

Goodbye and good luck!

End of School Year 2020



2020

The Year 6 children came to school throughout the day on Friday last week, to meet their teachers and be presented with their Records of Achievement (containing drawings, writing and other work going all the way back to their first term) and copies of the Bible. The Bibles were blessed by Fr Gerry last week and a recording of this is on the home-learning page of the school website. The children looked resplendent in their bespoke St Anthony's hoodies and everyone had their photo taken standing underneath a balloon arch created in the school colours of green and gold.

Now they are ready for the next stage in their education: secondary school. We know that every secondary school receiving them will be fortunate to have a former St Anthony's pupil attending and we look forward to hearing how each and every one is doing in the future. We are sad to say goodbye, but we send them off with our prayers and every good wish.



St Anthony's Newsletter

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Tuesday 21st July 2020

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"...amongst the top 3% of primary schools in the country!"

From a letter received from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP; based on pupil progress in reading, writing and maths from the end of Year 2 to the end of Year 6.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another school year and it has certainly been a very different year to the one that we all expected. It has challenged us in so many different ways and yet throughout, this 'can do' attitude of our school community has shone through.

For those of you who have been managing home-schooling since March, along with your own work commitments and care for your families, it has not been easy and we are **full** of admiration for what you have managed to achieve.

We are grateful to parents for the generous support you give to us. Your messages of support are treasured and kept us going through difficult times. Thank you also for the beautiful gifts and flowers that have been received.

I am so proud of the St Anthony's staff team. Without their hard work and commitment, we would never have managed to achieve all that we did. Today we say farewell to **Mrs Bennett, Miss Conway, Miss Geraghty and Miss Fishco**. We wish them well in their new adventures and thank them for all they have done for the children in St Anthony's.

We have also said farewell to our lovely Year 6 children and we wish them all the best for their move to their secondary schools. For some parents, it is the end of an era as they leave St Anthony's after many years. We are truly grateful for the support we have had over the years and wish you all well.

Last week, I shared with you some plans for our return to school in September. As there is likely to be more guidance in August, the plan is dynamic and I will share it with you as it evolves.

The key message is that **all children will return to school in September** with systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Children will return in uniform; they will be with their normal class group and there will be a staggered start and end to the school day as detailed in last week's email.

If you are going abroad in August, please check quarantine arrangements, because if you need to self-isolate for two weeks on your return, you will need to make sure that children will be ready for school on 2 September.

I hope that many of you will encourage your children to complete this year's reading challenge. We came first in the local authority last year!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Finally, I would like to wish all our children who will receive their First Holy Communion over the forthcoming weeks a very special day. Receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist is an incredible moment and I know that the whole school community will join with me in praying for all of these children.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless,

Joanne Hawthorne

Farewell Fr Gerry!

Fr Gerry will be retiring this summer. He has been our local parish priest, foundation governor and friend of the school since his arrival in the parish early in 2011.

He has always been very generous to the school, both with his time and with parish resources such as the John Paul Centre, the parish field and, of course, the church building itself.

We wish him a well-earned, long and enjoyable retirement and hope he will keep in touch to let us know how he is doing.



CARE Awards

This term we have adapted the CARE award to reflect behaviours and attitudes that can be admired in the light of the Covid 19 situation. The letters this term represent:

Courage

Appreciation

Resilience

Energy

Children who have been awarded a CARE award this term have been notified by text.

Safeguarding

Southwark duty desk (all safeguarding matters and enquiries) **020 7525 1921** or **020 7525 5000** (out of hours)

Childline—0800 1111

Tuesday 1 September: INSET Day

Wednesday 2 September: Y1-6 Start of Term

Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **TREASURE**
- This Sunday is **the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A** - Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52 (*Jesus compares the joy of the kingdom of heaven to the joy of finding hidden treasure*)



Year of the Word

I will give thanks to you with
all my heart, O Lord,
for you have answered me.

