Saint Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter



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For the second Sunday in a row, Jesus speaks to and teaches us through a parable. The point and truth of a parable is not based on whether it is true or really happened. The purpose of a parable is that we learn something about the reality of Kingdom of God and our own personal response to Jesus' invitation to be his disciple today. A man has two sons. He asks the first one to go to the vineyard to work. His immediate response is a very definite no! But for some reason, which we do not know, he later changes his mind and does in fact go the vineyard. On being asked, the second son politely agrees to his father's request, but in fact does not do what he was asked; he does not go to the vineyard. As is often the case, Jesus is telling this parable to the chief priest and the elders who had a habit of saying one thing and doing the very opposite! Jesus asks them, 'Which of the two did the fathers will?' Correctly they answer, 'The first.' Not content with their response, Jesus confronts them with these words of warning, '...tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you.' This short parable asks us to be like the first son; he not only changed his mind, he also had a change of heart. As we try our best in our ordinary daily lives to follow Jesus, we are called to make decisions and choices that will help us to follow him. Are we like the second son; are we all talk, saying

Last Week:

Our children in KS2 are coming to the end of their online learning unit with Mrs C! I have been popping into classrooms, observing and joining in these fun lessons and the results have been fantastic! Our school even got a mention during one lesson! If you want to have a look at some of the work the children have produced please look on our Twitter feed. Some of the lessons are available online to watch, if you wanted to have a closer look yourself.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCuaq74gHBALPcb1nbJ1EF2Q

the rights words but doing the opposite or are we like the first son who on reflection had a change of heart

and did the right thing? The choice every day in countless small ways is ours to make.







Year 1 have been learning about their bodies. They drew around each other using chalk in the playground and then labelled their bodies. The children discussed what parts of their bodies are on the outside such as our legs and arms and also discussed what they have inside their bodies such as our heart and our lungs.

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

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

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

Thank you to everyone that donated to Macmillan on our charity day on Friday. If you would still like to make a donation then please do so via parent pay.



New challenge?

Our trust is looking for a new Finance assistant. If you are interested please use the link below for more information.

https://www.mynewterm.com/school/St-Thomas-Catholic-Academies-Trust/320797/EDV-2020-STCAT-66193/Trust-Finance-Assistant



Prayer for the week

Thank you God for yet another day.

Help me to live in line with your Word. Show me who I can help today.

Let this person feel your love though my actions. Let them experience your presence.

My mind, ears, and eyes will stay open to receive your direction all the day long.

Let me pass your blessing to another person today.



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

Clubs

Clubs started last week. 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

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.

@saintanthonyslough

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.



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)
- 2 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)
- 2 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.