

# Welcome to St Pancras Catholic Primary School

**ST PANCRAS**



September 2019 New Intake meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7:00pm



## Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception): Rainbows

Within the EYFS, there are **7 areas of learning and development**

**3 prime areas**, which are essential for children's healthy development and future learning:

- Communication and Language
- Physical development
- Personal, Social and Emotional development

**4 specific areas**, to strengthen, build upon and apply learning:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive arts and design

**Characteristics of effective learning:**

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically



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Our approach:

- Practical, play based, purposeful activities
- A mixture of adult focused and child initiated activities
- Indoor and outdoor environments
- Topic based focus
- Daily Maths and Communication & Literacy (phonics) sessions
- Two hours of RE a week (following The Way, The Truth and The Life and Come and See Catholic schemes)
- Weekly PE lesson

Rainbows are part of the school, attending assemblies & Masses and joining the other classes for lunch and playtimes.



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### **Key person:**

- Each child is allocated a named member of the Rainbows team
- To help the children settle, build relationships and develop knowledge of each child's needs
- But teachers have overview of the whole class

### **Learning journeys & observations:**

- Record achievements, learning and next steps
- Paper copy located in class lobby area. Electronic observations via Target Tracker
- Parental contributions and information from home encouraged
- We'd love to see Nursery learning journeys!

More information in September



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### Communication & Language and Literacy areas of learning:

- Speaking and listening as a central focus (WellComm support and screening)
- Daily phonics as the basis of reading and writing, learning the 44 sounds of the English language



- Follow the Jolly Phonics scheme, using a multi-sensory approach
- Parental involvement is vital, encouraging daily phonics practice at home
- Meeting in September with more information and ideas
- **Please remember:** we learn phonemes (letter sounds) before the letters names  
we write names in lowercase, with a capital at the beginning



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### Mathematics area of learning:

Number and Shape, space and measures

Daily practical maths, focusing on:

- Numbers to 20 (counting, recognising, ordering, more and less)
- Solving problems, including addition & subtraction, sharing, halving & doubling
  - Recognising, naming and describing shapes
  - Using language to explore position, size, weight, height, capacity, time and money





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### Helping your child booklet

Suggestions as to ways you can help your child before they start school, with:

- Speaking, listening and rhyming activities
- Early reading skills
- Mark making and early writing skills
- Practical, everyday maths activities



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## Information about the school day

- 8:55am – 3:15pm (gates open at 8:40am)
- Breakfast club 7:45am – 8:40am (last entry 8:20am) £2
- After school club 3:15pm – 6pm Up to £8
- Snack: Fruit provided daily (or bring your own fruit)  
Cool milk scheme  
Bring a named water bottle every day (not in book bag)
- Lunch: Hot dinner (free with the universal free-school meals scheme) or  
bring own packed lunch  
No nuts policy  
Let us know about any food allergies





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## Information about the school

- Uniform: **ALL** name labelled  
Bring in additional clothing (hats, wellies, spare underwear etc)
- PE kit: **ALL** name labelled  
Leave at school in a drawstring bag for the whole half-term  
Earrings removed/ hair tied up on PE day

**PLEASE encourage independent undressing, dressing and toileting.**

- Library: Weekly visit to the library to pick a book for you to read to them  
Keep in book bag, as our library day may change



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### Information about the school

- Seven school houses and value points/cards:  
Will let you know which house your child is in
- Weekly newsletter / Parentmail
- Noticeboard on classroom window
- School website and Rainbows class page:  
<http://www.stpancrassschool.co.uk/>



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### Preparing your child for starting school

- Talk about coming; the school day, uniform etc
- Visit us (Friday assembly, pop in after school,  
Summer Fete- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 11am- 2pm)
- Listen, Play and Sing group:  
Every Friday after half-term holiday (from 7<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> July)  
9:10am – 10am  
Listen to a story, play and sing songs
- Nursery visits:  
Visit every child in their Nursery  
Please confirm where and when they go



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### Preparing your child for starting school

#### Induction days:

- Each child is offered a whole day in school on either  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
(Let us know if any problems with either date)

#### Staggered entry dates:

- Start school over the first 2 weeks of the Autumn term

**We will confirm all dates in a letter**



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### Questions

**Please come and visit the  
Rainbows classroom**