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NEWS



2019

Mark your calendar!

May

Mon 6th Bank Holiday
Sat 11th DISCO
Fri 24th Bake Sale & LEGO Competition ends
27th - 31st Half Term

June

Mon 3rd INSET day
Thurs 6th Open PTA morning meeting, 9am
Fri 7th Multicultural evening
Sat 15th & Sun 16th Holy Communion
Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd Holy Communion
Sat 29th School Spring Clean

July

Mon 1st-Fri 5th Y6 School Journey
Sat 6th School Spring Clean
Thurs 11th Happy Bag collection, 9-10am
Mon 15th - Wed 17th Film Nights 3:45- 5:20
Wed 17th Appreciation Lunch for All Staff
Mon 22nd Last day of school

Family Prayer Group



Fridays @ 8:40 Don Bosco build

Happy birthday to all
born in MAY!

Dear Parents, Children and Staff,

Welcome to the Summer term! There is so much to **look forward** to in the coming months: from the **warmer weather** and increased **sunshine**, two **Bank Holidays**, an Inset day and the next Half term, to the annual **Multicultural Evening** and the **Holy Communion**s. In addition, the PTA has prepared an array of events to **celebrate the end of the school year**, including a **School Disco**, a **Bake Sale**, **school spring clean**, **Happy Bag** collection and the ever-so popular **3-Day Film Event**. Our intention is to **raise valuable funds in support of our school**, while **helping our parents**. We are planning to end the year with an **Appreciation Lunch for all staff** to say thank you for their hard work. There will be something for everyone. **Let's make the most of it!**

Sonia Sedda and Ivana Tanaskovic PTA Co-Chairs, 2018-19

Disco Fever! On Sat May 11th, Don from the Don Rae Drama Academy has promised to keep us busy on the dance floor! Would the Y5 & Y6 children help us to put together a playlist?

Spring Clean - SH school needs volunteers - parents to help paint few walls and pillars indoors, including cheering up some book cases in the KS2 Library. Many hands make light work. Please save the date!

Do you shop online? The **easyfundraising** has raised £ **273.38** this year!!! There are over 3,630 on-line retailers that give to charities. Please do not wait any longer to download the bar. It is completely free and if every family signs up, the school could enormously benefit from this income. You don't have to be a big spender; every little helps, especially if we all work together!!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacredheartpsbattersea/>. See the pennies make £££s.

Lego Competition - please keep sending your LEGO creations for the draw on May 24th for 2 FlipOut sessions as well as the class draw rewarding 1 class of the most participating pupils! Cash prize award £50 !!! What are you waiting for? What will your class do with the money?

Happy Bag The next collection will be on Thursday, July 11th at 9am. From July 5th, we can bring the bags filled with recyclable clothes, bedlinen, towels, paired shoes, open & unwanted toiletries, soft toys and accessories. Only hardcover baby books, please. Let's make the next collection the best one yet!

In this issue, we are delighted to introduce **Deacon Michael**, who is much loved by children and staff alike and who works alongside Fr Gerry, in supporting children on their faith journey. Their nurturing Salesian approach encourages every child to go beyond what they think they are capable of.

MEET... Deacon Michael

(turn over)

Q: Can you say a little bit about yourself?

A: My full name is **Michael Martin Kennedy**. I was born in 1967 and my family moved to Battersea in 1970. Our first house was on a road that no longer exists, which is now on the grounds of the present Sacred Heart School. So each time I come to School it is like coming back to my original Battersea Roots!

I went to schools in Battersea: St Vincent de Paul Primary School, in Altenburg Gardens, Sacred Heart Primary School in Trott Street and to Salesian College. After leaving school I had planned to train as a teacher, but circumstances changed, and I ended up taking a job with the Archdiocese of Southwark. I am still with them today.

My Mother also worked at SH School (Trott Street) for 23 years before she retired. She was a Primary Helper and a Lunchtime Supervisor.

In 2000 I began to think about how I could serve the Church and the local community, so I applied for formation to become a Permanent Deacon. I began my formal contact with the SH Primary School at an invitation of Mr Brading. The first class I visited was a year 3 class of Mrs Mitchel! In 2014 I was asked to visit St Mary's once a week for a class prayer. In 2016 I was also appointed to the Parish Team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph, Battersea Park.

My hopes are that the Sacred Heart School continues to be a beacon of excellence, that the children reach their potential, and that as a community we can continue to support the excellent Head teacher, Senior Leadership Team and the wonderful teachers who give their best for the good of our children.

Q: What was your favourite childhood book/story and a film/program and why?

A: My favourite book as a child was *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis. I became enchanted with the story, and the themes of Darkness, Light, Good overcoming evil. I then read all the other books in that series. My favourite TV Programme was *Blue Peter*; I particularly liked when the presenters were sent out to explore and take on different challenges. I never got a Blue Peter Badge though! I also loved *Dr Who*.

Q: What were your hobbies when you were growing up?

A: I had a model railway (still have it in my attic at home) and was always interested in transport. As a boy I would often go to then National Rail Museum. I remember doing a project at Primary School on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway and winning a prize for being the most enthusiastic. I also collected stamps and would go around to stamp fayres around London.

Q: Did you have a favourite game/ board game as a child?

A: I loved *Scrabble* (and still do!) and *Monopoly*. I also liked card games and have fond memories of playing cards with my cousins on holiday.

Q. Do you have a favourite childhood memory?

A: There are many memories. I think the one I remember most is visiting the Pleasure Gardens in Battersea Park and riding around the park on the model railway. I also recall my first visit to London Zoo to see the famous Guy the Gorilla. My sister's birth was a fond memory as I was just seven at the time and remember been very excited going into school to tell the teachers that I now had a baby sister.

Q. What/ who inspired you?

A: I wanted to be a teacher, but I never actually become one - yet I am now a teacher in a different sort of a way. I had very inspiring teachers at school, in primary school I remember, Miss Frodsham who gave me a love for English and reading, Mrs Bate, the Music teacher gave me a love of singing and music and Mr Board encouraged me in my love of history. If I am honest, I did not enjoy Primary school- in the infant's school we had a very strange nun - teacher - who did not like children! I enjoyed Secondary School -we had many good teachers; some are still good friends. I think the best teachers are those who teach and give a love of their subject to you- and I was fortunate to have great History and English Teachers. Sadly my Maths teachers at Secondary school, were not that inspiring so I never really developed a love for Mathematics.

Q: What do you love about your work? As a Deacon my role is to preach and to teach. It is wonderful to be able to

"journey and accompany people as they strive to learn". For me to be able to speak about our faith, to speak about or Christian Calling, to speak about Our Lord and to share his Good News and to see the joy on people's faces as they share that encounter is a wonderful feeling. It's a privilege and a great joy to be able to spend time with the teachers, with the children and with the parents.

Q: What was your first job?

A: My first job was when I was a sixth former - I was asked if I would spend the summer holidays engaged in carrying out a survey. The Council were threatening to close the Waste Refuse Unit at Wandsworth - and wanted to gauge some idea of how many people were using it. So they employed three sixth formers to find out who used the facility, what they were throwing away and where they came from. So I spent my summer of 1986 (which was a hot one) surveying the usage of the facility in Smugglers Way, Wandsworth. As a result, that which was under threat of closure was kept open!