

# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter



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In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear from the very first witness of Jesus - John the Baptist. He tells us: 'this is Him, the One I have been talking about, the One who has come to change our lives and the lives of all mankind'. Jesus Christ is God's Chosen One, his 'beloved' as we heard last week, and He was given for us.

In our worship today we are reminding the children that we really should talk about Jesus. Talk about our faith, ask someone if they know Jesus loves them, pray for others who believe as well as those who don't, stand up and allow (and be proud of) Jesus being part of your life. We should all be witnesses.

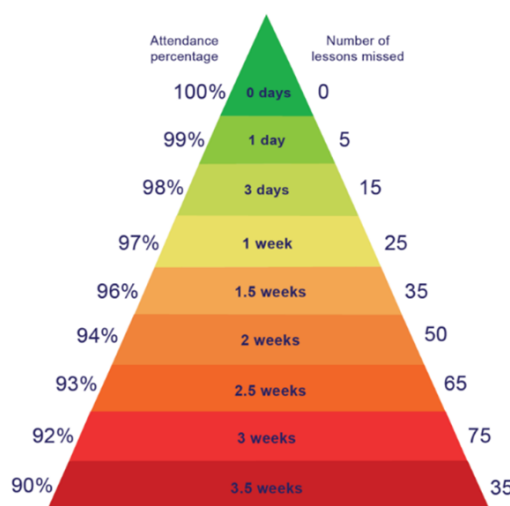
As we start a new week and year at Saint Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of trusting in God and professing our faith in order to help ourselves and others.



### This Week:

Lots has been happening this week in and around Saint Anthony's. After school clubs have started and the choir are sounding very professional whilst preparing for their visit to the O2. You may have noticed that there is some building work going on in our main playground too – with the children's help new play equipment has been chosen and over the next few weeks will be being installed. The children should be able to use it after half term. Mrs Oppé will be hosting her writer of the month tea party on Thursday so the children are busy trying to produce their best work so they can share it with her over a slice of cake! Well done to all those children who had a mufti day on Friday because they joined in on attendance day. It is really important that your children are in school every day so they do not miss out on any learning.

Please keep an eye on the dates section of the Newsletter as there are workshops coming up for different Year groups over the next few weeks.



### The WORD of the Week:

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

'I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.'

Philemon 1:6

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

## Dates

22/01—Year 5 writing workshop  
9.15am  
23/01—Year 4 writing workshop  
9.30am  
2.45pm—Year 2 reading workshop  
29/01—Year 3 reading workshop  
9.30am  
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.

## O2 Tickets

If you have ordered tickets for Young Voices please collect them from the school office. They must be collected by an adult as they have to be signed for.

## Attendance

Please make sure that your children attend school as much as possible and that they are in school by 8.45am. School finishes at 3.30pm and clubs run until 4.30pm Mon-Thurs with the exception of Cookery which finishes at 5pm.

## Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:



## A Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, we believe in You.

We believe You are the Son of God and that you came to bring us salvation.

Help us throughout this week to pray for those who cannot pray or stand up for their faith in You.

May we be proud to know You and have the desire to be a witness, today and every day.

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.



## Welcome!

We would like to welcome Mrs Lowman to our Saint Anthony's family. Mrs Lowman will be working in Reception Noah class for half the week going forward.

## 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.