

Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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This Sunday, we explored the role of John the Baptist. Jesus affirms John as God's messenger, the one who came to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this in a number of ways, so much so that he filled the people with such hope that their anticipation for the Messiah was almost unbearable.

In our worship today we are reminding the children to take the time to embrace the word of God. To pray. To reflect. To forgive. To look to John the Baptist as a role model and example of how to prepare for the presence of Jesus in our lives, so we can celebrate whole-heartedly the coming of our Messiah.

As we start a new week at St. Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the second coming and reflecting at this special time of year.



This Week:

Another busy week at St. Anthony's this week. Thank you to all of you who came and supported our school this week watching our children's fantastic Nativities and at the Christmas disco. Our Year 3 and 4 children sang beautifully at a Carol concert that took place at Saint Joseph's Catholic High School. Our Year 2's finished their topic of The Great Fire of London by setting fire to their models, to show just how devastating the fire was and to remind us about fire safety. We were also treated to a special assembly where we saw lots of different BMX bike tricks and stunts.



We would like to wish all our families a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

We hope you enjoy celebrating with family and friends and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

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

16/12—School Christmas Fair
17/12—End of term Mass
18/12—Christmas dinner and jumper day
19/12—Nursery Christmas workshops
20/12—School finishes 1.30pm

Saint Joseph's

Any parents wishing to apply for a place at Saint Joseph's in September 2020 need to return their Application Form (and Priest's Reference if they attend a place of worship) to Saint Joseph's by the 31st December 2019

Choir and After School Clubs

Choir will be running until the last week of term and will be running both Monday and Tuesday until the O2 event in January.
After school clubs are now available to book for next term.

Bikes and Scooters

Please remember to take home all your bikes and scooters that are brought into school before the Christmas holidays start.

Last day of term

The last day of term is Friday the 20th of December, the children will finish at 1.30pm.

Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:



A Prayer for the week

Prepare a way for us this week, Lord to come to know you better.

Open our eyes so we may recognise your presence, open our minds so we may know and accept you as our Messiah and King.

Open our hearts to receive your unconditional, everlasting love.

We make this prayer in faith-filled anticipation of your Holy Birth.

Amen.



The Book People

With Christmas approaching you may be buying your children books. If you do purchase books via :
www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost
please choose us as your school. For every £10 spent the school will be given £1 to spend



Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday, the children are allowed to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper along with their normal school uniform. This year your £1 donations will be going to ICS (international Citizen Service) Mrs Hardej's niece is working with them in Bangladesh early next year to fight poverty. The children will meet Rozalia in Assembly on Tuesday.



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.

Christmas Fair

Today is our Christmas Fair. This exciting event starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 5.30pm. We have been busy over the weekend sorting and organising your kind donations and the children have been busy making their Christmas crafts for you. We look forward to seeing you all there later.



Local Events

On the 21st of December at 3pm at The Curve in Slough there is a Wizard of Oz craft event.

On the 23rd of December at the Curve at 2pm there is a Christmas card and decoration making event.

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.




St. Anthony's Christmas Fair 2019

Games Raffle Prizes

Candles Arts and Crafts

Tombola Lucky Dip

Decorations 

Nearly New Gifts

Cakes and lots more...

Come and join us for festive cheer on
Monday 16th December
3:30 to 5:30

