



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

If, like myself, you watched any part of Monday's State Funeral, you would have heard how Queen Elizabeth II supported over 600 charities. During this week's Collective Worship, we started our half term theme focusing on Advocates in the Catholic Church. This week worship centred around St. Padre Pio who was an advocate for sinners and the sick. Monday was a timely reminder of our duty as Catholics to support those in need within our community.



Some important messages for you:

Welcome Evenings

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have joined us for our welcome events over the last two weeks. Welcoming parents/carers onsite, some for the first time, has been both enjoyable and a reinforcement of how important relationships are between school and home in securing the best possible outcomes for each student.

Year 7 Bushcraft Trip

This week over 140 x Year 7 students embarked on the annual bushcraft trip. Accompanied by the Year 7 team of staff, the students have enjoyed a number of activities designed to help them develop confidence and friendships. The students have enjoyed making fires and orienteering amongst a range of other bushcraft skills. Unfortunately, there was some rain overnight, but spirits remained high. Thank you to the staff and students for making this such an enjoyable and successful trip.



Contact Information

All parents/carers are asked to check and update, if necessary, the contact information held on EduLink. Please ensure that the school has accurate addresses, contact telephone numbers and email addresses. At least two emergency contacts should be listed. I would also like to draw your attention to the school's privacy notice included in this week's email.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

As part of our monthly theme, we welcome the South-East Cancer Centre (Located in Tesco, Purley) onsite next week to speak to students during their team meeting/RSHE lesson. We will be including this charity when fundraising through our first mufti day in October.

October is Black History Month, which will be our theme. More information on the activities and events will be shared in due course.

Good luck to all the students and staff who are playing sport this weekend in our block fixture against Wimbledon College. We were delighted to see Conor Oresanya (Alumni, 2022) make his debut for Harlequins in their Premiership Rugby Cup group stage match against London Irish.



Some key dates for your diary:

- Thursday 29 September:** First Epilogue of the year, 4.00-4.30pm (Chapel) - All families welcome.
Friday 30 September: New Year Beginning Mass, 10.45-11.45am (RCAOS)- selected Yr7 students.
Monday 3 October: **Staff INSET Day - The school is closed for students.**
Monday 3 October: Sutton Catholic School Alliance Mass, 4.30-5.30pm (Chapel) - for staff members.
Friday 7 October: World Mental Health Day

Final Prayer

On Saint Padre Pio's Feast Day: Prayer of St. Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You.

You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of P. E. McCullagh.

P E McCullagh
Headteacher