



# St Anthony's Newsletter

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Month of the Rosary

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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.

## Friday 23 Oct (tomorrow): INSET (school closed to children)

We have **INSET day tomorrow** which is one of five days used for staff training. We will reopen our doors on Monday 2 November.

It has been a wonderful half term and we are all amazed at the resilience of the children in the face of the numerous health and safety measures in place. These will continue after the break with a few additional measures, including staff wearing a face covering when moving outside their bubble (but not in their classroom).

This week we had our first information meeting for parents interested in enrolling their children with us next academic year. It was by video link and some of our Year 6 school ambassadors talked about what they enjoy most about school, mentioning sport, music, French and food among other things!

Whatever your plans for the half term break, have a good rest and enjoy some family time together.

Stay safe and remember, Hands-Face-Space!

*Have a good week!*

## Maths Competition

Timestables Rockstars are hosting a competition for Maths Week England (9-14 Nov). A letter to parents with more details has been emailed with this newsletter.

Next month is also 'Barvember', a celebration of bar modelling in maths. More details after half term.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Booking of appointments will open at 7pm Thursday 22 October, (this evening). This is the link to the system

<https://stanthonysdulwich.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Black History Month

We are coming to the end of Black History Month and it has been wonderful to see how much the children have learnt. Today the classes shared their learning with the rest of the school by uploading their art, poetry and projects onto the school's system. **Be sure to look at the gallery on our website.**

Aidan in Y3 is the latest of our pupils to be photographed by the black pillar box in Brixton. If you are their over the break, remember to take a picture and Tweet it!



## Reading Challenge

Children are encouraged to carry on reading as much as possible over the holiday. They should keep a note of the books they have read (either paper copies or electronic) so they can write it on a leaf when they return and put it on the class 'tree'.

The class with the most leaves by 27 November will win a prize of £100 worth of books!



## Key Dates

**Fri 23 Oct: INSET (school closed to children)**

**26-30 Oct: HALF TERM**

**11/12 Nov: parent/teacher meetings (video link)**

**Fri 18 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM**



**COVID SYMPTOMS?  
GET TESTED NOW.**



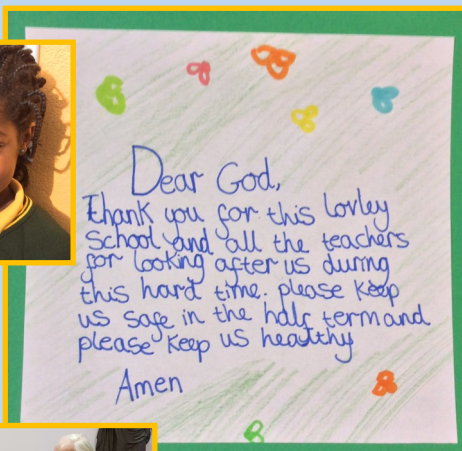
# Faith Life



- October is traditionally a month of devotion to Our Lady and children have continued to pray the **rosary** this week
- The Wednesday Word** this week is **LOVE**
- This Sunday is the **30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**: Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 ("You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.")
- Sunday 1 November is **All Saints Day**, a major event in the Church's calendar, followed on 2 November by All Souls Day when Christians remember and pray for all who have died
- The month of November is traditionally a month of remembrance; as a school we will open an electronic **Book of Remembrance** for children to write the name of someone they have known who has died



Thanks to Iona and Nicole in Year 3 for this lovely prayer.



Congratulations to Jeremie (Y5) for recently making his First Holy Communion at St James the Great Church in Peckham.

## St Thomas More Parish News

### Mass Times

- Sunday: (Vigil Saturday 6.30pm) 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm; weekdays (except Saturday) 09:30

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

**New assistant priest**—a new priest will be arriving in the parish this weekend to assist Fr Bart

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Tel: 020 8693 5070

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

**Year of the Word—1 John 4:19**

**We love because God first loved us.**

## CAFOD Harvest Appeal

Please support our harvest appeal  
Thank you for your generosity.

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

## Christmas Card Design Competition

The Archdiocese Education Commission is inviting all pupils from Southwark Catholic schools to take part in a competition to design the Education Commission's official Christmas card from one of the following themes:

*A Child is born for us*

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us*

*I sing a new song to the Lord*

Closing Date: Tuesday 27th October 2020

Submissions to be sent to [clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:clairewilliams@rcaos.org.uk)

Please send submissions as a JPEG and include your child's name and school.

## Lost property

We have accumulated a large pile of unlabelled lost property. Parents will not be able to rummage through because of covid restrictions so please ensure after the break that all your child's belongings are **clearly labelled**.

**Remember to put the clocks back 1 hour this weekend!**



## Safeguarding: online safety

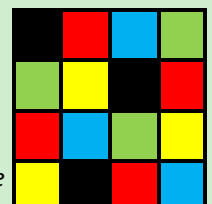
The NSPCC offers lots of online advice for parents on ways to keep children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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**.

## Puzzle Corner

Arrange the digits 1 to 9 to form 4 square numbers.



*Solution to last week's puzzle*