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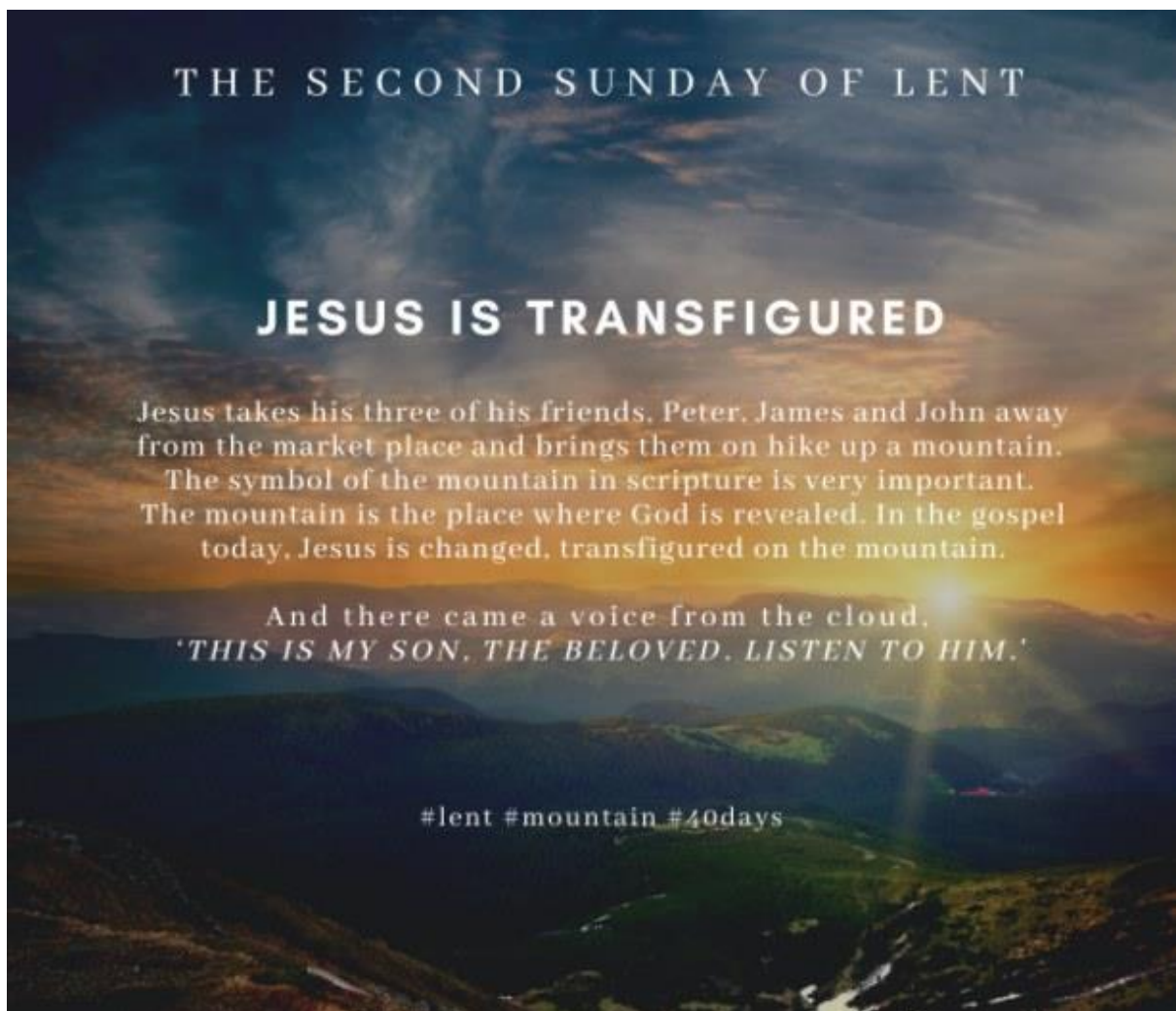


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Gospel Reflection. Sunday 7th March. 3rd Sunday of Lent



John 2:13-25 **JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE COURTS**

In our Gospel last Sunday we heard a familiar Gospel reading, where Jesus showed his human side and got angry and frustrated with people using God's House as a place for selling offerings and money-changers, rather than a place of prayer and devotion. The question was why he should have the authority to force the market sellers to leave, but he refers to the Temple as, 'My Father's House', giving us a clearer understanding of why he is so upset.

