



# St Anthony's Newsletter

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## Nativity



This week, Year 1 and 2 children performed a beautiful telling of the Nativity Story. The play, **Jump if you love Christmas**, was written and composed by Sheila Wilson. The children impressed everyone with their ability to remember lines, act on a stage and sing songs clearly and confidently. The story took us from the Annunciation to the visits of the shepherds and the Magi, with children playing the roles of all the main characters, including donkeys, mice and flossing cows!

*Above: the Three Wise Men wait with a mouse for a star to lead them to Bethlehem*

## Parking

If you drop-off and collect children on Etherow Street, you must park considerately and be aware of not blocking drives, not stopping on the zig-zags and not blocking the dropped kerbs.

We know it is cold and you want to get children in and out as quickly as possible but safety must come first.

## Wear a Christmas Jumper

On Wednesday next week, children will be having Christmas Lunch. They may wear a Christmas jumper for the day to help create a festive atmosphere!



## Safeguarding:

Children in Years 4 to 6 had a special assembly today about **online safety**. Ollie Barron from Parentzone visited school to talk about online resilience encouraged children to share their online life with their parents. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6, ask them about today's special assembly and what they learned? [ntzone.org.uk](http://ntzone.org.uk)

## Imperial War Museum

Year 3's history topic this half term is The Second World War. This week they visited the Imperial War Museum to find out more about what life was like for families during the war.

They used the artefacts at the museum to find out about rationing, air raids and having to carry a gas mask.

In the picture, children are standing under a pair of 15 inch naval guns that were used on ships during the War.



## British Library



Year 6 visited the British Library this week to support their geography topic on maps. Whilst there they saw the largest atlas in the world, the **Klencke Atlas**. It was presented to King Charles II in

1660 and is 1.78m tall and 1.05m wide. It takes six people to lift it!

## Record Breaking Book Fair!

This month's Scholastic Book Fair was our best ever with total sales of **£1,168.61**. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported the fair.

The commission on the fair was 100% and this was shared out amongst all the classes so every class was able to choose a number of books to replenish stock in their book corners.

Thanks to Mrs Slade for organising the Book Fair and to all staff who helped to run it while it was here.

## Key Dates

- **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 **PREPARATION**
- ♦ This Sunday is the **third Sunday of Advent**; the Gospel is from **Luke 3:1-6** *Prepare a way for the Lord*
- ♦ **Fr Joe** visited today: he ate with the children, met the chaplaincy team then called in on nursery and Reception

Prayer for the week:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7 (the second reading for this coming Sunday, Gaudete Sunday)



*An Advent Tree in St Bernadette's Class; all children have made advent promises and hung them on an Advent Tree in their classrooms.*

## St Thomas More parish news

Parish Carol Service will be this Sunday at 3pm

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service – Monday 17 December at 7.30pm

New parish email: [dulwich@rcaos.org](mailto:dulwich@rcaos.org)

## FOSTAS news

We are looking for new leaders for FOSTAS as the current chairs, Keziah and Catherine, will be stepping down in July 2019.

Keziah and Catherine have been jointly managing the running of FOSTAS for 5 years and in that time, the group has raised tens of thousands of pounds and organised numerous fun social events to encourage cohesion amongst the school community.

It has been a richly rewarding experience for them and now it is time to pass on the baton to newer parents in our community. If you, or someone you know would like to find out more about the role of chairperson, please chat to Keziah, Catherine or Mrs Hawthorne. Both Keziah and Catherine will still be at school for a few more years and are happy to pass on their knowledge and advise the new chairs.

## Crossing Patrol



Please note Naomi, or crossing patrol officer ('lollipop -ady') will be away on Monday 17th December. Take extra care when crossing the road and remember, on Etherow St, cyclists can travel both ways.

## Nathan helps out

Nathan from St Peter's class spent a few hours at Tesco Old Kent road on Saturday giving out pamphlets and collecting money for Southwark Food Bank.

Shoppers could donate tins, jars, boxes of food that then goes to people in need.



## Puzzle Corner

How many squares can you see?

