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Mission Statement "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together
in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

20th June 2019

Dear Parents,

50th Jubilee - Bishop Nicholas Hudson will celebrate an anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for pupils, staff and governors in English Martyrs church tomorrow at 2:00pm. Guests will include ex members of staff, parish priests and governors. We have extended an invitation to a group of parents who were once pupils in our school, we hope that they will represent all of you at the Mass. We will return to school for refreshments in the playground from 3:00 to 4:00pm, we hope you will be able to join us then. Mass may take longer than expected and playground times may change, I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Anniversary Celebration Day - The anniversary event to welcome parents and pupils, past and present, who have attended our school since 1969 will be held on Saturday 29th June from 12 noon to 4:00pm. This will be an 'International Themed Day' to celebrate the multi-cultural community who have attended the school. Families will be invited to bring along international food and beverages to share with all who attend. You will also be able to buy food cooked at the event.

We really hope you will attend to welcome visitors and share the history of our school over the last 50 years. We are hoping past pupils will bring along old photos or any school memorabilia that could be of interest to pupils in our school today. If you have any old pictures, reports, certificates or articles that you feel maybe of interest, please bring to the office where copies will be made and the original returned to you. I hope ex pupils who are now parents will spread the word! Parents please encourage older siblings to spread the word to their old school friends and encourage them to come along. Please put this date in your diary and join us in this celebration of our school community.

We would appreciate parent volunteers to help coordinate the day, we welcome ideas for entertainment for children for a fun filled day; face painting and 50th badge making competition have been suggested.

Staff News - Miss Sweeney has decided to return to Scotland and sadly will be leaving us at the end of term. She has been a great asset to our school over the past seven years she has taught in Year 3.

Mr Briggs will also be leaving us to take up a teaching post in Islington. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to our school as well as their care for the pupils. We will miss them both and wish them every success in their future careers.

Mrs Pannell will return to Key Stage 2 to teach the Year 4 class. We have appointed two experienced teachers who will join us in September, Miss Kelly will teach Year 3 and Miss Cutts will teach the Reception class. We welcome them both and hope they will be happy in our school.

Swimming Gala - Well done to all the pupils who represented the school at the swimming gala last week and congratulations to the pupils who finished in second and third places in their respective races.

Online Safeguarding Concerns - As the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Pasha and I have renewed our mandatory training. We have been advised to keep you informed of any concerns that arise that could affect your child's safety or wellbeing. Please be alert to your child's use of mobile phones or tablet devices, are they being responsible and are they safe? Our technician, Nathan is available each Tuesday morning to offer support or advice with security settings; you may also want to check the 'Online Safety' links on the school website.

Abuse of social media is increasingly being recognized as a source of anxiety for many children. Please ensure your child is only using age appropriate apps / websites and that you regularly monitor their online activity including chat forums.

It has also been brought to our attention that children often use games chat-rooms to talk to people, some of whom they don't even know. Please remind your child to be cybersafe online

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Parent Association meeting - The Parents Association will hold a fundraising meeting on Friday 28th June at 9am, all parents, old and new are welcome to attend to help organise Wimbledon day.

School closure - There is a staff training day on Monday and school will be closed for pupils.

Many thanks,

Miss Nugent