

# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter



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This Sunday, we celebrated the feast of 'Christ the Universal King'. We ended our liturgical year with this celebration to remind us of the wonder and royalty of Jesus before we begin to reflect on His birth through Advent. In the Gospel, we hear the thief on the cross next to Jesus asking Him to be remembered; in other words, to forgive Him and make Him worthy to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus' instant reaction is one of love and mercy. He simply says: 'Today, you will be with me in paradise'. What a comfort these words must have been to the thief; and they should be a comfort to us too.

In our worship today we are helping the children to see that although the image of the Cross is filled with pain and suffering, it is also painted with hope and the selfless service that Jesus lived for. He came to this world to serve, not to be served, and we are reminded of this every time we look at the Cross.

As we start a new week at St. Anthony's, let us be ever-reminded of the importance of our faith and selfless service.



### This Week:

This week has been very busy at St. Anthony's. Our Year 3 children went on a school trip to London to visit the National Gallery. The children were taken around in groups by a guide and given a special tour and insight into some of the amazing paintings and artists that are on show there. Everyone was very excited when they got back and the teachers looked very tired! Our Year 5/6 boys played a football match this week after school against St. Ethelbert's. They showed true resilience and determination as they brought the score back up to 3-2 after being behind at half-time.



Thank you to everyone for their very kind donation of toilet rolls for the Women's refuge. These were collected this week and were very gratefully received.

Some of our children helped to pack up all your kind donations from Harvest Festival and these were donated to the local Food Bank.



Our Year 6 children have been planting trees this week. We had a delivery of 350 trees so we have decided to do our bit for the environment and try and enhance our playing field and forest school. They went outside despite the weather and learnt all about how to keep the trees alive and look after them.

### The WORD of the Week:

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

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

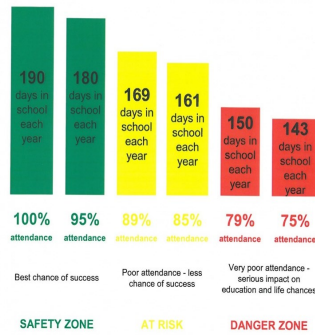
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Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

## Attendance

### GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS.....

being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days



May we remind you that NO holiday will be authorised at any time during term time and 5 days of absence or more will incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

## School Trips

School trips provide a valuable experience for our children and offer them a way to engage with a topic that they are learning in an active way. We can only run school trips if families pay for the trips; if we do not receive the money we will have no option but to cancel trips and activities. Please support our school by paying for trips, so that we can continue to run them for the benefit of all. If you are finding it difficult to pay, please speak to the school office.

## Jewellery

Please remember that jewellery should not be worn at school. Stud earrings are allowed unless your child is participating in P.E. that day.

## Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:



## A Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, During this week, we think and reflect once again on the gift of the Cross and the sacrifice you made for each of us.

Help us to know you as our Servant King – giving your life so that we might know God’s love.

Grant us the courage to serve one another as you asked us to, with faith, hope and love.

Amen.



## Car Park

We are very fortunate that we can use the Church car park at the beginning and end of the day. Please park carefully and show respect to all vehicles left there. Please do not leave valuables on show in your vehicles.



## First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or 4 and you would like them to take their First Holy Communion in 2020, please speak to the Parish team. Your child will need to attend church and complete a form. Please speak with the Catechists any Sunday to find out more information about when classes will start.

## Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place on the 16th of December 3.30-5.30pm. On Christmas decoration day this year, the children are making Christmas decorations to sell at the school Christmas Fair. Please make sure you come along and see the beautiful decorations that the children have made, making sure you snap up the decoration made by your child!



## Local Events

On the 27th of November there is a parent and carer support group for those with Autistic children. This is at The Curve in Slough 10am-12noon.

Also on the 27th, Slough Aspire are holding a breakfast morning for those looking for new job opportunities or changes in careers. This will run 8.30am-10am.

## School Uniform

Please make sure that all uniform worn and brought into school is clearly labelled with your child’s full name. The lost property bunkers are getting full again. Thank you.

