## St Pancras Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter - 19th October 2020

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



**Attendance: 95%** 

**Attendance target: 97%** 

**From Mrs Martin:** It feels like this half term has gone by in the blink of an eye and I am so proud of the way the children have returned and resumed their learning with such focus. We have spent this half term identifying and plugging gaps in learning and we are already seeing great progress. I want to thank parents for the support they have given the school in adjusting to new routines and protocols. It has been a learning curve for us all. I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

#### News from school... From Class 2.

This term in Year 2 we had some exciting visitors come to



We have been caring for 10 caterpillars. The children have watched them grow daily shedding their

skin 4 times. Once they were fully

grown, the caterpillars formed themselves into a chrysalis (or pupa) a kind of vessel in which the caterpillars change into butterflies. The chrysalis's hardened and it

took a couple of weeks for any further changes. After this time the cases around the butterflies began to split open and out emerged some beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. Initially the butter-

flies clung onto the sides of the net and were still. We discovered their wings were wet and they were waiting for them to dry. We fed the butterflies' nectar water soaked onto flowers, oranges and bananas. After all had emerged and we had given them a few days to build up their strength it was time to release them into the wild. Well done Year 2—we have had a fantastic start to the year!



#### **TERM DATES**

**Autumn Term** 

Starts 1st September 2020

1st & 2nd September 2020

PD Days No's 1 & 2

Half term

26th October to 30th October 2020

Term ends 18th December 2020

**Christmas Holiday** 

19th December to 3rd January 2021

4th January PD Day (No.3)

Children return to school on

**Tuesday 5th January 2021** 

#### **Our Gospel Values**

Courage Creativity **Forgiveness** Generosity Humility

Joy Perseverance Stewardship

**Executive Headteacher Mrs Sandvig** 

> **Head of School** Mrs Martin

**SENCO** Mrs Silke-Cooper

**Our Classes** 

Rainbows Miss Aldous Mrs Iannelli

Mrs Abbott

Class 1 Mrs Thackeray **Mrs Durston** 

Class 2 Mrs Jones & Mrs Smith

Mrs Tella

**Mrs Rafferty** Class 3 **Mrs Dowsing** 

Class 4 Ms Hughes Mrs Tooke

Class 5 Mr Grimwood

Ms Borley

Class 6 Mr McGill Mrs Catalanotto Miss Tooke

**Midday Supervisor** 





Administrative Officer Mrs Cork

**Administrative Assistant** Mrs Ransome

**Business Manager** Mrs Pettit

Caretaker Mr Scopes

Mrs Mikus

## **House Captains and House points**

When we returned to school in September we introduced new houses with new saints. The Year 6 children made videos to be elected as house captains and the rest of the school watched these videos in class and then voted.

Our new House Captains and Vice Captains are:

St Oscar Romero: Teon and Michael

St Teresa of Calcutta: Tilly and Filip

St Jean Paul: Aisha and Danny

St Josephine Bakhita: Tife and Alicia

Thank you to Aisha and Danny for doing a lovely video on Thursday for the feast day of St Jean Paul.

The House captains and vices have counted up the House points for this half term and the results are:

St Oscar Romero: 478

St Teresa of Calcutta: 398

St Jean Paul: 507

St Josephine Bakhita: 566

Congratulations to the children of St Josephine's House! Tife and Alicia will be recording a video for you soon to let you know when your non-uniform day will be.

# ATTEN DANCE 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