Psalms 138:1

St Thomas More Parish News

First Communion Masses

There will be **six special Masses with ten candidates**, plus five family members, attending on each of the dates below:

Friday 24 July at 5pm

Saturday 25 July at 3pm

Friday 31 July at 5pm

Saturday 1 August at 3pm

*Parents are asked to
contact the parish office
with their preferred time.*

Friday 7 August at 5pm

Saturday 8 August at 3pm

Fr Gerry will be available to hear the children's **First Confession** half an hour before their First Holy Communion Mass.

Mass Times

- Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm Saturday, 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm
- Monday–Saturday: 9.30am

Currently the safe number of people attending Mass is 60. If on arrival you find the church is full please consider an alternative time or a weekday Mass instead. The Sunday obligation remains suspended.

Weekly Offering: If you do not already have a Standing Order for the parish, please consider setting one up, the details are: **St Thomas More Church, Sort code 60-23-19 Account number 44136757.** Thank you.

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Website: <http://www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk/>

Summer of Food and Fun



The Mayor's Fund for London has teamed up with Lambeth and Southwark Councils to bring an extended programme of holiday food services and fun activities this year. This will include food education, arts and crafts, theatre, plus a wide range of physical activities.

<https://www.mayorsfundforlondon.org.uk/lambeth-southwark-summer-food-fun/>

Horniman Museum

The museum will reopen on Thursday 30 July. A visit to the museum is free but prior booking is required. The grounds are already open and no booking is necessary.



Virtual Holiday Clubs

<https://salmonyouthcentre.org/article/were-back-book-on-now-for-the-august-2020-summer-scheme/>

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

Other online holiday clubs are available.

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.

School Nursing Text Service

The school nursing service provides a confidential health service to children and young people. You can contact the school nurse, 365 days a year, to discuss any health matters (including mental health).

Text: 07520 631 130

Puzzle Corner



Daily Summer Challenges

NRICH are providing a challenge a day throughout the summer break.

<http://nrich.maths.org/summer-primary-posters>

Last week's solutions:

Maths: 6210001000

General knowledge: The Battle of Britain

The Gallery



Estelle, Y4



Sophia H, Y4



Cian, Y4



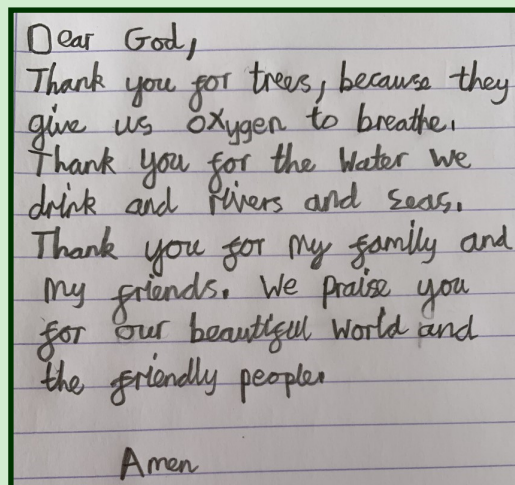
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Aidan, Y2



Ishmael, Y2



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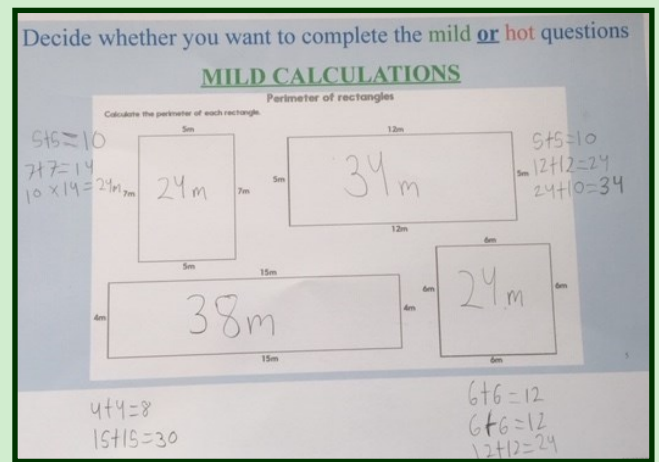
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Luke, Y2



