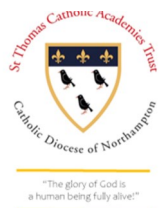


Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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The invitation from Jesus is always **follow me**, and the decision to follow in his footsteps is not one to be taken lightly. Jesus makes this very clear right at the beginning of this Sunday's gospel when he spells out the cost of being his disciple, *'if anyone comes to me without hating their father and mother, wife, children, brothers and sister and even his own life, they cannot be my disciple!'* Jesus tells that we have to work it out for ourselves to see if we have what it takes to live with demands of being his follower. This means that first we have to figure out what being a follower of Jesus will cost us, and then decide whether we have the energy and resources to meet that cost. The cost of being a disciple of Jesus? Everything we have and are! The reward of being a disciple? Everything God has and is!

As we start a new week and term at Saint Anthony's let us offer our whole selves to God, our Father, and trust in him on our journey.



Last Week:

It was fantastic to have all of our lovely Saint Anthony's family back together again this week. The children were clearly very excited to be back and it was obvious that all the staff had missed them! It has been more difficult to plan the academic diary this year as we are planning each week based on the guidance we are given by the government. Please make sure you read all the communications going out weekly so that you do not miss any key dates or events.

Thank you for your continued support in making the school as safe as possible for the children to return. Please continue to keep an eye on Parent Pay for newsletters and updates as we endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible.



The WORD of the Week:

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

'Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.'

Deuteronomy 5:33

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

Welcome!

Mrs Cookson has joined us in Year 3.
Miss Blackwell has joined us in Year 4.
Ms. Ernest has joined us in Year 1 and Little Lambs.
Miss Nasir has joined us in Year 6.
Miss Dhimi has joined as part of the inclusion team.

Clubs

Clubs will start W/C 14-09-20. You will receive a letter this week about availability and information on how to pay. Please note that clubs are operated on a first come first serve basis.

Breakfast Club/ Holding club

There are a limited amount of places for breakfast club and holding club which operates until 3.30pm. Please sign up if you need to via parent pay.

Macmillan

Unfortunately this year we cannot hold our usual coffee and cake morning. Instead we are asking that the children come in wearing one colourful item and make a donation to the Macmillan charity. This can be done via 'Parent Pay' or in a sealed envelope. The children could wear colour socks, a t-shirt, tights, shorts etc along with their normal school uniform. This event will take place **Friday 18th September**.



Prayer for the week

Dear Lord,
We ask that you be present in this space. Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new term make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use. May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be place in your hands.

We thank you, Lord.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord,
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.

@saintanthonysslough



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.



Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week

is: *Gratitude helps you see what's there instead of what isn't*

www.thecraftygraffy.com

Staying Safe

Please make sure when you are on school site you are maintaining social distancing to minimise the risk of the virus spreading.

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.