## Cake sale

We will be holding a cake sale and coffee morning on the 28th of November in order to raise money for books and resources for our school. Any donations would be greatly received either on the day or day before and we would love to see you there.

## Breakfast club

Breakfast club is open from 8.15am. Children are not to be left on the school site unattended. If children are on site before 8.45am, they must attend Breakfast club or early morning groups.

## Calendar Dates for your diary:

|       |                                 |                  |
|-------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 28/11 | Cake sale                       | 8:15am           |
| 29/11 | Christmas Decoration Day        |                  |
| 03/12 | Year 4 Christmas production     | 2:15pm           |
| 04/12 | Year 4 Christmas production     | 10:00am          |
| 05/12 | Year 3 writing workshop         | 9:00am — 11:00am |
| 06/12 | Non-Uniform Day                 |                  |
| 10/12 | KS2 Reconciliation service      | 11:15am          |
|       | Reception Christmas Production  | 2:15pm           |
| 11/12 | Reception Christmas Production  | 10:00am          |
|       | KS1 Reconciliation Service      | 3:00pm           |
| 12/12 | Y1 Christmas production         | 2:15 pm          |
| 13/12 | Y1 Christmas production         | 10.00am          |
|       | Christmas Family Disco Party    | 6:00pm—8:00pm    |
| 16/12 | School Christmas Fair           | 3:30pm —5:30pm   |
| 17/12 | End of term Mass                |                  |
| 18/12 | Christmas dinner and jumper day |                  |
| 19/12 | Nursery Christmas workshops     |                  |
| 20/12 | School finishes 1.30pm          |                  |

## Cake sale

Our cake sale is tomorrow and already your kind donations have been coming into school. We will do our best to label most cakes however shop bought cakes are usually labelled as may contain traces of nuts, this is fine although we cannot sell any products that blatantly contain nuts, for example Bakewell tarts and Coffee and Walnut cake.

Please do come and join us for coffee and cake tomorrow morning 8.15am-9am. All proceeds will go on books and resources for our school.



## Non-Uniform Day for our Christmas Fair

To help us to prepare for our Christmas Fair, we would like to encourage all children to wear their own clothes on Friday 6th December 2019. We would like children to come with a donation for our fair, ideally with the items listed below. We would also appreciate support from our families on the day to make this a huge success. Krisztina Varga is our PTA lead. Please get in touch with her or the school office to offer help with stalls, making and setting up.

Thank you for your support!



Nursery— Fill a jar

Fill a jar with anything for a stall of sweets, treats, pre-loved items. Ask Miss Knox for ideas!

Reception— Chocolate

for our Chocolate Tombola

Year 1— Stationery for our stationery stall (note pads, fluffy pens/pencils, etc.)

Year 2—Bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, etc)

Year 3— Small items for our lucky dip

Year 4—pre-loved Christmas decorations

Year 5—nearly new items and books

Year 6— Toiletries (body creams, bubble bath, nail polish, etc.)

## 30 Hours Funded Places for Nursery

**From January 2020 we are looking to offer full-day nursery in our setting. Please register your interest by completing a form at the main school office as soon as possible.**

**If you are unsure if you are eligible, please visit the [Childcare Choices website](#), which is a government website that will explain your options.**

**If you require any further information, please speak to the EYFS team.**

**There is a deadline for applying for your 30 hours code via the website.**

**We are also looking to offer extended sessions for those that may not be entitled to 30 hour funding. Please also let us know if this is of interest to you.**

## 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 Boroughs Councils 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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER  
MASS 11.00AM

*An Invitation to*

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Antz Kidz Activity Centre Presents  
**Christmas Craft Event**

14th December 12pm to 3pm  
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**Festive Fun for all the Family**

*Craft Activities for all Ages*

*Card Making*

*Sing along to Carols*

*Free Festive Refreshments*

*Face Painting*

*Flower Arranging*

*Make Unique Ornaments*

*Kids Lucky Dip*

*Special Guests*

*£2 Entry*



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# 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





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"My own children are proud to be part of a fostering family."



Find out more about the generous payments and support we offer.

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\*The quotes used in this graphic come from Slough Children's Services Trust's carers and young people.



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