



St Anthony's Newsletter

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Welcome Lord Hain



On Wednesday Lord (Peter) Hain visited St Anthony's to talk to the children about growing up in South Africa under Apartheid. He and his family were actively involved in the struggle against this racist policy and they were very close to Nelson Mandela.

After assembly he spent a long time with our school council talking in greater depth about human rights.

We are grateful to Nyria's (Year 2) dad for making this possible.

If you would like to buy a signed copy of Peter's book, *Mandela: His Essential Life* you can do so through the school office until Friday 16th November. The cost is £7 for parents (RRP £10) and you can request a written dedication.

St Thomas More Parish News

First Communion Registration

Registration for First Communion classes will be in school tomorrow at 10.30am. Children should be in Year 3 or above.

Reference Signing Surgeries

Fr Gerry will be available to sign references for Nursery/ Reception admissions on Thursday 15th November 4-6pm and Saturday 17th November 10.30-11.30am. This will be in the John Paul Centre (behind St Thomas More Church)

Youth Club

There is a new youth club starting at the John Paul Centre for years 5-7, running the first and third Friday of the month 7-8.30pm. The club has been set up by a group of parents. There will be a session this evening.

School Communication

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience as we strive to improve the school's communication systems. The recent online parents' evening system has identified that we may have information that needs streamlining and checking. Over the forthcoming weeks, we will be asking all parents to pop into the school office and check the information that we have on our system – ensuring emergency contacts' information, your key information and spellings / telephone numbers.

In improving our communication links, I ask that all parents sign up to <https://www.classlist.com>

Mrs Hawthorne

Uniform

Children must be dressed in winter uniform for the rest of this term. Please do not send your child to school in a yellow polo shirt.

Monumental Manners



As part of their learning about the Great Fire of London, our Year 2 children visited The Monument (London Bridge) this week and climbed all 311 steps to the top! In addition to this monumental effort (sorry!), the children were also praised by a member of the public for their excellent behaviour. Well done Year 2!

Faith Life

- ♦ The Wednesday Word this week is **LOVE**
- ♦ St George's Class will be joining the parishioners for Mass at St Thomas More Church next Tuesday at 9.30am
- ♦ Fr Gerry celebrated Mass in school this week on the feast of All Saints
- ♦ The children had a 'pens down' day on Thursday and spent time exploring the theme of **remembrance**
- ♦ Fr Joe had lunch with the children on Friday this week and on Wednesday he helped Reception children understand more about Baptism (they visited St Thomas More and 'baptised' their own dolls)
- ♦ Next week Year 5 will go across to the Church to find out more about the marriage ceremony (thanks again Fr Joe)
- ♦ Next Friday's assembly will be led by St George's class

Prayer for the week

GOD OF HOLINESS, YOUR GLORY IS
PROCLAIMED IN EVERY AGE;
AS WE REJOICE IN THE FAITH OF YOUR SAINTS,
INSPIRE US TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE WITH
BOLDNESS AND JOY;
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN.

RIP

We are sorry to hear that Clem (Year2) and Daniel's (Year 3) grandad, Tom, died during the half term. Tom lived in Australia but visited Nursery and Reception when he was here to talk about Australian animals.

We are also sorry to hear that Jasper's (Year 3) grandad also died recently.

Our prayers and sympathy go to both families.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

Puzzle Corner

Round the trunk of an ancient oak tree is a circular seat where the village elders meet on summer evenings. There is seating for nine of them. Upon how many evenings may the same nine people meet and seat themselves so that each one has different neighbours?

FOSTAS News

Halloween Sweets: if your child has far too many and you are worried about their next dentist visit why not put some into a **Christmas Sweet Jar** for the school fair. All you need to do is fill it and decorate it; the best one gets a great prize and the class with the most jars will win a special prize. We are collecting jars from now: just hand them into the office. There will be a Sweet Jar decorating workshop on Thursday 8th November and Friday 23rd November in the small hall from 8.30am – 8.50am. Come along with your sweets and jars and we will help you decorate them.

Design your own Christmas Card Today your child will bring home a template and some instructions to design their own Christmas card. Please return their completed card by Friday 9th November (with their name, age and class included) either to the office or to their class teacher. Each card will be professionally printed and you will receive a sample copy of the finished card. You will then have the opportunity to buy packets of your child's printed cards ready for early December. FOSTAS receives valuable funds from the sale of each pack of cards, so we look forward to seeing some amazing Christmas designs. Thank you for supporting this project.

Calendar FOSTAS are currently creating a wonderful calendar for 2018/2019 with some key dates for the school year. It will be on sale by the mid to end of November.

Charity

Trinity (Year 3) was awarded this certificate for her work as a Chabskids Model. Chabskids raise money through fashion shows for a charity called Cancel Cancer Africa. Her sash reads, CCA AMBASSADOR. Well done Trinity!



Year 5 visited the **Dulwich Picture Gallery** this week as part of an ongoing project on identity. It is wonderful for our budding artists to get experiences like this.