Jesus saw something that he felt was wrong and he stood up for what he believed was right. We can learn from this too; if we see something that is unfair and unjust, Jesus would want us to stand up for fairness. As we prepare throughout Lent, we should remember the Lenten promises that we have made and try to help others in this time. It is all our responsibility to make the world a fair and just place. This week, the children have been talking about Fair Trade in our reflection, and about the CAFOD Lent Appeal. You will be aware that we are raising money for CAFOD this Lent, to support those around the world who do not have access to clean, safe water.

As we have seen our cherished pupils at St. Anthony's return this week, nothing has been more evident and palpable in our halls than the feeling of community, love and friendship.

Our First Week Back!



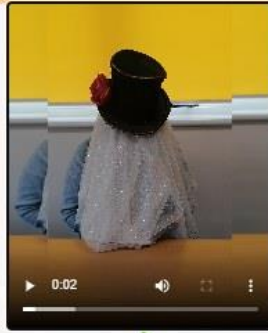
It has been a delight to have the children back to school this week. They have been very excited to see their friends and teachers, and it has been a joy to talk to them all about their experiences and their hopes now that we are back together.

We had a wonderful themed week based on 'Spring' across the school, where children planted seeds and observed nature. We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, where children had the opportunity to dress up and talk about their favourite books. At St. Anthony's we LOVE reading and are thrilled to see such enthusiasm for reading and story-telling.

World Book Day

The Masked Reader Quiz

Masked Reader 1



Click to find out who it is.



1 - Can you guess who our mystery reader is?!

Masked Reader 6



2 - How about this one?!

World Book Day Pictures



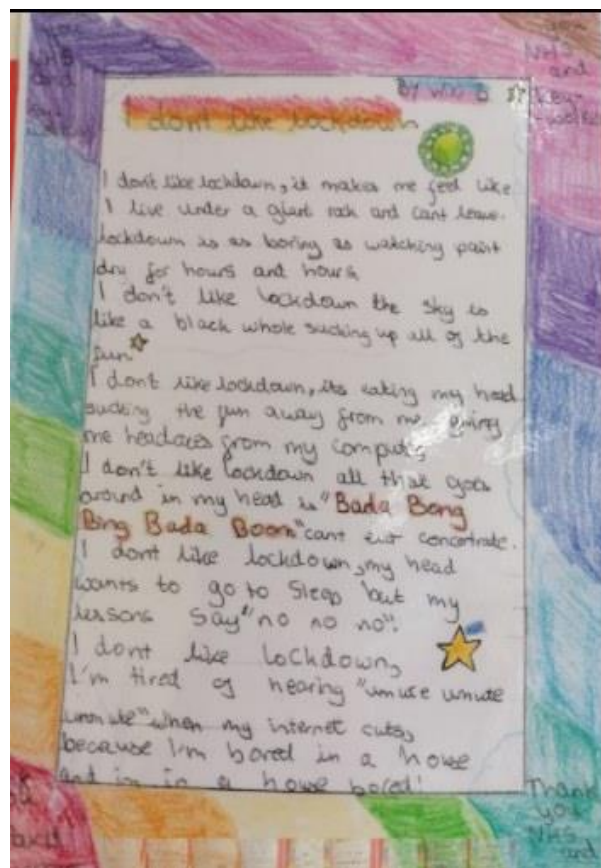
3 - Our teachers love dressing up for World Book Day too!



4 - Lots of our children loved dressing up!



Some wonderful examples of our work



5 - What fantastic work our children have been producing this week!

Word of the week



The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:31

Nursery



Now is the time to apply for Nursery spaces. Our Nursery is thriving and we have an excellent team of dedicated staff. We have spaces for 30 hours and are exploring our options for two year-old spaces. Please contact the school office for more information, or to express your interest for two-year old spaces. .

Messages and Reminders



Wonderful News!

I am happy to report the Mrs Costelloe had a beautiful baby boy on 4th March and they have named him Ernest. We wish Mrs Costelloe, her husband and beautiful baby Ernest lots of love and prayers from everyone at St. Anthony's!

#feedbackFriday

We would love to hear your feedback! It is so nice to talk to you on the gate and hear positive feedback about the online learning. Please email:

catchup@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk

With feedback and messages for our school, children, learning and community and it will be shared via Twitter on feedback Friday!

Parent's Evening

Parent's evening will take place the week of 22nd March 2021. There will be two slots per year group on different days and these meetings will be held virtually again, as before. Booking will open at 12:00pm on Monday 15th March. Please keep an eye on communication about this being live!