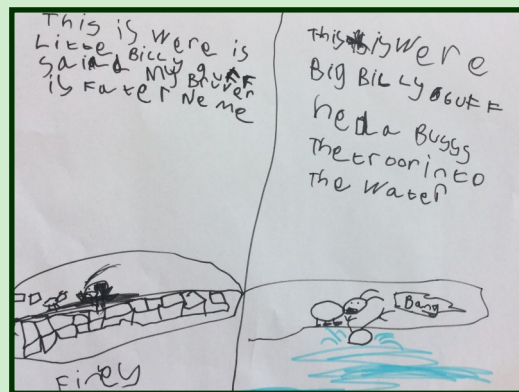
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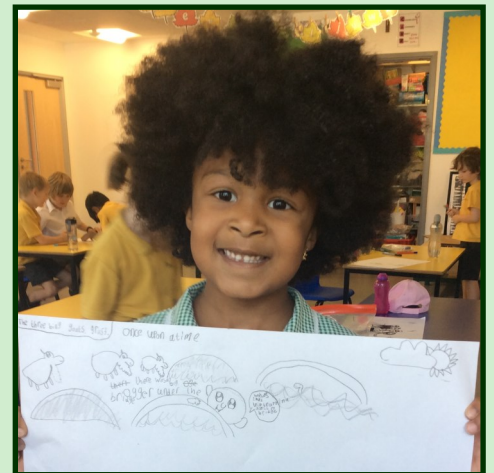
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Seren, Y4



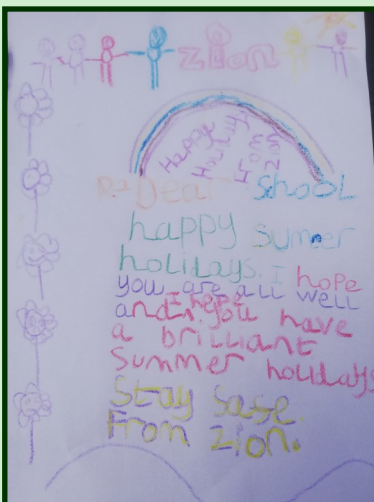
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Nayla, Y1



