



St Anthony's Newsletter



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The school Carol Service in St Thomas More church was a wonderful occasion when the whole school community came together under one roof to rejoice in the birth of Our Lord. We were joined by parents and grandparents, governors and parishioners. The service included scripture readings, poetry, carols and some excellent acting from the Reception children. Fr the Gerry led us all in prayer at the end and the service concluded with a rousing 'O come, all ye faithful'.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful term and the children continue to make us all proud. The Carol Service on Thursday helped us to share the Christmas message and I am very grateful to the staff and children who helped it to be such a success. I know that many of you were moved by the children's tableau and beautiful singing – it certainly gave us all a chance to reflect on the importance of our faith at this special time of year.

As we close the school for the Christmas holiday, I would like to thank you, the staff and the children for an amazing first term at St Anthony's. St Anthony's is a very special community and I have had the opportunity, each day, to witness the beautiful relationships that the children have with each other. Thank you also for your continued support of the school and of the team. We are overwhelmed by your generosity, your cards and your gifts!

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas whether travelling afar or remaining at home. Safe journeys and have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 7th January.

God bless.

Joanne Hawthorne

Thank you Ms Doyle

The school said a fond farewell to Ms Doyle today. All children made cards for her and they were given to her during assembly. Staff and parents had collected for gifts and the governors presented her with a beautiful missal.

Ms Doyle has been a teacher in our school for 23 years and has taught all ages. She will be missed by children and colleagues alike and we wish her every success in her new endeavours.



Monday 7th January 2019

START OF TERM



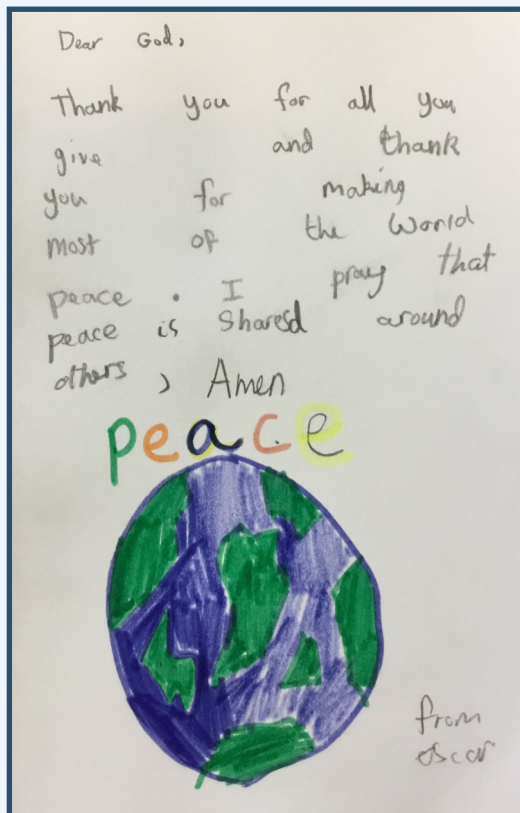
Please note: there will be no swimming the first week back



Faith Life

- ◆ The Wednesday Word this week is **VISITORY**
- ◆ This Sunday is the **fourth Sunday of Advent**; the Gospel is from **Luke 1:39-44** *Mary greets Elizabeth and Elizabeth declares, "Blessed are of all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*
- ◆ **The Chaplaincy Team** have started reading prayers and intercessions during Monday assembly, they will happily include any personal petitions in their prayers
- ◆ **Fr Joe** joined us for Christmas lunch this week, helping with the serving and clearing before enjoying a delicious meal with Year 6

Prayer
for the
week:



Thanks to Oscar in St Patrick's class

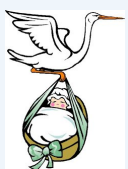
St Thomas More parish news

Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve 5.30pm: first Mass of Christmas
Midnight: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass
12 noon Mass
No evening Mass

Births



Congratulations on the birth of baby Oliver, a brother to Ruby (St George) and Isabella (Our Lady).

Congratulations also to Neriah (St Agnes) and Ehanire (Our Lady) on the birth of their baby sister, Abigail.

CARE Awards

In today's assembly, CARE Award winners were presented with their certificates and collected their book prizes afterwards. CARE awards go to children whose teachers have nominated them for being particularly diligent in upholding the school's values of

Consideration

Achievement

Respect

Effort

Congratulations to:

Our Lady	Loulou-Belle, Caleb, Eve, Kehinde
St. Julie	Olivia, Chisom, Henry, Sarah
St. Joseph	Mahri, Joel, Sophia, Korede
St Thérèse	Beryl, Chimamanda, Ishmael, Jamie
St. Francis	Gabriel, Charlotte, Ethan, Alesha
St. Agnes	Akua, Elizabeth, Sorchia, Alexander
St. Anne	Nyria, Daniel, Alessandro, Leticia
St. Bernadette	Vwegba, Raffi, Esme, Naomi
St. Peter	Cian, Winnie, Daniel, Anna
St. George	Diego, Ava, Micah, Nana
St. Patrick	Peculiar, Adam, Amanda, Eve
St Clare	Paulo, Filippo, Lucy, Grace
St. John	Judd, Leila, Conor, Harry
St. Paul	Heather, Sofia, Opeoluwa, Riley
St. Thomas	Gracie, Jack, Lina, Franklin

Attendance summary

School attendance this year is **97.6%**

The class with the best attendance this term is St Peter's at 98.74%

There have been 21 occasions when a class has had 100% attendance for a week. St Therese is the best, with five full weeks.

Half price entry at the London Eye

Children will be bringing home a voucher that will get a 50% discount on a trip for up to 5 people on the London Eye. The offer is valid until 30th December 2019.

Thanks

A few Saturdays ago some of our children went along to the John Paul Centre to the Christmas party for older parishioners. We have received a lovely card of thanks from Maureen, who organises the event.

"...we loved seeing all the smiling faces of the choir and the lovely music they and the instrumentalists produced."

Puzzle Corner

How many gifts will my true love have sent to me by day 12?

