

St Anthony's Newsletter

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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.

Welcome back!

School got off to a flying start on Wednesday this week, with all children from Year 1 to 6 ready to start lessons in their class 'bubbles'. Current COVID arrangements mean that children will remain in their bubble throughout the day, including break and mealtimes. Everyone must wash their hands on entry to the school. In addition to sinks in every classroom, we have sinks with soap and towels also in the playground.

Next week children will be electing the School Council and we will begin the process of selecting prefects and Head Girl and Boy. We will also resume the Chaplaincy Team. These groups will meet through zoom for the time being.

The children have adapted extremely well to the 'new normal' of lunch breaks in the class, assembly via zoom and a playground in zones. It has been such a joy to hear the school full of children's voices once more.

We are all looking forward to a productive year ahead, where all children will thrive and grow in a vibrant, exciting and God-centred school.

Have a good weekend!

New parish priest

Fr Bart Dudek arrived as the new parish priest at St Thomas More Church this week. We would like to welcome Fr Bart to our community and we wish him every happiness here in Dulwich.

Meet the Teacher

Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher via webinar next week. Details are in an attached document.

Curriculum Information

Parents will have received a Curriculum Information Letter today, outlining the learning in their child's class for this term.

Absence procedures

If your child is unable to attend school because of illness, parents should contact the school office on the first morning of absence. On return, parents must also send a note to the office, giving the dates and reason for absence.

Safeguarding

All school staff received safeguarding training this week and have read the current guidance in the document **Keeping Children Safe in Education (2020)**. While everyone working in a school has responsibility for safeguarding, there is a dedicated team who work with families to ensure children can play, learn and grow in a safe and secure environment.

If you are concerned about a child's well being or you have a question about safeguarding, please contact **Mrs Macdonald, Mr Croft or Mrs Hawthorne**.

You can also contact Southwark Safeguarding at any time: **Southwark duty desk** (all safeguarding matters and enquiries) **020 7525 1921** or **020 7525 5000** (out of hours)

- email: mash@southwark.gov.uk

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Key Dates

Tues 8 Sept: Reception start

Wed 9 Sept 5.30pm onwards: Meet the teacher webinars KS2

Thurs 10 Sept 6pm onwards: Meet the teacher webinars KS1

Tues 15 Sept: Nursery start

Wed 16 Sept 6pm: Meet the teacher webinar Early Years

Fri 23 Oct: INSET (school closed to children)

26-30 Oct: HALF TERM

Fri 18 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM

Faith Life



- **Wednesday Word** this week is **RECONCILIATION**
- This Sunday is **the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A** - Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 (*"Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them"*)
- The RE topic for the start of term is on **Domestic Church**, and that it is in the context of the home that we first learn who God is; an RE newsletter has been emailed to parents.
- Tuesday 8 September: the Church celebrates **Our Lady's birthday**

Year of the Word

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Jeremiah 29:11

St Thomas More Parish News

Mass Times

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

Masses are restricted to 60 people and face coverings must be worn while inside the church.

Clubs (after school)

French: Madame Severine has sent letters home with information;

Football and Sports: Available to children from Y1 to Y6; booking opens next week via **Parentpay** (clubs start w/c 14 Sept)

There will be no other clubs at this point.

Music Tuition

We are now able to offer music tuition for **violin, piano, guitar and brass**. If your child is interested in learning an instrument please email the school office and your request will be forwarded to the tutor.

Children going home

If you have given permission for your child to go home on their own, please send a note to the school office.

First Communion 2020

Congratulations to children in St Anthony's who made their First Holy Communion over the summer. We are currently unable to have a special Mass in school to celebrate but we know they all had special celebrations with their families on the day.



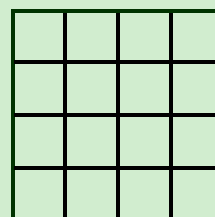
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Sorcha	Naomi
Mylo	Bruce
Isla	Aceline
Maame	Leticia
Enea	Xiomara
Evarna-Rose	Ayse
Eri	James
Ismael	Oliver John
Filippo	Mateja
Peter	Jovita
Alexa	Zechariah
Isaiah O	Norenzo
Joel	Oliver
Ella	Daniel
Tiffany	Sofia
Ifunanya	Alexander
Mudia	Chidalu
Fabiana	Sebastian
Ruby	Isaiah F

Drop-off and Pick-up

Thank you for your cooperation in managing the beginning and end of the day. Please remember that if you have more than one child, they will all go in/come out at the earliest time applicable. Note, parents are to queue on the side of the street opposite school on Etherow St (going back to Barry Rd) and on Friern Road going back towards Goodrich Rd.

Puzzle Corner

How many squares can you see?



Try it for different sizes. Is there a pattern?