

Thursday 5 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. A special welcome to new pupils, parents and staff to our school; I hope you will be very happy here and we look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Our Vision, Mission and Values

At St. Saviour's, we believe in inclusion and acceptance and we welcome diversity at all levels. Our vision is for our children to leave St. Saviour's as confident, independent learners with enquiring minds and a lifelong love of learning. We want all of our children to have a thoughtful and considerate approach to life.

Our school values:

Faith, Forgiveness, Respect, Truth, Love, Tenacity and Serenity.

underpin our mission to develop a deep level of ethics and morals within our school community. As a Church of England school, we work collaboratively and in harmony to promote and extend Jesus's model of the Kingdom of God on earth by living out a lifestyle through the Christian values. We aim to provide inspirational Learning for the children of the 21st century embedded with Christian values.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) – *Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think*

Our vision is for St Saviour's to be a place of transforming growth, where Christian education inspires children and adults for achievement in their whole life. Recognising our historic foundation, we seek to preserve and develop the religious character of our school in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Churches at parish and diocesan level.

We have strong links with our local church, St Saviour's Church. There are many ways in which these links are forged, including regular school services at the church and regular visitors from the church at our assemblies. The current parish priest, Father Salvador Telen, visits the school weekly and presides at whole school mass in the church every month.

I hope that you will embrace our school vision and support us by attending our school events. We encourage all children to participate as active learners to ensure they achieve their potential. Our aim is to provide an array of opportunities to widen horizons of all of our children. We have an amazing outdoor learning space which is accessible to all children to enjoy and learn from.

Through robustness, courage and independence, we are rising to the challenge of educating our children at St. Saviour's to be not only well-informed and knowledgeable, but most importantly of all, really adept life-long learners. Our teaching and learning mission is centred around the need for children to understand what they are doing when they learn because they're going to need to continue learning for their whole lives.

Our guiding principle is that every pupil is known and valued. This is achieved by creating a very strong support network. Our strong focus on pupil welfare enables the School to truly celebrate pupil individuality, and identify areas for development.

We want all of our children to leave as proficient, confident, imaginative innovators who will shape the brave new world they enter after leaving education.

Newsletter

We send regular Newsletters with information about forthcoming school events as well as reflections of the previous week. Please ensure you read them carefully, so that you are aware of any announcements or events that involve your children.

Soft Start

Our Soft Start continues this year where all children are welcomed into the school from 8:45am. All children are provided with a bagel and this time is used constructively to prepare your child for their learning. We would also like to welcome you to join your child for Soft Start or as a volunteer to hear children read. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

Friends of St. Saviour's

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to join Friends of St. Saviour's (FOSS). FOSS exists in order to raise funds for the school and put on events that the children enjoy. We are always looking for people to be on the committee and help organise events, come up with new ideas or simply turn up. Without this, our children will not get as much out of the school. Also, it's a good opportunity to socialise and a great way to meet other parents which can be quite daunting when you are new to a school.

Parent Event: Friday 13th September 2019

We are holding our first Parent event on Friday 13th September 2019 at 9:30am and 3:45pm in the school hall. This will give you a deeper insight into the school values and ethos as well as an opportunity to sign up to join FOSS. We look forward to meeting you all at this event so that we can share some of the very exciting plans we have for St. Saviour's children. You will also be able to meet the Senior Leadership Team and have a chance to hear how they will be making a positive impact on your children.

Books

This term, to ensure all children are able to enrich themselves with an array of texts, we will trial providing each child from Year 3 upwards with a copy of the book that they are reading in Literacy. The purpose of this initiative is to allow children to immerse themselves in the text which will then hopefully inspire them to write with even greater confidence and zest. We would therefore ask all parents and carers for a refundable deposit of £10 which can be paid through parent-pay. This is to ensure that books are returned and ready to be reused for the next year group when required. If the trial is successful and the books are used and read at home, we will aim to continue with this initiative for the other two terms as well. In that case, the deposit will be refunded at the end of the year otherwise the deposit will be refunded at the end of the autumn term.

I look forward to meeting with you all and working in partnership with you to ensure that your child continues to succeed.

Yours faithfully,



Iram Malik
Head of School



Amir Lemouchi
Executive Principal