



St Anthony's Newsletter



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Friday 4 December 2020

SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ADVENT

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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.

We are proud of being a healthy school, so it was good news for many that after-school sports were able to resume this week. This is, of course, additional to children's physical activity during the school day, which includes the Daily Mile and two PE lessons per week. Most of this happens in the playground and the weather has to be very bad indeed for children not to go out. Remember to make sure, therefore, that your child comes to school wearing plenty of layers!

Have a good weekend!

Admissions 2021

There will be a **webinar** for prospective parents next Tuesday, 8 Dec at 09:30. Mrs Hawthorne will give a presentation about the school and some of our Young Ambassadors will talk about the best aspects of school life. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions using the Q&A facility. Anyone wishing to join should email the school to request a link. Please let your friends, neighbours and family know!

Flu vaccination catch-up

Any child who was absent for the flu vaccination last month will receive it on Monday next week (provided parents have given permission).

Important Dates

Fri 11 Dec—**last day to post Christmas cards in school**: all cards should have the addressee's name and class on the envelope; cards will be quarantined before delivery.

Wed 16 Dec—**Christmas Dinner**: children can wear their own clothes and add a touch of Christmas sparkle with tinsel, etc.

Thurs 17 Dec— **Pantomime** (online) with popcorn (not online!)

Fri 18 Dec— **End of term**: 13:50 Y1,2
14:00 Y3,4,5,6
14:10 Reception and Nursery

O, Christmas Tree!

Our lovely Christmas tree, festooned in baubles and lights, is in its usual position in the hall. During Monday's assembly this week, Sian (Y6) and Thea (Reception) ceremoniously switched on the lights. Children will see the tree every time they post a Christmas card (last day of posting next Friday, 11 Dec). Other seasonal preparations include a virtual travelling crib, an interactive Advent calendar and a streamed liturgy for schools from Archbishop John.



Y6 personal safety

PC Dan and PC Arthur concluded their personal safety visits this week in Year 6. They are looking forward to coming back to see us again after the holidays.

Reading Challenge

A total of 1,019 books were read for the competition. The winning class is St Paul's Y6 (151 books read) and the runner-up is St Agnes (136 books read). The children in St Paul's Class have very kindly offered to share their prize money (for books) with St Agnes' Class. Well done to everyone for taking part!

Parental Permission

Thank you to the 80% of parents who have already given permission for their child to appear in videos on our website. We will be filming a nativity play and carols to be uploaded before Christmas.



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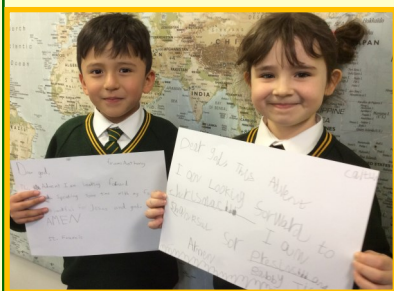
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Faith Life

- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **HOPE**
- This Sunday is the **2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)**, **Gospel Mark 1: 1-8** (*John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of their Saviour*)
- There is an **interactive Advent Calendar** now on our website
- **Travelling Crib:** children have been given cut-out crib figures to make at home so that families can talk about the Christmas story during Advent
- The Feast of the **Immaculate Conception** of Our Lady is on Tuesday 8th December
- Archbishop John will celebrate a **Christmas Liturgy** for schools on Thursday 17 Dec (streamed)



Thanks to Anthony and Caitlin (Y1) for writing this week's prayers for Advent

Dear God, this Advent I am looking forward to Christmas. I am thankful for presents and Baby Jesus. Amen

Dear God, this Advent I am looking forward to spending some time with my family. I am thankful for Jesus and God. Amen

St Thomas More Parish News

Public Sunday Masses will resume this weekend:

Vigil Mass, Saturday 18:30; Sunday 08:30, 10:00, 12:00 and 17:30

Numbers remain restricted to 60 and masses will continue to be live streamed.

Parish Carol service: Sunday 20 Dec, 14:30 via YouTube

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 or Friday (Fr Gerry is supporting Fr Bart with this).

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

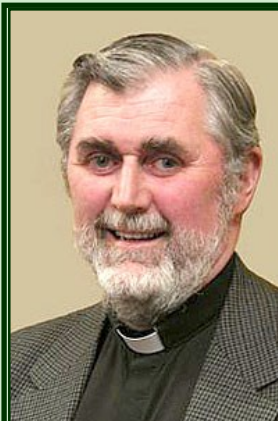
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Bishop Pat

Bishop Pat Lynch, long-time friend of the school and our area bishop, has announced his retirement. Bishop Pat opened our new school building in September 2013. He has celebrated Masses in our school, visited the children and was the celebrant for Mrs Hawthorne's induction Mass. We are thankful

for the support and encouragement he has given us over the years and wish him a very happy retirement.

Thanks from CAFOD

We received a lovely video message from Ruth (pictured), our local CAFOD schools volunteer. In it she thanked us, on behalf of CAFOD, for raising £274 for the Harvest Appeal. This amount is enough to provide handwashing stations for three villages and soap and masks for 10 families. The video was shared in assembly this morning and can also be seen on our website. Thank you!



Year of the Word—Baruch: 5:5; 4:36



Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

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**.

Parking Wardens

You may have noticed Southwark parking wardens in operation around the Friern Road/ Etherow Street area. They will be around frequently to help keep children safe from traffic and the beginning and end of the day.

We ask that if you are waiting in your car at the end of the day, you turn off your engine.

Puzzle Corner

Each of Santa's elves can wrap 1 gift in 1 minute. How many gifts can 5 elves wrap in 3 minutes?

Solution to last week's puzzle: 8g

