



# St Anthony's Newsletter



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## Happy Christmas

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of St Anthony's, We have reached the end of our first term and, as always, we are incredibly grateful for all we have. St Anthony's continues to be at the heart of our little community and we celebrate the vibrant richness of our school life, the achievements of our children, and the values that make our community so special.

Our Advent preparations and celebrations have encouraged all of us to think more deeply about Christmas and many of our children have embraced the challenge of doing things joyfully this week. The carol service, on Wednesday, was a moving and reflective event and we are incredibly proud of the children's contributions – singing, acting, playing instruments and reading. We are also very touched by the comments from parents and the wider community about the ways in which the children in our school 'reach out' and welcome others.

The children (and you) have supported a number of charities this term and we have received beautiful letters of thanks from Macmillan Support, the Manna Centre and Wear it Pink. We have also raised £280 for The Catholic Children's Society's Crisis fund during our Advent season. Finally, thank you for all of your generosity, Christmas cards, Christmas blessings, time, amazing cakes and gifts. Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas with your friends and family. **See you all on Tuesday 7th January.**

God bless,  
Joanne Hawthorne and all the staff at St Anthony's

## Carol Service



On Wednesday this week, we held our Carol Service in St5 Thomas More Church. Each year group prepared their own carols, Year 6 children read and Reception portrayed the Nativity in a series of tableaux. It was a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together to worship before the end of term.

Special thanks to Miss Yianni, Miss Brand and Cathy (Harry and Zach's mum) for the music and to Fr Gerry for the use of St Thomas More Church.

## CARE Awards

Well done to all children who received a CARE Award today (Consideration, Achievement, Respect and Effort). These awards are given at the end of each term to pupils nominated by staff for outstanding attitude

*Each child received a certificate and a book prize.*

Jayden  
Ardan  
Eri  
Alessandro  
Nayla  
Alesha  
Nicole  
Xiomara  
Emanuel  
Kaela  
Florence  
Joseph  
Rosa  
Emil  
Micah

Elliot  
Anthony  
Jessica  
Oliver  
Cait  
Lorcan  
Doren  
Ismael  
Peter  
Cian  
Pierce  
Cameron  
Christian  
Rebecca  
Bea

Bertie  
Josephine  
Khaleed  
Monae  
Henry  
Tristan  
Danita  
Isaiah  
Michael  
Daniel  
Cateley  
Moses  
Katie  
Grace  
Filippo

Zuzanna  
Elspeth  
Alfonso  
Lamek  
Callum  
Sadie  
Fern  
Ifunanya  
Freya  
Ina  
Tobias  
Sofia  
Emefa  
Jasmin  
Fatima





## Faith Life



- ♦ The Wednesday Word is **MARY**
- ♦ This Sunday is the **Fourth Sunday in Advent Year A** (Matthew 1:18-24 *Mary becomes pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit*)
- ♦ The liturgical colour for this Sunday returns to violet, the usual colour for penitential seasons. It will remain purple until Christmas when it will become white or gold

Dear Lord,

As it is coming to Christmas let us remember that we should care for each other. We pray for the people that are homeless, give them a home and good to eat we are killing the world and we all have a part to fix it. We also pray for our family and friends and our work so we can work harder at school and at home.

Amen.

Trinity

Thanks to Trinity in Year 4 for his thoughtful prayer in the season of Advent.



## St Thomas More parish news

### Christmas Masses:

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve  
5pm Carols  
5.30pm Family Mass (first Mass of Christmas)  
11.30pm Carols  
12.00 Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day  
8.30am Mass  
10am Mass  
12 noon Mass  
The church will close after the 12 noon Mass

**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 email: [dulwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dulwich@rcaos.org.uk)  
Telephone: 020 8693 5070  
<http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk/>

## 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.



## Being a Parent Course

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)



This 8 week course helps parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life & bring up confident, happy and co-operative children

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**When:** Wednesdays @ 09:15am – 11:15am

**Starting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 (Intro Session)  
29<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
(Weekly, excluding half-term)

**Where:** John Ruskin School  
John Ruskin Street,  
London, SE5 0PQ

This is a free course for mums, dads & carers of children aged 2 – 11. Crèche availability for babies & children up to 4 years. Crèche places limited – please book.

For course bookings or crèche availability please contact:

020 7703 5800 or  
[office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk)

Please note that the school circulates information on clubs and events from external providers from time to time. These are for information purposes and no recommendation is given or implied.

## Puzzle Corner

In this calculation, each letter stands for single digit (so all the T's are the same, as are all the B's and so on). Write down the sum using digits instead of letters.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{L E T T E R S} \\
 \text{A L P H A B E T} \quad + \\
 \hline
 \text{S C R A B B L E}
 \end{array}$$



Answer to last week's puzzle: 3 (for all of them)

Well done Debbie for finding an alternative solution