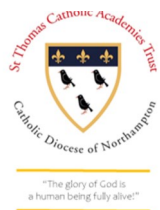


# Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter



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For the third Sunday in a row, Jesus offers us another parable about a vineyard. The image and symbol of the vineyard begins in the first reading today from the Prophet Isaiah. 'The Song of the Vineyard' as it is called tells the story of man who carefully dug the soil, cleared the stones and planted the best vines. He does this in the hope that it will produce the best of grapes. Sadly it produced the sourest of grapes. When Jesus speaks to the chief priests and the elders in the gospel, he re-tells this story knowing well they were familiar with its origin but not its deeper meaning. A man creates a vineyard and rents it to tenants. When the time comes he sends his servants to collect the harvest that is rightly his. However they beat and kill the servants. It is they who have 'destroyed' the vineyard and kept all others out whom they consider unworthy; people such as sinners, the poor, the sick, the tax collectors and the prostitutes. These are the very ones for whom Jesus came with the Good News that they are loved personally and intimately by God. As Jesus says to elders very directly; *'The Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will produce its fruit.'* The same Kingdom of God has been given to each of us today. It is now our responsibility to cultivate it so that it will produce fruits of which the owner, God will be proud and pleased. The danger is that like those in the gospel, we simply 'protect' it believing that it is actually ours – it isn't! It has merely been entrusted to us; we are only the stewards, not the owners. The question that Jesus puts to us this very day is **what are you doing with what has been given to you on loan, the Church which exists to serve the Kingdom of God?**

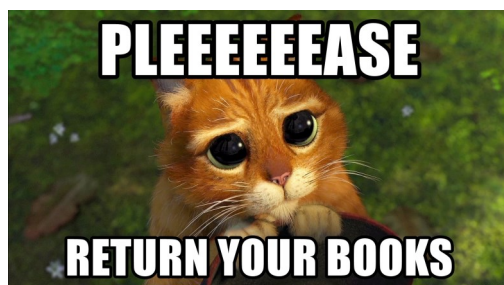


### Update

School will now be open on the 16th of October for all children. As this is Poetry week we are asking the children to come into school dressed as a character from a poem. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children in their costumes! School will finish at normal time (depending on your child's year group) on the 16th.

### Book Amnesty!

Over lockdown and the summer holidays a lot of school reading books seem to have gone missing. Please can you have a look at home and return any school books you find. This would be most appreciated. Please return to your children's class teacher.



### The WORD of the Week:

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

'For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.'

Romans 14:17

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

## Timings

Year group	Start of the day	End of the day
Nursery	Morning- 8.20 Afternoon- 12.15	Morning- 11.30 Afternoon- 3.15
Reception	8.35	2.50
1	9.05	3.20
2	8.15	2.30
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.25	2.40
5	8.45	3.00
6	9.15	3.30

## Slough Services

Although Slough Services are not able to offer support in the normal face to face way, they are still operating and looking at ways they can support you. Please take a look at their website to sign post you to the help that you need.

[www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk](http://www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk)

## Clubs

Clubs have started. There are still some places available. You can sign up via parent pay or via the club holders website. If your child is participating in a club please send them to school in

## Face Masks

We are asking all visitors to the school site to wear a face mask or visor. This includes when parents drop off or pick up during the school day. Please make sure your face covering is covering both your nose and mouth. We want to keep everyone safe during this difficult time.

### HOW TO WEAR A MASK?

Use surgical masks instead of N95 masks.



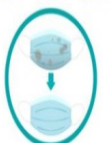
It should COVER YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND CHIN, with the coloured side facing outwards.



PINCH THE METAL EDGE OF THE MASK so that it presses gently on your nose bridge.



Remove a used mask HOLDING ONLY THE EAR LOOPS.



To be effective, CHANGE YOUR MASKS REGULARLY OR IF SOILED OR WET.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER after disposing the soiled mask properly into a bin.



## Prayer for the week

Father, I dedicate this new day to you; as I go about my work. I ask you to bless those with whom I come in contact.

Lord, I pray for all men and women who work to earn their living; give them satisfaction in what they do.

Spirit of God, comfort the unemployed and their families; they are your children and my brothers and sisters. I ask you to help them find work soon.

Amen



## Places

We still have some places in some year groups throughout the school. If you know anyone that is looking at schools in Slough, please ask them to contact the office for more information. There is a link on our twitter page with more information.



## IMPORTANT

School will now be open to all children on Friday 16th of October. As its poetry week we are asking the children to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a poem.



## Growth Mind-set

YOU ARE capable OF SO MUCH more THAN YOU CAN EVEN imagine

## Secondary School Places

All Year 6 parents must visit:

[slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions.aspx...](http://slough.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions.aspx...)

In order to register for their child's Year 7 secondary place. Those families wanting to apply for Saint Joseph's High School, must also ask class teachers for a second

## 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.