



## The school hall at the end of the day

To ensure the smooth running at handover time in the hall at the end of the day, please enter and leave in an anti-clockwise direction.

Space is very tight and so we ask that pushchairs/prams/scooters are kept out of people's way. Also, please remember that you must let the school know in advance if another adult is to collect your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Class Masses

This academic year we are introducing class Masses to our school calendar in response to parents' requests to be further involved in the Catholic life of the school. Father Edward will say Mass in the school hall for one or two classes at a time. Children will be involved in readings, bidding prayers and hymns. Parents are very welcome to join the children in their worship. Mass will start at 2.15 pm, and the dates are on the school website.

## Reading Volunteers

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.45 pm, Mrs Griffiths will be running a short training session with parents who have very kindly offered to commit to coming in to school regularly, in order to read with pupils. We will offer tips and techniques for successful reading, go over necessary protocols for working with children, and begin to set up a volunteer timetable. Please let Mrs Browns in the office know if you will be attending, so we have exact numbers. Thanks to all those who have already registered for their DBS check.

## October is almost here...

and with it, two events that we highlight each year at our school. October is Black History Month: a time when we, through assemblies and PSHE, celebrate the incredible achievements of successful African and Caribbean men and women, recognising that we all still have a role to play in further increasing equality and respect for others, in our school, our country, and worldwide.



October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. We teach the children about how to pray the rosary in order to meditate upon the life of Christ and Mary in scripture. We will pray the rosary in assemblies, but also through a Rosary group once a week for junior children who wish to attend. Please pray with your children at home too, so they can join in more readily at school.



## Did you know?

Although children from years 3-5 learn French once a week, this year we have introduced Latin to the curriculum in Year 6.

Since many of our pupils move on to secondary schools which teach Latin, we thought it would be a good idea to give them the opportunity to get a little bit of a head start. Also, Latin helps children understand the grammar of many other languages.

We hope they are enjoying their new subject!

## Communication with the school

There are many ways to communicate with the school. Green boxes are at the entrance to hall for suggestions, and for communication with the P.A. We hold governors' surgeries each term and, of course, you can write, telephone, or email us at any time. Please remember that emails are not routinely checked throughout the teaching day, and children sometimes forget to pass on letters, so any important information is best communicated by telephone or in person.

## School meals taster session

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Caterlink (the school meal's provider) will be hosting a taster session, with time for questions and comments. The session will begin at 2.45pm in the school hall. Please do come along if you can.