A reminder about drop off in the morning

Clarification to all about drop off in the morning

Breakfast club - please drop off at 8:15 at the Stafford Avenue gate - except if you are YEAR 2, you will go through the front gate, as normal

Eden – Please drop off at the front gate at 8:15

Nursery – bring children to the Church gate and exit through the same gate

Children with siblings to be dropped off at the earliest time

Its good to talk!

Times are hard for lots of us at the moment and there is no harm in admitting that and asking for help. Talking Therapies is a free NHS service here to support the residents of Berkshire aged 17+ who may be struggling with difficulties including: low mood, anxiety and stress at this unprecedented time.

If you are in need of support you can call the Talking Therapies admin team on 0300 365 2000, alternatively you can [Sign Up](#) via their website referral form.

Lenten Appeal

Our lovely staff are joining CAFOD Walk for water for our Lenten appeal. If you would like to sponsor them please do using the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-anthonys-walk-for-water>

Free Courses and Online Help

C3746327 - Support your child with Maths KS2

26/02/2021 - 12/03/2021

Fri 09:30am-11:00am

FREE

<http://bit.ly/2WcT4Dd>

C3746134 - Introduction to autism

22/02/2021 - 29/03/2021

Mon 11:30am-1:00pm

FREE

<https://bit.ly/3pcaXiO>

C3746036 - Supporting your child's reading & writing

23/02/2021 - 16/03/2021

Tue 09:30am-11:30am

FREE

<https://bit.ly/35iPuwR>

C3746094 - Managing stress and anxiety in children

24/02/2021 - 31/03/2021

Wed 09:30am-11:00am

FREE

<https://bit.ly/36BH2lc>

Lunch Boxes

At Saint Anthony's we promote a healthy living and eating life style for all our children. The children learn all about what foods to eat in order to get the best out of our bodies and brains and become the best learners we can be. We would really appreciate the support from home in also promoting this message. Please do not put chocolate and high sugar/salt products in your children's lunch boxes. For some ideas and guidance please see the website and posters below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Songwriting Competition



For 20 years now St Anthony's has been wowing the world with our amazing **Yr 5 Operast** (well, our teachers and parents anyway!)

Here's a chance to showcase the wonderful songwriting talents of our pupils so all you budding composers have a go!

Song Academy
The Young Songwriters Competition 2021
Age 8 - 12 yrs



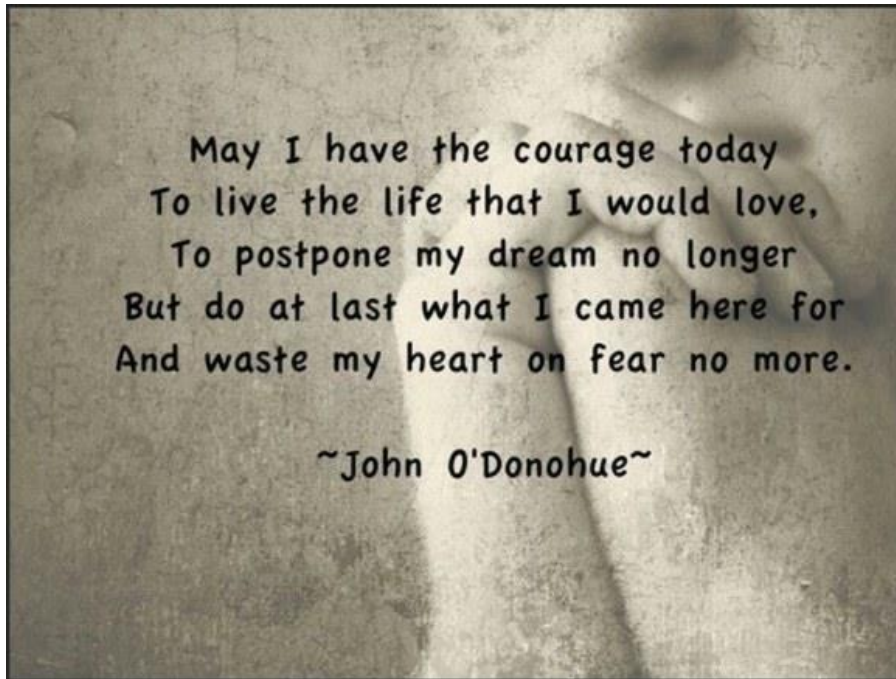
Open for entries until **31st March 2021**

For inspiration, tips on songwriting and how to enter check out this website:

songacademy.co.uk/SAYS21

Prayer for the week





Contact Us

We always welcome your feedback and hope we can answer any questions you may have. Although the office is currently closed, we will still answer emails and phone calls.

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