



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Wisdom Service Hope

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The last year has been a wake-up call to the significance of our values of Wisdom, Service and Hope.

As I reflect on some of the recent unedifying political and social spectacles, I am heartened by our community's diversity, inclusion and in our children's ability to innovate and grow in response to an increasingly constrained and divided world. Indeed, our children, the Godsend gifts on the earth, will need to adapt creatively and compassionately, using knowledge from our history in the hope for a peaceful world.

"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice..." (Isaiah 1:17).

Our history is no stranger to crises, but there are always individuals who come forward to serve and inspire us to do the impossible and to usher in more hopeful times when it may feel that some are starved of hope.

I would like to take you back to August 28, 1963. Before the historic March on Washington, Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, calling for inclusion by dreaming about a brighter future. In his speech he said;

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

Conduct by some within our society has heightened the importance of these words of wisdom which are arguably more relevant than ever.

As we look forward to the summer and to the start of our new academic year, I would like to remind you that through living our values and standing together to challenge all forms of social injustice, we will make a difference. In our children, I am hopeful for a future which brims with possibility, confident in the knowledge that;

'...with God, all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26)

I sincerely hope that you all have a restful and safe summer holiday and I very much look forward to our return.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Serrão
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support this academic year; it has been a challenging year and we appreciate how understanding and sympathetic you have been throughout.

There are a number of opportunities, activities and support being offered by Barnet over the summer. We have collated these links on our website [here](#) under the 'parents' tab, and will continue to update this area as we receive more information. You will also find the latest edition of [Spotlight](#) for primary and secondary on our website which is well worth a read.

Primary Reminders

Over the summer holiday, please check that your child has the correct school uniform for September. Children moving from Year 4 to Year 5 need to obtain the Bennett House uniform for the new school year as well as the senior PE kit. All primary children should have appropriate black school shoes and not trainers. Please see our [website](#) for full uniform details.

Secondary Reminders

Over the summer holiday, please make sure your child has the equipment they need for school, as they are not allowed to share equipment:

- A pencil case
- At least 2 pens (blue or black)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Reading book
- Glue stick
- Some colouring pencils
- Assorted highlighters
- A refillable water bottle
- Plenty of tissues
- Hand sanitiser
- Year 11 students need their Learning Journals (issued in Year 10)

For students in Years 8 to 11, please take the opportunity to check their school uniform over the summer and replace items the children have grown out of (a reminder that skirts should reach the knees and shirts be long enough to easily tuck into waistbands with collars that do up at the top button). Please see our [website](#) for full uniform details.

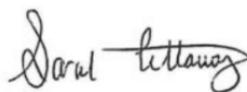
As you know, all secondary students are having a staggered start back in September to accommodate 2 Lateral Flow Device tests before they return to their lessons. If you have already given consent for your child to receive Lateral Flow Device Tests at school, we have retained your consent and you do not need to fill in the form again. If you did not give consent last time, please fill in this [form](#) prior to September; consent can be withdrawn at any time. All students will then commence lessons according to the schedule sent home in our [previous letter](#).

Thank you for your support in helping your child to have a smooth start in September.

Wishing you all a lovely summer break,



Mr S Atkinson
Head of Primary



Mrs S Pittaway
Head of Secondary