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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE

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ST CYPRIAN'S

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Newsletter 1

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers;
Welcome to St Cyprian's. We are beginning a new academic year full of energy and enthusiasm. It was such a pleasure to welcome all the children back to school yesterday and I congratulated them in our first assembly for looking so smart.
It was also important and joyful to welcome our new Reception Class children, who had their first day yesterday.
We have exciting plans for the new year which we will be sharing with you as the term progresses.
Please take time today to read the details in this newsletter as many of the items explain how we intend to work with you this year.

Communication
The main method of communication with families remains the **Arbor App**. This is a quick and efficient method of getting information to parents and carers. If you have had problems in the past downloading the App to your device, please make sure you seek out the help of one of our office staff this week. An important action is to **enable notifications** in the App, so that you are alerted when new information is shared.

Arbor

I will use this newsletter each week to communicate with families. It is sent to the main e-mail address that we hold for each child. If you are unsure which e-mail address is best for you, please confirm with the office.
The e-mail at the top of this newsletter is your main address for communicating with anyone in school.
Messages intended for me are forwarded immediately by the office staff.
You can, of course, pick up the phone if you are unsure of the best way to make an enquiry.

Safeguarding – introduction to our Designated Safeguarding Officers
If you are concerned about the welfare of *any* child, please pass the concern on to one of our safeguarding officers. They are:
Mrs Angelina Adrien, Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Andrew McDonald, Headteacher
Ms Samantha Petts, Special Educational Needs Assistant
Mrs Natalie Richards, Senior Leadership Team
Miss Sue Woolford, Teaching Assistant and Wrap Around Care Supervisor

All colleagues in the school have renewed their safeguarding training this week. It is our shared responsibility – school employees *and* parents and carers - to be vigilant to make sure that every child stays safe. Remember that if you have a concern, it might be the small part of a bigger pattern and could be a valuable piece of information.

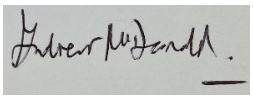
Curriculum
Feedback from parents last year indicated that a greater emphasis on the children's learning would be a useful addition to the weekly news. We will therefore be sharing updates from subject leaders frequently, and key questions that you can ask your child at home to promote good conversations about learning in the classroom.

Religious Life of the school
Our programme of events will recommence next week. A vital part of our role as a Greek Orthodox school is to provide the children with the enriching learning that comes with being part of the spiritual community. All the children will be attending services at St Constantine and St Helen in Crystal Palace, and we will welcome our Parish Priest Father George to school frequently. We will try to give as much notice as possible for services and events.

The St Cyprian's Fellowship
Our PTA is called the St Cyprian's Fellowship, and was established last year to provide a platform for all parents to contribute to the life of the school. A small and dedicated group of parents have made great progress already and the children have already felt the benefits.
Please consider offering some of your time and energy as small contributions have a big impact.
The secretary, Mr George Lazarides, can be reached at pta@stcyprians.school
Our Fellowship have an active Instagram presence @st.cypriansfellowship and can also be found through the 'Parents' tab on our website.

Our wider Christian community
It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Mr Stephen Beck, who died on 20th August. Mr Beck was previously the Headteacher of St James the Great Primary School in Thornton Heath. He was a great servant of Christian education in Croydon, including offering support to St Cyprian's in the past. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

I wish you a peaceful and restful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



Andrew McDonald
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