



CHRIST THE KING

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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather is now getting a little colder, I would advise you to ensure that children wear an additional layer beneath their school uniform. These can be base layers or thermals – particularly if your child has a tendency to feel the cold.

Schools and other work places are only able to remain open providing we have a constant source of ventilation; so we are required to keep windows in classrooms and offices open throughout the day. We do ensure that the heating remains on and, despite the colder weather, are often reminding children (of all ages) to put on coats when going outside.

This is very similar to the conditions that we have always had in Reception and Nursery, where we operate a free flow (open door) approach for Early Years.

We have to follow very strict guidance and we are doing all that we can to ensure that we remain open for the children in our school. We continue to work closely with a Health and Safety consultant to minimise the risks for everyone.

At present, our overall school attendance for this year is very strong and is higher than it was at this time last year. In fact, this week our attendance has been 99% whereas last year it was 97.6%.

Obviously, we are all looking forward to a time when we can return to normal but in the meantime we are actively doing all that we can to ensure we meet the strict guidelines that we must to adhere to.

We are incredibly grateful to you for your continued support.

Joanne Hawthorne

Parents' Evening Survey

Please take time to complete the survey which has been sent out on Parentmail.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week and children have been talking about what bullying is and how to deal with such behaviour. We started the week with Odd Socks Day to celebrate the importance of difference. You can see pictures of anti-bullying work on our website



Early Language Intervention

The Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme is part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education in response to Covid-19. We have been granted access to the programme and will be employing an individual who will be trained to deliver the programme to children in the Reception Year.

The 20 week NELI programme aims to develop children's vocabulary, listening and narrative skills and in the last 10 weeks also involves work to develop phonological awareness and early letter-sound knowledge as foundations for early literacy.

Consent requests have been emailed to Reception parents.

Reading Challenge

Just seven days left. Try to read one more book in that time!

Key Dates

Fri 18 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM



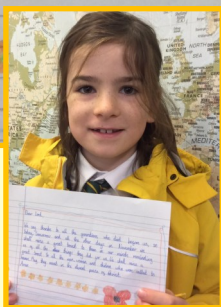
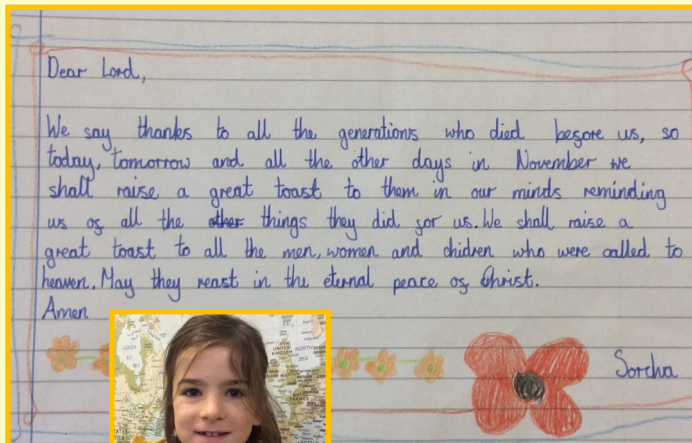
COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.



Faith Life



- The Wednesday Word this week is **KINDNESS**
- This Sunday is the **34th and Last Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A: Christ the King** Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 (*We will be judged by how much we have loved others*)
- This month we have an electronic **Book of Remembrance** for children to write the name of someone they have known who has died
- This week children have been learning about Judaism
- Next week we will begin our topic on **Advent**



Thanks to Sorcha (Y4) for this lovely prayer.

St Thomas More Parish News

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

Priest's references: parents seeking a priest's reference in relation to applying for a school place may leave the form at the parish office on a Monday and collect on a Wednesday (Fr Gerry is supporting Fr Bart with this)

Parish office: open 10:00-16:00 Mon, Wed, Fri

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. For further details see last week's school newsletter or contact the parish office (see below).

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Assistant priest: Fr Peter Ehinmiro

Tel: 020 8693 5070

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

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Community Fundraiser

Amigo's Festive Magic Show (via zoom)

Friday 4th December 6-7pm

£5.00 (+80p booking fee) per family - profits to the **Albrighton Community Centre** (East Dulwich Estate), helping vulnerable people over the Christmas period and all year round with food and other essentials.

To purchase tickets click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/amigos-magical-pre-christmas-show-profits-to-albrighton-community-centre-tickets-128628008837>

Thanks to Oscar and Henry's mum for flagging this up.

School Uniform

Now that we are in the second half of the autumn term, children should be wearing the winter uniform. You can see the full uniform list in the parents section of our website. Remember to label all clothing clearly and check it from time to time (labels fade in the wash!).

Personal Safety

Next week children from Year 2 to Year 5 will be visited by PC Dan Short (Metropolitan Police Primary Schools officer for Southwark) to talk about personal safety. The sessions are titled 'Clever Never Goes' (an updated version of 'Stranger Danger'). He will return the following week to talk to Year 6.

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—Psalms 28: 10-11



*The Lord will reign forever
and will give his people the
gift of peace.*

BARVENBER

Mo has 10 cards. Tim has 4 cards.

Mo gives Tim some of his cards.

They now have the same amount of cards.

How many cards did Mo give Tim?

Solution to last week's puzzle: 17 apples

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.