Freida, Y1



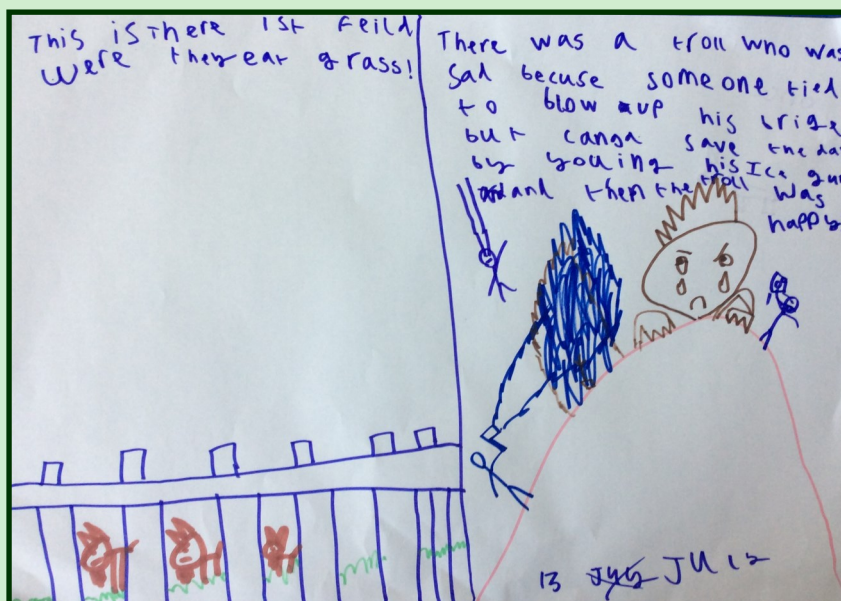
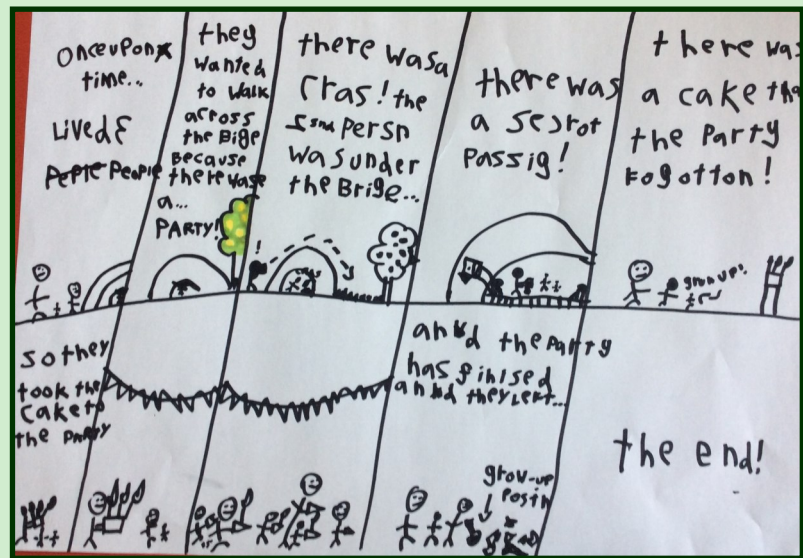
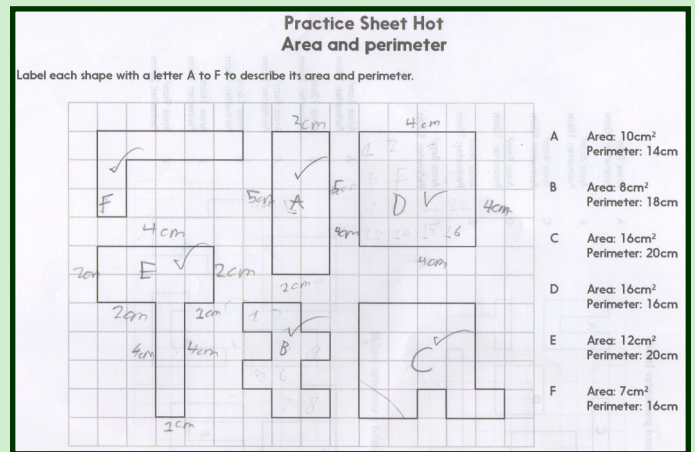
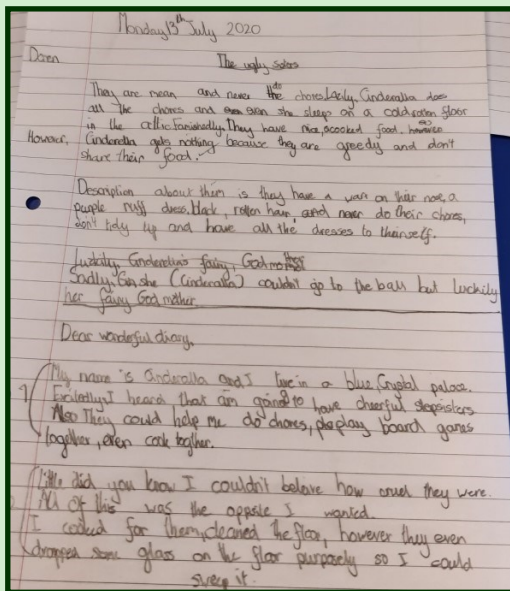
Zion, Y2

