

St Anthony's Newsletter

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Induction Mass

On **Thursday 31st January at 2pm** in St Thomas More Church, <u>Bishop Patrick Lynch</u> will celebrate the induction Mass for Mrs Hawthorne. Parents are very welcome to come and be part of this important event. There will be light refreshments in the school hall afterwards.

Plastic-free

The school council met today and discussed ways we can reduce our use of plastic. One of the first things we should do is reduce (or better, stop completely) our use of single use plastic. This includes water bottles and a lot of food packaging.

As a family, see how much single use plastic you get through in one week: it will surprise you.

See https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-schools/

Rugby



Ten of our Year 5 and 6 children went to a tag-rugby tournament at Geraldine Mary Harmsworth sports facility (by the Imperial War Museum) today. They expected to be back in school by early afternoon but did so well that they got into the quarter finals and stayed on. We are very proud of them and it is good to see our school being represented at sporting events across the borough.

Well done Jermica, Asha, Elizabeth, Lorcan, George, Sam, Gabriel, Jack, Matteo and Tristan. Thanks Mr Allen for taking our children out today.

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Come and see our new displays in the hall!

Appointments out of the school day

Please endeavour to make dental and medical appointments for out-of-school time. Many dental surgeries now offer appointments for Saturday mornings as well as after school.

Safeguarding:

If you are coming into school during the school day, **please do not hold the gate open** for the person behind you. It may seem rude and not in the ethos of the school but it is not. It is to keep your children safe. All visitors to the school during the school day must first speak to someone in the school office via the intercom.

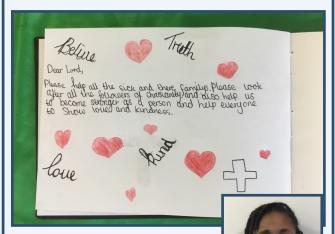
Key Dates

- 6th March: Ash Wednesday
- 12th March: Class photographs
- 27th and 28th March (Wed, Thurs): Parent-teacher meetings
- 3rd April (Wed): Years 3 and 4 production
- 4th April: Lent liturgy in St Thomas More Church
 - 5th April: end of term (2pm)



Faith Life

- The Wednesday Word this week is GOOD NEWS
- No classes will be attending the 09:30 Mass next
 Tuesday (it is to be a requiem Mass)
- ♦ Today is the feast of **The Conversion of St Paul** (see picture at the top of this newsletter)
- This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time); the Gospel is from <u>Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21</u> 'He has sent me to bring good news...'
- St Paul's Class will be leading the assembly next Friday at 9.00am; parents and family friends are welcome to come along



Prayer for the week:

Thanks to Alicia in St Thomas' Class for this lovely prayer.

St Thomas More parish news

First Holy Communion preparation classes are on Saturdays at 10:30prompt. Parents are expected to stay for the session.

John Paul Centre Refurbishment begins Monday 21st January. Works include: new windows, lighting, heating, kitchen and redecoration. It will take about three months to complete.

Confirmation 2019: please pray for 24 of our young parishioners (most of whom are former St Anthony's pupils) who will be Confirmed by Bishop Patrick Lynch at 6.30pm Mass on Saturday, 2 February.

Sunday Mass times: Saturday 6.30 pm (vigil Mass) Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am, 12.00 noon, 5.30pm

RIP

We are saddened to hear that Mrs (Julie) Brand's brother died last weekend. Our prayers and sympathy go to Mrs Brand and her family at this difficult time.

May he rest in peace.

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It's a boy!

We congratulate Mr Griffiths (former teacher at St Anthony's) on the birth of his son (name to be confirmed). Mr Griffiths taught St George's class (Year 4) last year and moved to Aberdeen in the summer. We know he still reads our newsletter so he can be pleased that he finally got his picture in it.



FOSTAS School Disco Friday 8th February

Infant Disco 3.30-4.45pm Reception, Years 1,2,3 Junior Disco 5-6.30pm Years 4,5,6

Tickets are priced £3.50 which includes disco entry, a snack and drink plus Mufti (no football kits please). Tickets go on sale from Monday 4th February up until Friday 8th February morning drop off only. Every child will need a ticket. FOSTAS will also be selling disco accessories including disco glow sticks, LED lights, rings, hair clips, glasses, bracelets and batons. Fizzy drinks and sweets will be on sale at the senior disco.

Half Term Cycling Courses

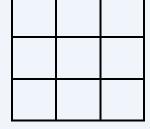
Free cycling courses in different parks (including Dulwich Park) during half term week.



See https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/southwark/ for more details.

Puzzle Corner

Arrange the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the grid so that each line across, down and diagonally adds to give the same.



Last week's solution

Which whole number less than 1000 has the most factors? 840 with 32 factors