

# 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.

This week we welcomed our Reception children to St Julie's and St Joseph's Classes. Each class operates as its own bubble, with the children and staff remaining only within their bubble but still able to access all the facilities early years children need, including outdoor spaces.

Everyone in school has been very good at remembering to follow the Covid arrangements of social distancing outside bubbles and regular handwashing and wiping down of surfaces.

Drop off and collection is now a smooth operation but we must remind parents that children waiting with their siblings are a **family bubble** and they are to **keep a 2 metre distance from children in their class bubble**.

We also held our 'Meet the Teacher' webinars for parents this week. These were very well received and we will continue to reach out to parents through webinars this term.

This Sunday is **Education Sunday**, a special day of prayer for all people involved in any aspect of education. The theme for this year is **"A learning people in a time of change"**. We are immensely thankful to all people who have supported young people with their education this year, including families who enabled all the home-learning during lockdown.

*Have a good weekend!*

## Sickness Absence

If your child is unwell or displaying any possible signs of coronavirus, please keep them at home and contact the school office.

## Safeguarding

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**.

## Music



Music has always been a big part of life at St Anthony's so it was great to have Miss Yanni (from Southwark Music Services) and Miss Brand (our regular accompanist) return this week. Children in years 1 and 2 had a lesson via zoom. Children in Y3 to Y6 had lessons with Miss Yanni in their classrooms. For now, music lessons involve clapping rhythms and listening, rather than using the voice.

Individual music tuition also resumed this week for violin, guitar and piano; brass lessons will resume next week. If your child would like to learn an instrument, please contact the school office.

Note, all our music teachers follow the Covid guidance issued to schools from the Southwark Music Service.

## Key Dates

**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



**COVID SYMPTOMS?  
GET TESTED NOW.**



# Faith Life



- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **RECONCILIATION**
- This Sunday is the **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**: Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35 (*"I do not ask you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times."*)
- This Sunday is **EDUCATION SUNDAY**; for resources, visit the Churches Together in England website [https://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/346862/Home/Resources/Education\\_Sunday/Education\\_Sunday\\_2020/Education\\_Sunday\\_2020.aspx](https://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/346862/Home/Resources/Education_Sunday/Education_Sunday_2020/Education_Sunday_2020.aspx)

## Year of the Word



All your children will be taught by the Lord.

And they will have much peace.

**Isaiah 54:13**

## St Thomas More Parish News

### Mass Times

- Sunday: (Vigil Saturday 6.30pm) 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm
- Monday–Friday: 9.30am (no Saturday morning Mass)

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

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## Mass attendance & Admissions during Covid19

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, the governing body of St Anthony's has agreed the following statement.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

This statement has been shared widely with parishes in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

*This also appears on the school website.*

## Workshop for Parents

Southwark Children and Young People's Wellbeing Service are offering a free workshop (virtual): **Supporting your child with their fears and worries**

**Thursday 24 September or Monday 28 September**  
between **10am and 12pm** (midday).

It will cover what causes anxiety, what maintains it and some tools and techniques to help you and your child manage their fears and worries.

The workshop will be interactive and there will be the opportunity to ask questions and share your experiences with others.

Please register your interest by email so the team have an idea of the numbers.

[CWPTeam@slam.nhs.uk](mailto:CWPTeam@slam.nhs.uk)

## Allergies

Parents are reminded that in addition to being a nut-free school, we are also **banana-free** due to a member of our school community having a severe allergy to bananas.

## Open Sessions at Notre Dame

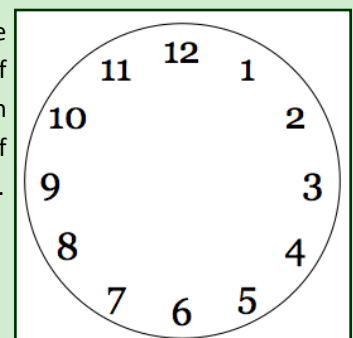
Y6 girls are invited to attend an open session with their parents at Notre Dame RC Girls School (SE1 6EX) on Saturday 26th September 11.00am–1.00pm. This session has been allocated to a limited number of primary schools. Further sessions for any girls will be on Saturday 3rd and 10th October 11.00–1.00pm.

This information has also been emailed to Y6 girls' parents.

*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

Draw a straight line through the centre of the clock so that in each half the sum of the hours are the same.



Answer to last week's puzzle: 30