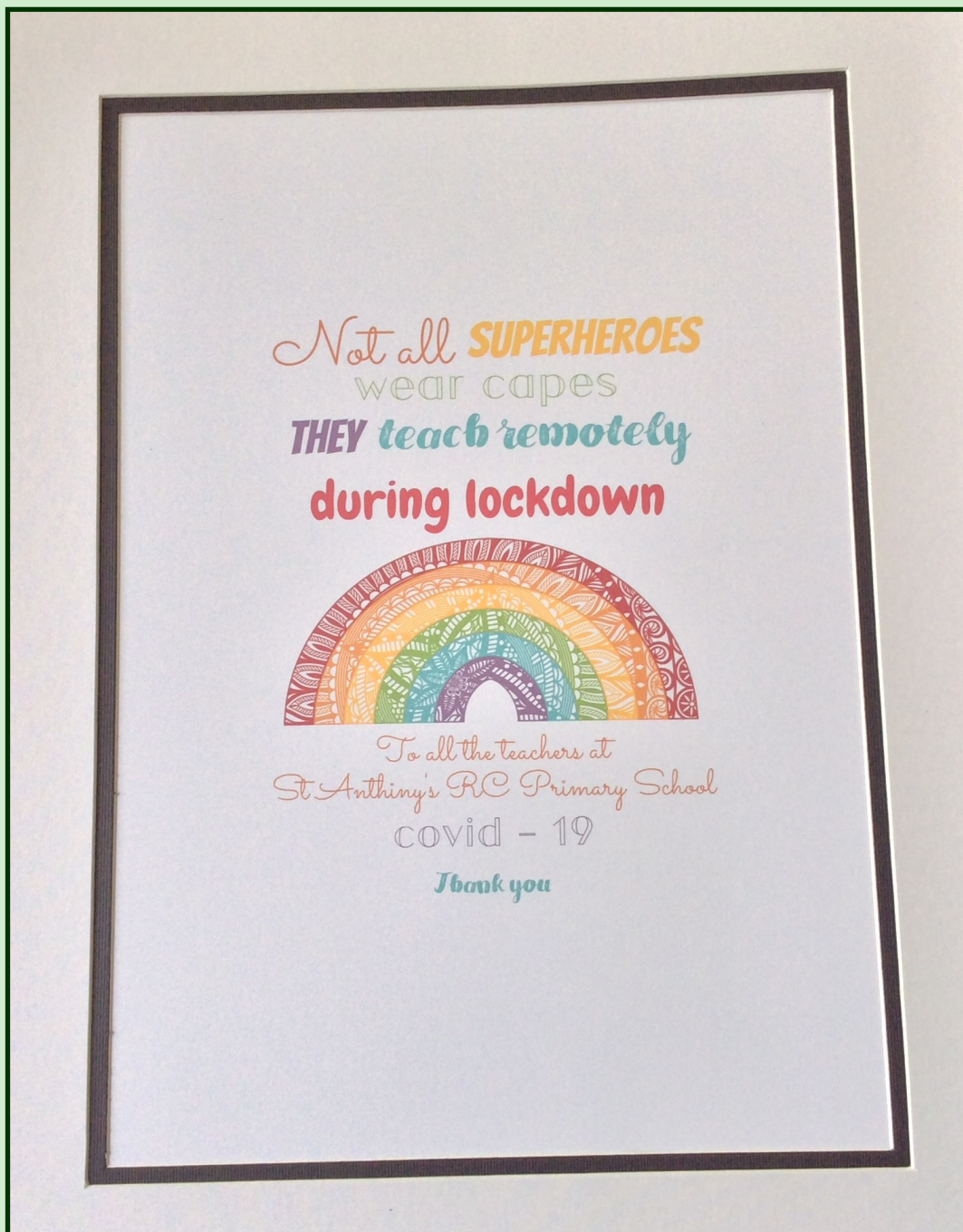


Mia, Y2



Darcy, Y2





We would like to thank the parents and carers for all their kind words, cards and gifts, now we have reached the end of what can only be described as an interesting and unusual school year!

Have a safe and happy summer holiday!