

# 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 had our first ever parent-teacher meetings through video link. It was very well received by parents, many of whom have commented on how easy it was to use (*"It was very well organised, the technology worked well and it was great to have it all running perfectly to time."* - A Parent). There will always be a place for face-to-face meetings but video meetings look likely to be a feature of the future. Thank you all for your positive feedback.

Also this week, the school community embraced the theme of Remembrance. All classes made wreaths for their classroom doors, we had a special Remembrance liturgy, with 2 minutes silence on Wednesday and there is an electronic book of remembrance for children and staff to write the names of people they would like to be remembered in our prayers.

The weather this weekend looks to be unsettled but do not be put off by a drop of rain. Follow the example of our nursery and reception children who put on their coats and wellies and venture out in all conditions to enjoy the beauty of the changing seasons.

*Have a good weekend!*

## Remembrance Films



Year 6 made films for Remembrance which were so good we decided to share them with the local authority and the Education Commission of the archdiocese (who were so impressed that they have put it on their website). The films show children's artwork, inspired by Charlie Mackesy (*The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse*), and the poems of Paul Hunter and Major John McCrae. You can watch these films on our school website in the interactive section. You will also see a gallery of the wreaths made by each class to commemorate Remembrance Day.

## Anti Bullying Week

We're wearing  
**ODD SOCKS**  
for Anti-Bullying Week.  
Will you?



On Monday (16 Nov) we are encouraging everyone to wear odd socks to mark the beginning of Anti Bullying Week. It is an opportunity for people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

## Reading Challenge

There are still two weeks left for our Reading Challenge. The aim of the competition is to engender a love of reading so please encourage your child to pick up a book and enjoy it!



## Key Dates

Fri 18 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM



**COVID SYMPTOMS?  
GET TESTED NOW.**

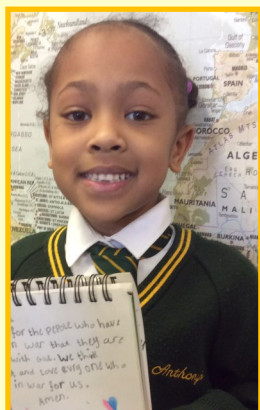
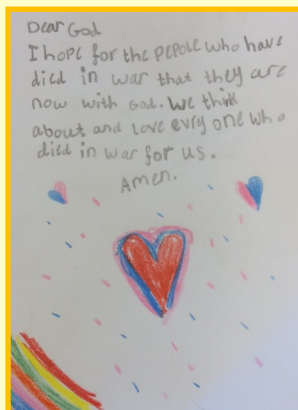
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# Faith Life



- The Wednesday Word this week is **TALENT**
- This Sunday is the **33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A**: Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 (*The parable of the talents*)
- The month we have an electronic **Book of Remembrance** for children to write the name of someone they have known who has died
- Next week children all children will learn about **Judaism** (one of the major world faiths covered in our RE curriculum)



Thanks to Monae (Y2) for this lovely prayer.

## St Thomas More Parish News

Masses will be live streamed during the current lockdown: see parish website for more details.

### PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

St Thomas More RC Church in Dulwich is looking to recruit a part time Parish Office Administrator to assist in the administration of a busy parish. This will initially be on a 12-month fixed-term contract. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all administrative matters within the parish and will cover secretarial and office management work. Previous secretarial experience is essential. The successful candidate will be fully conversant with current Microsoft Office software and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment. He/she will have excellent interpersonal skills and a good understanding of the workings of a busy parish office and parish life would be an advantage.

Hours are 9-4pm on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Salary from £12 to £16 per hour depending on experience. If you would like to apply for this position please email your CV to [dulwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dulwich@rcaos.org.uk) by the closing date of 23 November 2020.

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Email: [dulwich@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dulwich@rcaos.org.uk)

## School Photographs

If you wish to buy copies of your child's school photograph, please return the order form to the school office by Tuesday 17 November.



## Thinkuknow

Supporting you to deliver online safety education



With children indoors and spending more time online during this second lockdown, it's important to continue creating opportunities for conversations about online safety.

**Thinkuknow**, the education programme from **NCA-CEOP** (see last week's newsletter), has produced a series of safety-at-home packs on topics such as **sharing images**, **watching videos**, **live streaming** and **cyber security**.  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

## Classlist Communication

**Classlist** is a means of communication for parents. To register (for free):

<https://classlist.com/> go to **join now as a parent** then type **St Anthonys R C School** (gap between R and C).

## Uniform

Children should now be wearing winter uniform (all clearly marked with your child's name).

## 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**.

### Year of the Word—James 1:17



*"Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars."*

## BARVEEMBER

Annie has 2 bags of apples and 5 single apples. Eva has 1 bag of apples and 11 single apples. They have the same amount of apples. How many apples do they have in total?

*Solution to last week's puzzle: 6 years*

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.