

St Anthony's Newsletter

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Reception visited Dulwich Woods this week to collect leaves and twigs. They will be building bug hotels in the school grounds to help our local wildlife find shelter for the winter.

Safeguarding: online safety

We have revised our online safety policy, which is available to view on our website. Included with it is guidance for parents who wish to film or photograph school events (images are not to be shared publicly).

We will shortly be sending home Acceptable Use Policies for children to read and sign. These are designed to keep children safe online. Staff, governors and visitors to school will also be signing up to Acceptable Use Policies. You can also view these on our website.

PSHE (Health)



Every child in our school had the opportunity to learn more about making healthy choices when the Coram Life Bus visited this week. The organiser, Sarah Greenwood, was very impressed with our children: "What a fabulous visit it has been, even with the wet weather! The classes have been wonderful. Excellent higher order thinking, exemplary behaviour and great knowledge. They have been a pleasure to teach."

Thanks to Fr Gerry for allowing use of the church carpark and the facilities in the John Paul Centre.

Athletics

A group of year 5 and 6 children took part in an inter schools athletics event at Harris Girls Academy, East Dulwich, this week. There were many different running races and jumping and throwing contests. Our contribution was recognised with a teamwork certificate for "treating everyone equally, supporting each other and working together to have fun and achieve; for celebrating each other's success and being positive team players."



Road Safety

This week is National Road safety Week and Reception children went outside with Vivienne Harris from Southwark Council to find out more about road safety. Vivienne has been coming to talk about road safety at St Anthony's for many years. She is one of the lead road safety officers on the borough.



Key Dates

With the end of term only four weeks away, there are several events now coming up on the school calendar. Please make a note of these and know you are welcome to come along to any that involve your children (except Christmas lunch!)

- Friday 30th November: Mufti Day (bring a bottle for the bottle stall and wear a Christmas jumper!)
- <u>Saturday 1st December</u>: School Christmas Fair, 12.00-3pm
- <u>Tuesday 4th December 2pm</u>: Advent Carol Service at St George's Cathedral (St Peter's class)
- <u>Tuesday 11th December 9.30am & 2.15pm</u> Infant Nativity Play (in school)
- Wednesday 12th December 11.00am Nursery carols
- Wednesday 19th December: Christmas lunch
- Thursday 20th December 2.15pm: Carol Service in St Thomas More Church
- Friday 21st December 2pm: END OF TERM



Faith Life

- ♦ The Wednesday Word this week is **LEADER**
- This Sunday is Christ the King, the last Sunday in the Church year
- Fr Joe had lunch with the children and visited nursery and reception today
- November is the month of remembrance and a Book of Remembrance is currently going round the classes; we will take the book to Mass in St Thomas More Church on Tuesday and place it on the altar with the remembrance intentions of parishioners
- ♦ This Sunday's Gospel is from John 18: 33-37
- St John's's Class will be joining the parishioners for Mass at St Thomas More Church next Tuesday at 9.30am (Gospel Luke 21: 5-11 Take care not to be misled about the end of the world)
- ♦ Next Friday's assembly will be led by <u>St Peter's Class</u>
- ◆ The Chaplaincy Team has increased in size and will soon be more active in bringing the Gospel to our school community; it meets regularly with Fr Joe and will resume reading prayers in assembly next week

Prayer for the week:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Taken from the Anglican collect prayer for they Feast of Christ the King. It is this prayer that gives this Sunday the title 'Stir-up Sunday' and is traditional day to make Christmas puddings!

St Thomas More Parish News

Parish Advent Service – Sunday 2 December at 3pm. Readings, hymns and prayers to mark the beginning of Advent

New parish email

dulwich@rcaos.org.uk

Music Maestri!

Congratulations to Oscar (Year 4) and Henry (Reception) who played in a little concert at Pushkin House in Mayfair last Saturday.

It is always great to hear of our children's achievements outside school.



FOSTAS news

Only a week to go before the Christmas Fair, please keep bringing in your sold <u>RAFFLE TICKETS</u> stubs and money to the office. There are some great prizes so please sell tickets to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

SWEET JARS

We made some lovely jars at the two workshops, but we still need more as we don't want to have any disappointed children at the fair, so keep decorating your jars, there is a great prize for the winner.

Bottle Mufti Friday 30th November

Next Friday everyone can wear a Christmas jumper or a festive outfit to school in exchange for a bottle for the Tom-bola, (wine, spirits or tasty non-alcohol beverages).

The Christmas Fair is great fun and gets the whole school community together as well as raising needed funds for the extra activities and equipment for our school.

Our very own <u>SCHOOL CALENDAR</u> goes on sale on Monday. Photographed, designed and produced by our wonderful parents, the calendar includes great pictures of the children with their year teacher and their class mates, as well as important dates in the school year. The calendars are £8 (only exact money please) and can be brought from the school office.



Christmas Fair Saturday 1st December



Eva Schloss



Next week we will be welcoming an old friend back to St Anthony's. Eva Schloss, who was interned in Auschwitz and whose mother, after the War, married Otto Frank (father of Ann Frank) will be here to talk to the Year 3 children about her experience of the Holocaust. If children want to buy a signed copy of one of her books please leave an order with the school office. Her books are Eva's Story (£6) and The Promise (£5). Money should be in an envelope the child's name, class and any dedication message written on it (by Tuesday please).

Puzzle Corner

What do the letters stand for?

S E N D <u>M O R E</u> + M O N E Y