## St Pancras Catholic Primary School



Spring Term Newsletter - 6th March 2020



In St Pancras, we are loving and kind, we pray and we play, we learn and explore through our faith everyday.

**Attendance: 96.4%** 

**Attendance target: 97%** 

Our school... This week was World Book Day, we had such a fantastic response from our pupils with their story boxes there were some wonderful colourful creations. I would like to thank our pupils (and parents) for their enormous efforts. These were put on display during our Friday morning assembly and were displayed after school on the playground.

Well done everyone!

News from Class 4......

Welcome to Spring 2 from Class 4. We're back, with a spring in our step and raring to go!



We have our passion play to look forward to and have begun to learn our songs and audition for the parts.... Watch this space and the stage for our finished production.

We have enjoyed learning all about sound in science this term. We found out how it is created through vibrations and travels in waves through molecules to be received in our ears to be heard. We also honed our science skills by designing fair tests. To show our understanding of how different sounds are created (such as pitch and volume) we made our own musical instruments for DT. We planned, made and "debugged" our instruments so they were ready to play in our mini orchestras... great fun! Here are just a few examples.









Charlottes Webb was our most excellently written book this term (by EB White). As we read we got to know the characters, enjoy their stories and get involved with their lives. During the term we learned how to write non-chronological reports, improve our comprehension skills and write in a persuasive way. By the end of term we all had begun to appreciate and love spiders.... and pigs!

In maths we have been improving our understanding and confidence of fractions, splitting numbers apart and finding how much we have left with the help of the denominator and numerator.

Good bye from Class 4 for now. Look out for our next newsletter for more educational news.

#### **Our Gospel Values**

Courage Creativity **Forgiveness** Generosity Humility Joy



Perseverance Stewardship

**Executive Headteacher Mrs Sandvig** 

> **Head of School Miss Southgate**

**Our Classes** 

Rainbows Miss Aldous Mrs Iannelli Mrs Abbott

Class 1 Mrs Thackeray Ms Borley

Mrs Jones & Class 2 Mrs Smith Mrs Tella

Class 3 Mrs Rafferty & Mrs Silke-Cooper **Mrs Durston** 

Class 4 Ms Hughes Mrs Tooke

Class 5 Mr Grimwood **Mrs Dowsing** Miss Tooke

Class 6 Mr McGill **Mrs Catalanotto** 

#### Sports news... Basketball Play- Off Matches



The team played Springfield in the 1st match and won 7-2(14-4).

In the 2nd match, which was the decider, we lost 6-5 (12-10) to Gusford. The team just missed out on the County Finals by 1 basket, which was a shame.

Well done to all the players on a fine performance.

Team: Aiva, Alfie, Amelia, Antoni, Jack, Malaki, Leah, Patrick, Sammy, Scarlett-Rose, Shannon

#### THE SCHOOL RUN - MORNING AND AFTERNOON

Cedarcroft and Stratford Roads are very busy roads particularly at the "school run" times. Parking has always been a real issue but could I please remind our parents to park sensibly and safely, which we feel is not happening -we DONOT want an accident outside our school gates. I have contacted the Parking Enforcement Team to see if they can help with this ongoing problem.

Please think about where you have parked

#### RECENT BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale held at the end of last half-term which was organised by our Year 5 girls Seayanna, Maddison Taylor and the Mini Vinnies raised £250— The proceeds of this will be split equally between the World Wildlife Fund and the Red Cross Bushfire Emergency Appeal. Well Done Everyone.

#### **DIARY DATES**

9th March—13th March

9th March—Mixed Tag Rugby Competition at Ransomes

10th March - Science Day 12th March Group Class Photographs

13th March-Friday morning assembly

#### **TERM DATES 2019-20**

**Spring Term** 

6th January -3rd April

Half-Term

17th—21st February

**Easter Holiday** 

4th April-19th April

**Summer term** 

20th April—17th July

**Half Term** 

25th May—29th May

#### HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE

This Week

Well done Year 2 98.2%





#### PUPIL PLACES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

If you know anybody who is currently looking for a school place for their child we have spaces available in our current Reception Class and current Year 2— Enquiries to the school office.

#### **DATES AND EVENTS**

Monday 9th March	Rugby Competition at Ransomes Sports Centre (TBC)		
Tuesday 10th March	Science Day		
Thursday 12th March	Bentley Photographic Class/Group Photographs)		
Monday 16th March	Whitton Sports Centre v The Oakes 3.30 kick off		
Tuesday 17th March	Colchester Castle/Museum Year 2		
Wednesday 18th March	Kimmys Zoo in School—Rainbows Class		
Wednesday 18th March	Futsal Festival Under 7 Boys/Girls at Inspire (am)		
Wednesday 18th March	Mass Yr 5 at 09.15		
Wednesday 18th March	Football Match Away against Martlesham Primary School		
Thursday 19th March	Quicksticks Hockey Competition Under 11 Girls/Boys		
Monday 23rd March	Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.00		
Wednesday 25th March	Cross Country RHS Holbrook Boys/Girls—Leaving at 1300		
Thursday 26th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.00		
Monday 30th March	Class 3 Visiting Colchester Zoo		
Tuesday 31st March	Last swimming session for Yr 5		
Tuesday 31st March	Football Match Bramford Primary v St Pancras School Away		
Wednesday 1st April	ednesday 1st April Whole School Mass at 09.15		
Wednesday 1st April	dnesday 1st April St Pancras v Handford Hall Football Whitton Sports Centre		
Thursday 2nd April	ursday 2nd April End of term assembly 09.15 Pupils and parents		
Thursday 2nd April	The Passion 14.00		
Friday 3rd April	3rd April The Passion at 09.15		
riday 3rd April Break up for the Easter holiday			

# ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

## How do YOU measure up?

	Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
		Absent	Absent	Missed
	95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
	90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
	85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
	80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
	75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
	70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
	65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90% Cause for concern

100%-96% Excellent



If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.

USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.

ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED
ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE
OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP

This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.

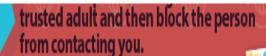
TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DON'T LIKE

This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.

AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS

Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.





OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS

This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.

5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE

Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.

6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME

This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.

THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS

Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.













