

St Anthony's Newsletter

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A message from Mrs Hawthorne

It is hard to believe we have reached half term and now have seven weeks of the school year under our belts. It has been wonderful to see our school community achieve so much through all the great learning opportunities they have had, not least the many trips our children make to places of interest. We could only take children out, however, with the support of parents who volunteer to help, and we are very grateful for this. Whether it is a local visit to the church or the park, or further afield to museums and sporting events, these opportunities greatly enrich children's learning.

Personally speaking, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term at St Anthony's. The children are a credit to their parents and have amazing potential.

Have a good half term break!

Joanne Hawthorne

Snakes!



Paul Newham visited Year 2 this week to talk about his collection of exotic animals (he has lots of snakes, millipedes and spiders). In this picture some children are holding a huge python!

School Uniform

After the break, children will be in winter uniform (white shirt, grey skirt/trousers, school tie, school jumper, grey socks, black shoes). See our website for a full list and details of the supplier.

St Anthony's rucksacks or bookbags are part of the uniform and children should be bringing these to school rather than multi-coloured variants.



Lord (Peter) Hain will be visiting school on Wednesday 31st October to talk about Nelson Mandela. Signed copies of his book will be available at 30% discount (£7). Please contact the office to reserve a copy.



Where's mummy?

Year 4 visited the Horniman museum this week to find out about the Egyptians. The young historians handled real artefacts and managed to solve a few mysteries about the death rituals of the pharaohs.

Faith Life

- ♦ The Wednesday Word this week is **GREATNESS**
- ♦ There will be Mass in school at 9.15am on Thursday 1st November (All Saints' Day)
- ♦ Prayer for the week:

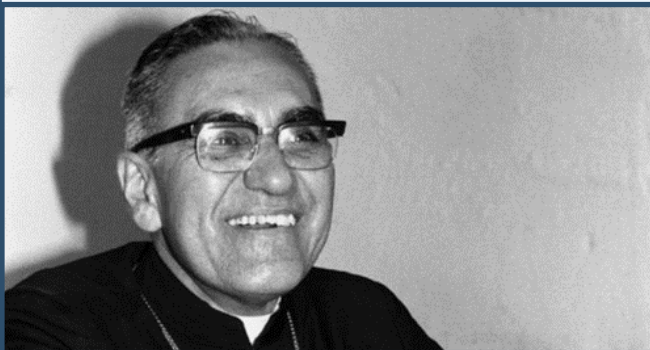
A guiding light

Lord Jesus,
We give thanks for the life of
Saint Oscar Romero
who spread your message
and struggled against injustice in El Salvador.

Like you,
he was a shepherd, a pastor, a brother;
Like you, he was taken from us;
Like you, he remains in our hearts.

Spirit of hope, work within us,
just as you worked
in Saint Oscar Romero,
so that we too may work for justice
and spread the Good News,
by living out the Gospel,
in solidarity with those living in poverty.

Amen.



St Oscar Romero, canonised 14th October 2018

Puzzle Corner

$$+ \quad ? \quad - \quad ? \quad = \quad ?$$

Use the same number three times, with addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x) or division (÷) signs to make exactly thirty. How many different ways can you find?

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November—the month of Remembrance



The 1st November is the feast of All Saints and is a suitable way to mark the beginning of the month of Remembrance. We will be marking the day with Mass and activities on the theme of Remembrance. There will be a book of Remembrance in the hall for anyone to add to and there will be an act of remembrance on Friday 9th November to mark 100 years since the Armistice. Poppies will be available when we return from the half term break.

FOSTAS News

Last weeks cake sale raised a healthy £375.25, thank you to everyone who baked and brought cakes. We received lots of great gifts this morning for the Christmas present shop a big thank you to parents and carers for your contribution. Remember the FOSTAS **Christmas Fair is on Saturday 1st December 12-3pm.**

It's a girl!

Congratulations to Deborah and Doren on the birth this week of their baby sister, Dael.
Our good wishes go to the whole family.

Parents' Evenings—Online Booking System

Parents' Evenings will be on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th November.** Look out for our online booking system which will be trialled the first week back after the break.



Half Term Activity

As part of the Peckham Townscape Heritage Initiative, Southwark Council has produced a document titled **Peckham Heritage Trail—a walk for Families.**

The map is available from Peckham Library or can be downloaded from this site: <https://wp.me/p8aa5a-su>

If you go on the trail then take some pictures and send them to us by email. We would love to see them.

RIP

Sadly Miss Brand's father died this week. Miss Brand is our regular pianist and plays for all our masses and productions. We ask you to keep Miss Brand and her father in your prayers.

May he rest in peace.