



Dear parents: Warm welcome back to the start of this Autumn term. We welcome lots of new children, welcome back to Ms Claire Walshe from maternity leave and also welcome back to all our teachers and support staff. I am being cautious for the first few weeks back as so many people have been travelling and some families still to return. Covid is still prevalent and Delta really is highly contagious, believe me I now know, but the vaccines do seem to offer great protection from serious illness. Lord bless Astra Zeneca, Pfizer etc Children now mix fully at lunchtimes and in the playgrounds and assemblies will also be resuming shortly. Collection times at the end of the day are also changing from Monday, please see details below. We celebrated our first Mass of the year with Fr Derek on Tuesday in church. Please God a nice peaceful and joyful run up to Christmas

Coffee morning for Reception and Year 1 parents Monday September 20th in the school hall:

All Reception and Year 1 parents invited to this coffee morning in our main hall from 9.00am onwards until after 10.00am. Learn about the new Early Years Framework and above all learn about Phonics and how you can help your child learn to read. See all our new book resources and online resources from Oxford Reading Tree, Reading records and meet Floppy the adorable dog who is helping your children acquire the knowledge of letters and sounds. Plus above all a chance to meet, chat network set up Whats App groups or whatever is current. Plus I'll throw in a few decent biscuits as well. All welcome.....



PE kit: From Mr Nick James. Just a reminder about the school P.E. kit. On the day of P.E. the children will need to wear a white t-shirt, blue/ navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper and black/white trainers or plimsols. P.E. shorts and t-shirts are available to purchase from the school office. It's PE and not a fashion show, please remember.

Pics of the week:

Some of our new Reception children this week
Communion in the Church on TuesdayYear 3 exploring Poetry in our Prayer Garden in the sunshine and of course the incredible story of Emma Radacanu. For new parents I'm a tennis fanatic and bore. I am now back playing three or four times a week and getting my serve booming again after a long lay off. She is the real deal ...wonderful to see and an inspiration to our young people.



Collection times from Monday September 13th Reception Year @ 3.20pm - Year 1 @ 3.25pm, Year 2 @ 3.30pm and Years 3 to 6 will now leave at 3.30 back to pre-Covid times. Same collection gates of Culford Road and Buckingham

Roald Dahl Day Moday: Children adore this writer and all classes will be reading or be read to some of his works. Enjoy while we still can.

and finally large numbers of you got away for the Summer. Travel was not easy but having two passports really helped when I flew to Lisbon. Beautiful city and my first visit. I used to play tennis for years down in Val de Lobo before the footballers bought up the area. Did not know St Anthony was born in Lisbon !! ... been teasing a Dutch friend all week when I found out Dutch hero Max Verstappen was born in Belgium ...then I found out Emma Radacanu was born in Canada (moved to the UK when she was 2) ... best Brit I have seen since 1977, her serve needs working on but she is blessed with talent, charisma and temperament a joy to behold and only 18 . A qualifier at Wimbledon. Can she win ?? .. hope so ..and return of Ronaldo at 36 , Federer is 40 and Tom Brady is 44 ... won all my tennis games last night so hope for me yet in the veterans at Wimbledon ... dare to dream as Judy Garland or was it Einstein ?? once said ... 20 years since 9/11 tomorrow Remember those who still mourn ... 20 years !!!... enjoy the weekend and be happy.