



St Anthony's Newsletter

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GAUDETE!
REJOICE!



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Nativity



Children in Years 1 and 2 performed a beautiful version of the Nativity this week (Lights, Camel, Action by Antony Copus). The singing and dancing were stunning!

Christmas Fair—thank you!

The school fair raised nearly **£5,000** which will enable FOSTAS to support the school with additional play equipment, sports equipment, transport for school trips, etc. FOSTAS would like to thank everyone, including all the children, for all the mufti day donations, baking and cake making, decorating and setting up, helping out on stalls and coming along and enjoying the fair

Particular thanks go to William Bailey (solicitors) who provided £500 to buy the raffle prizes and to Audrey and Robbie (Louloubelle's parents) for providing all the drinks for the bar. Thanks also to Audrey (Zechariah's mum) and Colette for working so hard in the kitchen.

Carol Service in Church

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in our Christmas Carol Service next Wednesday at 2pm. While parents are welcome to join us please note that space is limited and for that reason we are asking **parents not to bring any buggies** etc. that would block the aisles.

Festival Hall



Year 6 attended a carol concert at the Royal Festival Hall, Southbank, this week. At the concert they learned about the workings of the organ and joined in with lots of seasonal songs and carols.

Calendars

Our school calendar is now for sale at £10 each or 2 for £17. They contain all the essential information such as holiday dates and key term event dates and have a lovely class photo for each month. Available from the school office.

End of Term arrangements

Tuesday: Christmas lunch: **children may wear a Christmas jumper**

Wednesday: Carol Service in St Thomas More Church, 2pm

Thursday: school will close at **2pm** (no after-school clubs)

Nursery Carols

Nursery Parents are welcome to join their children for carol singing next Tuesday (in the nursery building).

Lost Property—glasses

If your child has misplaced a pair of glasses, please contact the school office. Several pairs have been handed in recently.

Key Dates

- Mon 6th Jan 2020: **INSET Day**
- Tues 7th Jan 2020: **Start of Term**
- 17-21 Feb 2020: **half term**



Faith Life



- ♦ The Wednesday Word is **CHRIST**
- ♦ This Sunday is the **Third Sunday of Advent, GAUDETE (Rejoice) SUNDAY** (Matthew 11: 2-11 (*Are you the one who is to come, or have we to wait for someone else?*))
- ♦ The liturgical colour for this Sunday is rose: the rose candle on the advent wreath will be lit and the priest's vestments will also be rose
- ♦ Classes this week have been marking the end of their RE topics with a class liturgy: we would like to than Fr Gerry for making the Church and John-Paul Centre available

Thank you for giving me a family and friends.
 Thank you for giving me brothers and thank you
 that you give everyone a family to love and care
 during this christmas time. Amen.

Thanks to Emmanuel in Year 3 for his thoughtful prayer in the season of Advent.



St Thomas More parish news

Sunday Mass times: Saturday 6.30 pm (vigil Mass)
 Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am,
 12.00 noon, 5.30pm
Children's Liturgy: during the 10am Mass

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 15 December at 3pm followed by seasonal refreshments in the John Paul Centre.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service: Monday 16 December at 7.30 pm

Advent & Christmas Services: all services for Advent and Christmas are in the leaflet available in the porch.

Parish email: dulwich@rcaos.org.uk
 Telephone: 020 8693 5070



Thanks Mr Ryan for putting up our crib.

Crisis Fund

The **Catholic Children's Society** operates a **Crisis Fund** in our diocese which provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. We are asking children to do some additional chores / give up the money that they might use for a magazine or sweets and bring the money raised into school so that we can fundraise for Crisis. **There will be collection boxes at the carol Service on Wednesday.**



Eva Schloss visit postponed

Eva Schloss, who was due to meet children this week, will now be visiting the school next term. Date to be confirmed

Bon appetit!

Children in **St Anthony's** learn French from Reception to Year 6. This term Mme Severine has been teaching Year 1 about different meals in France and the children enjoyed a hearty *petit-dejeuner* of croissants and *chocolat-chaud* (hot chocolate).



Online safety

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It has plenty of advice for families about safer internet use.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Puzzle Corner

What are the missing digits in this formal subtraction?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 _ 7 _ _ 9 2 \\
 - _ 6 6 5 _ \\
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 _ _ 6 7 _ 9
 \end{array}$$

Answer to last week's puzzle: 25

Well done Francesco in Year 4 for solving it!