



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. We are delighted that our pupils have returned to school with a positive mind-set and have been ready to learn and have a successful year. They have all settled back into class routines very well, enjoying their new classrooms, teachers, and support staff as well as reuniting with their friends. Learning is very much buzzing in every space of our school. Thank you to everyone for supporting us over our first week.

We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new families and are excited to have them and new members of staff joining us this year. We are looking forward to working closely over the coming terms. Please do say hello when you see them on the playground and around school.

Our first collective worship of the year got us thinking about worship and what worship means to us. The children had some thoughtful ideas, one of my favourites was, "We praise Jesus and God in worship." Our mission is to take this important message home and share why worship is important to us. The children also thought about what they want to do differently this year and what they want to achieve. Needless to say, our children have very high expectations of themselves which is wonderful to hear. Our dedicated staff will work tirelessly to support the children in becoming the best they can be.

I wish you all a blessed term.
Ms Reid

This term we will be thinking about **a love of learning** and **responsibility**, and how we can be responsible in our lives.

Please talk to your child/ren about how they can be responsible at home.

Our value this term is:

Love of Learning



Meet the Parents evening

Weeks beginning 11th and 18th September more information has been shared separately

Parent Consultation Meetings

Week beginning 9th October more information will be shared shortly.

Celebration Collective Worship

Parents and carers are invited to join us for celebration collective worship **each Friday in the school hall at 9.10am**

Coffee morning

Join us **each Friday** after celebration collective worship for coffee in the downstairs hall. Rev Dom and members of the senior leadership team will be there to chat with parents and carers and answer any questions.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On **Friday 29th September** straight after celebration collective worship our Parents and Friends Association will be holding a coffee morning to raise.

Internet Safety Week

w/c 11th September

Black History Month

The month of October – **Monday 2nd**

October – Friday 20th October 2023

International Evening

Wednesday 18th October 2023

After School Clubs

Look out for further information on clubs in

Term Dates

Last day of this half term is: **Friday 20th October 2023**

Half Term : **Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th**

September. School will finish at 3.10pm on this day.

First Day of Autumn 2 : **Monday 30th October**

I will guide you
and teach you
says the Lord.
I will watch
over you.



Psalm 32:8



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Useful Information

The start and end of the school Day

Gates open for drop off between **8.40 am and 8.55 am** for all pupils. Please try not to arrive too early as we cannot open the gate until 8.40am. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day at **3.10 pm**. Please ensure your child's pick-up arrangements are communicated with the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children who are not in school by **8.55 am**, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning, in preparation for a day of fun, interesting learning.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are FREE to all children in school. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen.

PACKED LUNCH

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and does not include nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled. Your child will keep their lunch box with them in the classroom rather than using the school fridges. **If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners, please ensure you let the school office know. This is to ensure all children receive a meal.**

SNACKS

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no other food is allowed, especially nuts, we are a **NUT FREE school**.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. It needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

If your child is unsure of their login details, they can get these from their class teacher.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SIMPLY PLAY

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – **NOT** the school office.

Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces. Contact: **Matthew Johnson**

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have spaces available in our breakfast club. This runs daily from 7.30am-8.40am each day

If your child requires a place at our breakfast club. Please telephone the office and speak to Miss Layne in the office about reserving a place.

UNIFORM

Clothing	Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (other colours are not permitted); a white polo shirt/ blouse; royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper In summer pupils may wear grey shorts or a blue checked dress.
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – These must be black only
Jewellery	Small studs and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time. No necklaces.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Shoes and trainers should be black.



ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are online learning opportunities for your child to engage with that the school subscribe to:
Education City (Reception to Year 6)
<https://www.educationcity.com/parents/>
Purple Mash (Reception to Year 6)
<https://2simple.com/purple-mash/purple-mash-parents/>
Times Tables Rock Stars (Year 2 to Year 6)
<https://ttrockstars.com/page/parentguide>



A message from the School Chaplain, Rev Dom

This week I have been talking to staff and students about stepladders. I even dragged around some ladders for staff to look at and reflect upon.

I encouraged them to think about us all being on a stepladder in life. Some are starting on the bottom step, whilst others have got to the top and are changing the ladders that they are on.

Our Nursery and Reception children will be taking their early steps on their Primary Ladder. Our Year 7s will be stepping onto their Secondary Ladder. Our older students will be stepping into GCSEs or stepping onto Post 16 and Post 18 courses and apprenticeship ladders.

Even us as adults are on career ladders, life ladders, health ladders or property ladders.

As we reflect on this, maybe consider where you are at the moment and if you are able to offer others a hand up or encouragement to keep climbing. Maybe you could be supporting and praying for your family members who are starting new things, ending certain stages or finding the climb tough.

Our God reaches out to us. Whenever God sent messages they were reassuring messages of 'Do not be afraid'. God strengthens us and guides us when we have faith.

My prayer for you is that wherever you are on Life's ladders, you understand that there are a great cloud of witnesses, in heaven and on Earth, cheering you on and willing you to succeed and find joy in all that you do.

Remember too that if you or your child or young people, are having a hard time – there are people around you (me included) that can support you and pray with you if you would like that. Seek them out or contact me in school and I will be happy to help where I can.

Take it one step at a time. We can do this.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and keeping our children safe are very important to us. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve on our safety measures, please do speak with Ms Reid

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see **the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Ermellino ASAP**. If he is not available, please see Ms Lamont or Ms Reid

There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom, please talk to your children and encourage them to talk to the adults in school if ever they need to.

For information on Safeguarding, please see the Greenwich's Safeguarding Children Partnership website <https://greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>

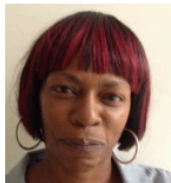
Here to listen: our safeguarding team



Federation Designated
safeguarding lead (DSL):
Morayo Amao



Designated safeguarding lead
(DSL): **Alex Ermellino**



Deputy DSL:
Brenda Lamont



Safeguarding
team:
Sam Reid



Safeguarding
team: **Melissa
Graham**