

St Anthony's Newsletter

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A message from Mrs Hawthorne



The start of the new school year has been wonderful, with the children excited to be back at school, meeting their friends and getting to know their new class teachers. Welcome to our new families and children – we hope that you will be very happy at St Anthony's.

We also welcome Miss Fishco (Year 1), Mr Boyle (Years 3 and 4) and Ms Abbas (Year 5) to the school's teaching team. They are joined by

Mrs Kokavesi and Miss Williams who are supporting the teaching and learning in our Nursery.

Despite the children only returning on Tuesday, I have met some lovely children who have shared their learning with me. The children are clearly very proud to be part of the family of St Anthony's and it is always a joy to hear them talk about their school day and share work that they excited about.

On Thursday, Fr Gerry celebrated a start of term mass with the children. This was a moving service with prayers that were specially written and read by the children.

Friday was an exciting day with the announcement of our Young Leaders. Congratulations to Charlie and Manny (Head Girl and Head Boy); Asha and Gabriel M. (deputies); Tia, Patrick, Aine, Jack, Raya and Opeoluwa who are our prefects.

Finally, I too, have received an incredibly warm welcome, from the whole school community and I feel very privileged to have been appointed by the governors of St Anthony's as the head teacher. I look forward to getting to know you over the forthcoming weeks.

Next week we have the curriculum evenings for Years 5 and 6 (on Wednesday), with Year 3 and 4 on Thursday. This is an opportunity to hear from the school's leadership team, meet new class teachers and find out about your child's curriculum for the forthcoming year.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Joanne Hawthorne

Young Leaders



Congratulations to the young leaders in Year 6 who received their badges in assembly this morning (Head and Deputy Head Girl and Boy, prefects).

Parents' Meetings

Each Phase will be offering parents the opportunity to meet staff and find out more about the curriculum being taught in their child's year. The meetings will be from 6.30pm-7.30pm on the following days:

Wed 12/09/18 Years 5 and 6
Thurs 13/09/18 Years 3 and 4
Wed 19/09/18 Years 1 and 2
Thurs 20/09/18 Reception
Thurs 27/09/18 Nursery

New Website

Have you seen our school's new look website yet? It is well worth a look. There are few changes still to be made but we think you will find it much easier to navigate.

www.stanthonysprimary.co.uk

Secondary Transfer Meeting

Years 5 and 6 parents are invited to a meeting to meet representatives from Catholic Secondary Schools on Wednesday 26/09/18 at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Faith Life

- ♦ Fr Gerry celebrated Mass in school on Thursday to mark the start of the school year; it was a very joyful and spiritual occasion
- ♦ St George's Class will join the parish for Mass in St Thomas More Church next Tuesday at 09:30.
- ♦ Fr Joe is currently on holiday
- ♦ Prayer for the week:

The School Creed

*This is our School
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here, love of one another,
Love of mankind, love of life itself, and love of God.
Let us remember that as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school.*

Bassistry



We had a musical Friday this week when all children (and staff) got involved in singing and dancing with our old friends, Bassistry (do you recognise the drummer?).

Childminder Required

One of our families is looking for a childminder to help with pick-ups and some early mornings. The sooner they can start the better. Please contact the school office if you can help.

Scout carefully!

Children are not to scout/cycle once they have entered the school gates. There are lots of people about at the start and end the day and we need to keep everybody safe.

School Gates opening

The school gates will open at the end of the day at 3.25pm to avoid crowding. The school day, however, will still finish at 3.30pm.

Pencil Cases

Children in Years 3 to 6 are permitted to bring a simple pencil case to school. They should be kept in children's bags until needed. Note, the school has all necessary stationery so pencil cases are not a requirement.

Governor Vacancy

There will be vacancies for two parent governors in the autumn term. If you are interested in becoming a governor of our school, or simply wish to know more about the role of governors, the National Governance Organisation has a lot of information (www.nga.org.uk).

Music Tuition

If your child would like to learn an instrument (trumpet, guitar, piano, recorder or violin) or learn music theory, the contact details for the tutors are available from the school office. Lessons are during the school day. Be aware that there are waiting lists for some instruments.

Some dates for your diary

Wed 26/09/18 Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6 parents

October = Black History Month

Thurs 04/10/18	Harvest Liturgy
Thurs 01/11/18	All saints' Day Mass in school
w/c 12/11/18	Anti Bullying Week
Wed 14/11/18	Parents' Evening
Thurs 15/11/18	Parents' Evening

Puzzle Corner (a challenge from Mr Croft)

A caterpillar and a frog are racing along a pavement. The caterpillar moves steadily and covers four squares of pavement every thirty seconds. The frog takes one-second jumps, covering a whole square with each leap, but has to rest for six seconds between jumps. At the end of two minutes, who is winning and by how many squares?



(Please do not try to solve this with real caterpillars and frogs!)

Answers may be sent to Mr Croft.