

Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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This Sunday, Saint Matthew told us about the journey the Wise Men took to see Jesus. This is a story of resilience, bravery and commitment. The Wise Men were unsure of why they needed to follow the star and yet they trusted their faith and did so. They innocently asked King Herod for his help in finding the infant King and listened to the Angels by taking another way home instead of informing Herod where the baby Jesus was.

In our worship today we are reminding the children to take the time to embrace their journeys of faith and look at the gifts they can offer their friends and families. Something better than material gifts such as love, kindness, generosity and time.

As we start a new week and year at Saint Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of giving to others and caring for those less fortunate than ourselves.



This Week:

It was fantastic to see all the happy faces coming into school today. The children were full of stories about their exciting Christmas break and New Year. We hope that you all had a blessed and happy Christmas. We started the week with collective worship and explored the Epiphany in detail. The children were each treated to a piece of home made Epiphany cake. Some children found a surprise decoration on their cake and have been King for the day!



All the staff at Saint Anthony's are excited for the new year ahead and I look forward to sharing with you all the great things that your children experience and participate in over the course of this term.

The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children:

'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

Jeremiah 29:11

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

Dates

22/01—Year 5 writing workshop
9.15am
23/01—Year 3 writing workshop
9.15 am
2.45pm—Year 2 Reading workshop
29/01—Year 4 writing workshop
9.15pm
06/02—Pyjama day

Can you help us?!

We would like to do some cosmetic and domestic work to our school, in order to give it a bright new look. Do you have any practical skills that could help us and some time to volunteer? We are looking for skills such as painting and decorating, gardening, carpentry and builders. If so please let the office have your details and we will be in touch.

After School Clubs

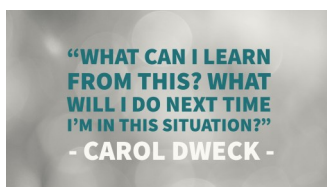
Please make sure you sign up this week for clubs. There are lots of new ones and changes for Year groups. We even have the Chelsea Football Foundation running our Multi-Sports club along with a Table Tennis professional!

Current Nursery

Nursery parents please remember to register with Slough Borough Council for Reception places for September 2020 by 15th January.

Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:



A Prayer for the week

Dear Lord

As we start in a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

We praise and thank you for the gifts in our lives. Help us to see how lucky we are.

We pray for all the opportunities that may come this year. May we remember to praise and thank you for all the good and amazing things that happen this year.

Help us to live each day in the most loving way. Help us all to work to show the love the way Jesus did for us.

We make this prayer in your name.
Amen



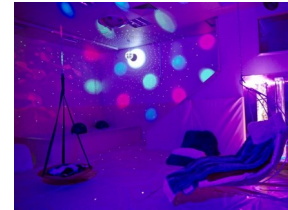
School Gates

A reminder to parents not to use the vehicle gates in the morning to enter school premises as this is not safe, and we cannot monitor who has been brought onto the school site. Children and parents are not to be on the school site until the pedestrian gate opens.

Thank You.

Sensory Room

We are looking at creating a Sensory Room for our children to use. Do you have anything that is unwanted at home that you would kindly donate and could go towards decorating the room? We are looking for things such as textured fabrics, coloured lights, interesting mirrors, sequins, buttons, cushions, mats etc. Anything you could spare would be greatly appreciated.



Nuts

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Some items have been seen in the lunch hall from packed lunches that contain nuts.

Nursery

We are delighted to announce that we now offer full and part time 30 hour places in our nursery. These are both for funded and self-funded places. We have outdoor learning and Forest School facilities, we can provide hot lunches and support those children with additional needs. For more information please contact the school.



Local Events

On Saturday, 11th January there is a Music and Story time event for children and families at The Curve in Slough. You can book places on their website and it starts at 11am. This event is free of charge.

On Saturday, 25th January there is an Autism friendly cinema screening of Disney's Moana. It starts at 2pm at The Curve in Slough. Tickets are available at £2 please book via their website.

Free School Meals

Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ☑ Income Support
- ☑ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ☑ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ☑ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00
- ☑ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ☑ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Borough Council's online free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above Year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply online or pick up a registration form from our school reception.