page and find your child's ability level.

MHST Workshops

Please refer to our website for the details of the next two webinars run by our Mental Health Support Team. The title of these sessions is How to help your Children with Screen Time. Use the sign-up link to register for the webinar as soon as possible as places are limited.

[Helping children with Screen time \(stagathas. school\)](#)

Wraparound Care Survey

"Achieving for Children" (AfC) are encouraging parents to share their requirements, in relation to wraparound childcare, to support their planning for September 2024. Thank you to all parents who have already taken time to complete the survey.

Please use [this link](#) or QR code to take part:



New Richmond Food Bank

With the rising cost of living, we know that some families may be struggling. If you, or anyone you know, needs help from a food bank, please see the attached flyer for further details.

[Click here](#) for flyer.

First Book Swap

Thank you to our Year 6 Librarians who ran the very first children's 'Book Swap' event. Over the next few weeks, this will be held on Wednesdays at 3:15pm in the school playground. Please come and see the books available and have a chat about how the book swap works.

PSA News

Next Good as New Uniform sale is Friday 2nd February.

Please note that we will be holding the PSA AGM on Wednesday 28th February. If you would like to join the AGM, please send an email to the PSA on stagathaspsa@gmail.com and we will share the dial in detail closer to the time.

'Doughies' home pizza and cookie kits fundraiser – We will be running this popular fundraiser again this year and plan to do this on Friday 8th March. Further details to follow in due course.

The next scheduled PSA event for this term is set to be the PSA Pub Quiz which was hugely enjoyable last year for parents and staff. Previously this event has been kindly hosted by the Wych Elm. In the event that they are not be able to accommodate us this year, please do get in touch with the PSA if anyone has contacts for other suitable venues that can host the quiz.

PSA Lotto – If you are looking for a really easy way to make a regular contribution to the PSA, why not consider signing up for our Monthly PSA Lotto! It is very straightforward to sign up and the more people that sign up, the bigger the payout will be! Just scan on the below QR Code to sign up!



A big thank you to the very talented Clare Coppard who has kindly updated and designed our PSA events board for this term.

Finally, the accountant who we have worked with for the last few years to sign off on the PSA's annual accounts is no longer in a position to help. If there is anyone in the parenting body who can take on this role, please get in touch by emailing the PSA Gmail.

Thank you for your support.

St Agatha's PSA

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I sit writing this message, I can't believe that it is already mid-January! It has been wonderful seeing the children settle back to their learning after their Christmas break and enjoying the varied extra curriculum activities including visitors in school and sporting events.

It was a great pleasure to meet with the PSA committee last Tuesday evening. As ever, I very much appreciate the time and expertise donated by our St Agatha's parents and carers. Please do continue to support the PSA 'community building' events and fund-raising initiatives.

This morning, I met with Mr Olly Kunc, our Chair of Governors. We discussed school priorities and key actions for the spring term. Thank you to Mr Kunc and all our school governors who support in the strategic leadership of school.

I look forward to talking with as many of you as possible over the coming weeks and at the PTC evening – please look out for the booking link.

With every good wish for the spring term... and year ahead.

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TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING THE
FIRST MONTH'S PRIZE

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THE LINK BELOW

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