



# St Anthony's Newsletter

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## Welcome back

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you are all refreshed and that Christmas was a special time for you and your families.

The children have returned to school reinvigorated and it has been lovely to see the learning that has taken place already this week. Staff too have returned after their well-earned rest and I am pleased to also welcome back Mrs Mansell and Mrs Brand. In addition, we also welcome Mr Maclellan and Ms Taylor, two post-grad teaching students who are with us for a six week placement, and Ms Lewis, nursery teacher, who is replacing Ms Ring.

This week, our Nursery children have started having a hot school lunch. This is part of Southwark's ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child receives a hot meal a day. Southwark is one of only a few local authorities in London to provide this as many other local authorities / schools charge for lunches from Year 3 upwards. I am incredibly grateful to Marcus, the wider kitchen team, Ms Boilson and the Nursery staff who have managed this change so smoothly. In addition, there is a new Dessert Policy that has come from Southwark and that our kitchen team and menu planner has worked closely with.

Children may have told you about our new recognition system. This is where children work (as a class) to fill their class jar in return for additional playtime. The focus this week has been on 'Consideration' (one of our core values) and the adults have given children coupons each time they see consideration in action. Next week the recognition boards will focus on Achievement.

Finally, please keep in your prayers members of our school community who are unwell or who have lost relatives or friends over the Christmas period.

God bless for 2020.

*Joanne Hawthorne*

## Online safety

At the beginning of every term, all our children receive an online safety lesson. There are also plenty of ways that parents can help.

The **THINK U KNOW** site offers advice to parents on ways to protect children from online abuse. The content is age appropriate and there are specific sections tailored to particular age ranges.

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

## Y5 Art: Dulwich Picture Gallery



Year 5 visited the **Dulwich Picture Gallery** for a workshop on the theme of identity. They used printing techniques to create some beautiful pieces.



## Curriculum Information

Parents will have been emailed today with information for all curriculum subjects that their child will learn this term, from the core texts they will be reading through to art, music and PE. This information also appears on the school website.

## Key Dates

- Wed 22nd Jan: Coffee morning, Early Help drop In
- Thurs 6th Feb: School Disco
- Fri 14th Feb: cake sale
- 17-21 Feb Half-term break
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday
- Thurs 5th Mar: World Book Day
- 7-15 Mar: British Science Week
- Wed 18th, Thurs 19th March: parents' evenings
- Wed 1st April: Easter Production (Years 3 and 4)
- Thurs 2nd April: Lent liturgy in St Thomas More Church
- Friday 3rd April 2pm: End of Term



## Faith Life



"You are my Son, the beloved"

- ♦ The Wednesday Word is **NEW START**
- ♦ This Sunday is the Feast of **The Baptism of the Lord** (Matthew 3: 13-17: "This is my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on him.")
- ♦ **St George's** classes will join parishioners for the **09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church next Tuesday**; parents are encouraged to join them
- ♦ **St Anne's Class** will lead the **assembly** next Friday
- ♦ A separate **RE newsletter** as been emailed to parents with more information about RE and important religious dates this term
- ♦ The **TEN TEN newsletter**, Living Faith within our Families (January 2020), has also been emailed to parents.
- ♦ **The Year of the Word**. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated **2020** as The God who Speaks: **A Year of the Word**; over the year children will focus on how God speaks to us through scripture (look out for displays in the hall)

Living God,  
 you walk alongside us  
 and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.  
 Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears  
 and shows us how to live for one another.  
 Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds  
 so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.  
 Amen



Official prayer for the Year of the Word

## 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

**First Communion Preparation:** Classes begin tomorrow 10.30-11.30am in the school hall.

Parish email: [dulwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dulwich@rcaos.org.uk)  
 Telephone: 020 8693 5070

## Early Help 'drop-in' - coffee morning

St Anthony's has excellent relations with Southwark's **Family Early Help Service**. The service works to ensure that children, young people and families receive the best possible support at times of need in order to address and resolve issues rapidly and effectively. You are invited to meet members of the team, to find out more about how they can support children and families, at a special drop-in coffee morning on Wednesday 22nd January from 9am.

## Attendance

The table on the right shows this week's attendance by year group. Year 5 have done particularly well! Remember, if you need to report an absence please leave a message/email before 9am on the day of absence and provide a note/email on return from absence.

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| Nursery   | 95.63% |
| Reception | 91.67% |
| Year 1    | 93.32% |
| Year 2    | 94.3%  |
| Year 3    | 96.35% |
| Year 4    | 91.74% |
| Year 5    | 99.31% |
| Year 6    | 94.83% |

## Climate Change Competition

Southwark Council are organising a competition for children to design a piece of artwork that will convey effective message to encourage behaviour change and actions to combat the climate emergency. The art will be used in the council's annual Public Health Report

The artwork will be submitted through the school and can be a painting, collage, film or song.

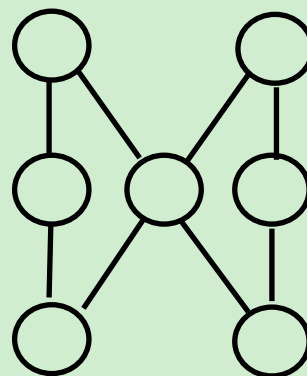
The winning prize will be a £200 voucher and a invitation for the winning child's class to visit the Veolia Recycling Centre.

## Half Term Club

PSC Education will again be offering a holiday camp Monday to Wednesday next half term (17-19 Feb). Booking will open soon and will be via ParentPay.

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



Using only the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 once only, put them on the circles so each line of three adds up to 12.