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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the Autumn Term.
It's been an exciting start to the term and really nice to have parents and carers back on the playground! We are still not allowing parents/carers in the building, but this will still be reviewed at half term.

Fire Alarm
On Monday 20th of September we had a fire alarm at around 3.35pm, just before we let in parents of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Please can parents and carers please show patience in these situations, as several staff members reported a small minority parents being abusive to staff.
In these situations we need to ensure the safety of everyone on site and that should be the whole school community's ultimate focus.

School Opening Times
Please remember that the school gates open at 8.30 for KS2 and 8.45 for Reception & KS1. Recently we have found two children in the school before 8.30am as it is raining. This is a huge Health & Safety / Safeguarding risk.
If we find children onsite before the gates open they will be put in our Breakfast Club and parents will be charged accordingly.

Magic Breakfasts Return!!!!!!!!!!!!
We will restart Magic Breakfasts from Monday 4th October and is available to all pupils.
Our provision consists of –

- Bagels for children in Years 1 to 6 as they enter the school *(8.30 for KS2 and 8.45 for KS1)*
- Children in Years 1 to 6 can join Miss Appassamy for a bowl of cereal in the hall *(8.30 to 8.45 for KS2 and 8.45 to 9.00 for KS1)*
- Reception and Nursery will have their bagels in class

Secondary School Applications
Can we please remind our Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for secondary school applications is rapidly approaching. The deadline is the 31st October, although Lewisham Council recommend that you submit by Friday 22nd October!
If you are sending your children to a Catholic secondary school please also remember to return the schools supplementary form (if required) by Sunday 31st October. We e-mailed parents at the start of this week with a very helpful video Mr Chown has put together. https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/secondary-transfer-help/

Free Lunch for Pupil in Yr 3 to 6!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
I am pleased to announce that our new catering provider Caterlink are offering a **free school meal** for all children in Years 3 to 6 *(Also Nursery children who attend all day will receive a free lunch)* on Thursday 7th October.
If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to receive a school lunch that day, please contact the school office so we can gauge numbers. Once the menu for the day has been finalised we will e-mail parents and carers with the choices available.

Reception Intake September 2022
We are now receiving applications for our Reception Class intake for September 2022. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you will need to complete an online application via the Lewisham Admissions link on their website.
You will also need to complete our schools Supplementary Form, which can be downloaded from our website or collected from the school office. (https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/school-information/admissions-new/)
Closing date for the online application and returning your supplementary form to our office is **15th January 2022**.
We have some open days planned which are –

- 10th November at 2pm
- 17th November at 10am
- 1st December at 2pm

I hope to be able to offer an on-site tour; however this could change depending on the COVID19 situation locally

and advice from Lewisham LA.

Please remember having a place in our Nursery does not guarantee entry into our Reception Class, *you must still apply online*!

Dogs on Site
At St Saviour's we are a dog friendly school and Pepper, our school dog, has been a wonderful addition to the team. However, please remember that *we do not allow dogs on site*.
Pepper has special insurance to be on site, has a Risk Assessment specially designed for hers and the children's safety and has gone through enhanced training to ensure all our children are safe.
Please work with us on this.

Mobile Phones
Please can we remind parents that the use of mobile phones is not permitted anywhere on the school premises for safeguarding reasons.
Please focus on your child and not your technology!

Harvest Festival!
Please look out for upcoming information about our annual Harvest Festival collections which are currently being finalised as we approach October!

Thanks Mr Stopperton!
Even in the holidays the work never stops at St Saviour's. Over the summer break we finally got rid of the fence that surrounds the big and small football pitch and have added more colour to the playground! Thank you Mr S!

Are you Interested in being a Parent Governor?
St Saviour's RC Primary School are currently looking for two parent governors to join our Governing Body. Below is more information pertinent to the role and the GB meets a minimum of four times a year with meetings starting at 6.30pm.
Ideally we are looking for one representative from EYFS/KS1 (Nursery, Reception, and Year 1 & 2) and another from Year 3, 4 and 5.

Parent governors are representative parents rather than *representatives of parents*.
To effectively fulfil the role, parent governors should:

- make themselves known to the parent body
- attend in-service training sessions
- guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures
- present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community

Achieving a balance between being the impartial representative parent and the often emotional issues relating to individual children's education, can sometimes be very difficult.
Practical ways to achieve this balance include:

- never press your own child's case at the expense of others
- never promise to 'solve a problem'
- to not bring an individual's issue to meetings without following the agreed procedures
- abide by the agreed protocol regarding agenda items and Any Other Business
- play an active part in governor meetings

If you wish to be considered for this role we will need the following –

- A written statement saying why you think you should be considered for the role, what you think you can bring to the governing body and any skill sets you may have.
- A passport sized photo

The closing date for applications is Friday 15th October and statements/photos should be sent to admin@stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk .

In the event of more than one parent applying for each role (EYFS/KS1 and KS2) the candidates will be decided by votes.

Breakfast and After School Club
We have re-opened our Breakfast and After School Clubs from September the 8th.

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am until 8.50am and costs £4 per day / £20 per week.
- After School Club runs from 3.30 until 5.50pm and costs £10 per day / £50 per week.
- *If you are in receipt of FSM you will get **50% off** the above prices!*

Nursery
We are now receiving applications for Nursery places. We can offer places to children who are 3 or 4 years old and we have 15 hour and 30 hour spaces available.
The application can be downloaded from our website or collected from the school office.
(https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/school-information/admissions-new/)

Thank you for your support as we strive for excellence in all areas.

Mr. D Houson
Headteacher

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School Term Dates for St Saviour's RC Primary School 2021–22

Autumn Term 2021	
Autumn Term 1	Friday 3rd September to Friday 22nd October
Half term	**Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October**
Autumn Term 2	Monday 1st November to Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2022	
Spring Term 1	Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February
Half term	**Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February**
Spring Term 2	Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022	
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May
Half term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Summer Term 2	Monday 6th June to Wednesday 20th July

Total *In 2021–22 children should attend for 190 days (or 380 half sessions)*	**190**

The School will be **closed** to children on **INSET Days**

Public Holidays	INSET Days
Christmas Day: Saturday 25th December 2021 **Boxing Day**: Sunday 26th December 2021 **New Year's Day**: Saturday 1st January 2022 **Good Friday**: Friday 15th April 2022 **Easter Monday**: Monday 18th April 2022 **Early May Bank Holiday**: Monday 2nd May 2022 **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 30th May 2022 **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 29th August 2022	*School closed to children on these days* **Wednesday 1st September 2021** **Thursday 2nd September 2021** **Tuesday 4th January 2022** **Thursday 21st July 2022** **Friday 22nd July 2022**