

# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter



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This Sunday, we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. You can understand the shock of John the Baptist when Jesus approached Him and asked to be Baptised - imagine, the Messiah, God's own Son asking you to bless Him?! Something must have seemed odd. But Jesus knew it had to be that way. Jesus needed to receive the blessing and favour of God to prepare Him for what was to come next.

In our worship today we are reminding the children that when Jesus started His public ministry, he didn't know exactly what it would entail, but He knew that whatever was to happen, He wouldn't be alone. He had the love and promise of God, His Father with Him. Just like he is with us and the children each day.

As we start a new week and year at Saint Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of trusting in God and the path we are taking.



### This Week:

As always, it was a busy start to the new term. All the children and staff were keen to get back into the new routine for 2020. Our Year 1 children are taking part in a very exciting project and learning how to ride a bike safely and take notice of what is around them. The children are being taught by specialist teachers and all very much enjoyed their activities and learning.



This Thursday is attendance day! Any class that are all in school on Thursday and register by 9am will have a free mufti day and extra break on the Friday.

Let's see if we can have 100% attendance across the school!

### The WORD of the Week:

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

'This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.'

**1 Peter 3:21**

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

Clubs start this week. There is still time to sign up if you would like to. 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

Father God, throughout this week may we truly identify as being called your own.

Through Baptism we have been called your sons and daughters, and we are thankful for the grace and blessings which rest upon us.

Increase our faith, strengthen our hearts and guide us as we walk with you through life.

Amen



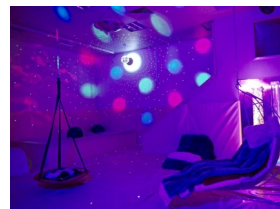
## School Gates

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.



## Attendance Day

On Friday 17th January there is a mufti day for any class that had full attendance and were in by 9am on Thursday 16th January. Make sure you are all in school!

## 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, 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.

## Stay in touch

Please make sure that the school office has your most updated contact details. It is important that we can get hold of you when needed in case we need to discuss your child.

## 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.