

Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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I am delighted and honoured to have joined St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery this September. I would like to thank staff, parents/carers, children and the parish community for being so welcoming in my first week here. I have found St. Anthony's to be a warm, supportive school where children are kind and thoughtful of one another, and I look forward to developing further the loving, caring ethos of the school. The staff team and I have lots of exciting plans for the coming year and beyond: we would like to develop our outdoor facilities for the children further, enhance our library, create more sensory spaces and improve our computing facilities, to name a few ideas!

The children are a credit to you and have shown me in my time here that they are conscientious and focused on their learning, but also faith-filled and true to our school mission of

Learning, Growing and Living with Jesus.

As we start a new academic year, I would encourage all parent and carers to explore this mission with their children through prayer, discussion and action. This links with our Gospel last Sunday, where we were reminded about putting God first in our lives to be disciples of Jesus. Through our mission we can share the word of God through all that we do both at home and at school.

I would also like to welcome our new pupils and new families to our St. Anthony's family. **We are an inspirational school**, supporting children to be the best that they can be, fulfilling their goals and dreams through supporting them to develop their talents and their God-given unique abilities. In our eyes, every child is special and we want them to flourish during their time with us.

This Week:

It has been a busy week at St. Anthony's! We have welcomed our Nursery and Reception children and families into the school. They enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic with their parents early in the week, giving them an opportunity to meet their classmates.

We also had our first school mass of the year at St. Anthony's Church. As always, the children were a credit to the school and to you: beautifully behaved, fully participating in the service and singing with heavenly voices. Thank you to Father Nicholas for saying mass for us and welcoming us into the church, as he always does.

We have also had our voting for our School Council Leader in Year 6 today. The children were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite candidate, after listening to some very compelling speeches. Well done to the candidates for working hard and trying their best!

New members of staff:

We are very pleased to welcome to our school the following members of staff:

Mrs A Phillips, who is teaching our Nursery
Miss A Crosby, who is teaching 3
Miss A Carty, who is teaching 3
Mrs I Fletcher, who is teaching 4
Miss D O'Brien, who is teaching 4
Mr J Jawandha our new Sports Coach

SCHOOL PRAYER

St. Anthony please help us
In all that we do.
To work well with others
And care for them too.
We know that Jesus died for us
To set us all free.
Please guide us St. Anthony
To be the best that we can be.
Learning, Growing, Living with
Jesus
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To set us all free.
Learning, Growing with Him.



Calendar Dates:

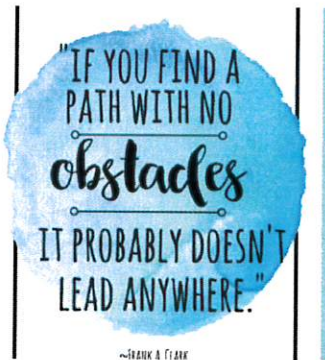
20/09—4Magdalen—Begin Swimming
20/09—Homework begins
22/09—Bude trip departs (Year 5)
24/09—2:45—Y1 Math Workshop
26/09—9:15— Y4

Maths workshop

Growth Mindset:

We are relaunching Growth Mindset in our school, where we encourage our children to work hard and persevere.

Our quote for this week is:



Parent Reminder: Attendance

Your child's education is very important to us. Please ensure that they arrive at school for 8:45am, unless they are coming in earlier for an early morning group, so that they do not miss their learning.

Children should be collected at 3:30pm; we do have a number of children that are not collected promptly at the end of the day, which can be upsetting for them and a challenge for the office staff.

We are monitoring attendance strictly, in accordance with Local Authority guidelines. This will mean that low attendance could lead to further action. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Dhmi for more information.

Parent Reminder: Dogs on the premises

If you have a dog please remember that, for the safety our children, they are not allowed on site. If you walk them to the school, please secure them outside the school gate while you collect your child, thank you.

Clubs

We will be releasing the club list next week so that you can sign up your children to various activities. We will be looking to offer more options to your children as the term goes on. Please sign up on ParentPay to ensure that your child receives a place. Please contact the office for support.

Uniform:

The children have arrived well-presented and ready to learn. A reminder that children should be in full uniform and have their own hair colour; hair dye is not permitted at school. Children should be in school shoes; please avoid trainers or boots.

If you have any concerns, please speak to the office.

The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children. This was the reading from our school mass on Thursday:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

