



St Anthony's Newsletter

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FOURTH
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.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

2020 has been a year like no other and despite the challenges and difficulties we have seen rays of light and managed to experience moments of joy and celebration. This week has been no exception and seeing the children's productions, participating in the Archbishop's mass, hearing children sing, eating Christmas dinner together and watching a pantomime has shown us that we can still celebrate Christmas. I think that in many ways we are all a little more grateful this year for the things we have.

Throughout 2020, the school community has continued to support and offer encouragement. We are blessed to have such a wonderful school community and I am incredibly grateful to all the parents and children for their trust, their openness and their appreciation. The children, as always, are the reason we enjoy our jobs and they have shown resilience to the changes and have continued to work hard and thrive.

I would like to publicly thank the school team for all their work this year. Each time we have faced a new challenge, they have surpassed all expectations and ensured that the quality of education, support and nurture has continued. Their commitment, energy and varied skills continue to astound me.

The governors, Fr Gerry and subsequently Fr Bart have also provided a great deal of support for the school - meeting regularly with me, offering support, challenge and prayers to ensure that St Anthony's continues to be the best that it can be.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and Holy Christmas.

God bless,

Joanne Hawthorne

CARE Award winners

Congratulations to all our pupils who won a CARE award this term (for Consideration, Achievement, Respect and Effort).

Consideration	Achievement	Respect	Effort
Amelia	Asa	Poppy	Grace
Finn	Kyrai-Skye	Dhominick	Mauro
Zuzanna	Chigozie	Matias	Manuella
Elliot	Carter	David	Isabelle
Ethan	Glory-Faith	Taiwo	Isaiah
Ida	Percy	Sophia	Jaiden
Cecily	Noah	Josiah	Destiny
William	Michelle	Laura	Luke
Mia	Morire	Maeve	Remar
Leticia	Joel	James	Winifred
Oliver	Sorcha	Mateja	Ella
Pierce	Sarah	Vwegba	Neveh
Michelle	Harry	Francesco	Isla
Kaycee	Ziah	Tony	Romane
Sophia	Oscar	Ciara	Nana

Online Christmas

If you have not seen our Nativity Play yet, please head for the interactive section of our website. There are plays, poems, animations and carols to cheer up any Covid Christmas!

Contact Tracing during the holidays

Parents have today been sent a letter (on parentmail) with details of how to contact Mrs Hawthorne should their child receive a positive Covid test result during the first week of the holidays.

New Term starts Tuesday 5 January

Be punctual!

Uniform

Pupils wear winter uniform next term. See website for full list.

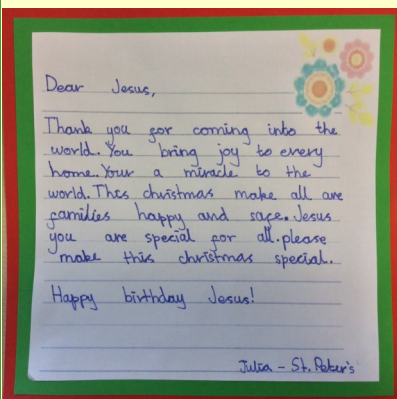


**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**



Faith Life

- The Wednesday Word this week is **MARY**
- This Sunday is the **4th Sunday of Advent (Year B)**, Gospel Luke 1: 26-38 (*The Angel Gabriel has news for Mary*)
- There is an **interactive Advent Calendar** now on our website
- Watch our **Infant Nativity Play** on the interactive page of our website
- All schools in the diocese participated with Archbishop John in an **online liturgy this week**: Ciara and Oscar read from St Luke's Gospel



Thanks to Julia in Y3 for this lovely prayer.

St Thomas More Parish News

Sunday Mass:

Vigil Mass, Saturday 18:30; Sunday 08:30, 10:00, 12:00 and 17:30 (maximum 60 people).

Christmas Masses—these are all now fully booked apart from 10pm on Christmas Eve. There is currently no obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day and the bishops have suggested people might like to attend mass on a different day during the Octave of Christmas (25 Dec—1 Jan)

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Year of the Word—John 1: 14



The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

Puzzle

By the twelfth day of Christmas, my True Love had sent to me a lot of lovely presents (1 on the first, 2 on the second, 3 on the third...). How many altogether?

Solution to last week's puzzle: Wednesday



Thanks St Thomas!

We would like to express our thanks to the pupils of **St Thomas the Apostle College**, Nunhead, for their kind donations of food hampers to help some of our families over the holidays.

Farewell

Theresa Blythin, parish secretary at St Thomas More Church, will be retiring this Christmas. She has been at the parish since 2011 and in that time has helped many of our families in arranging baptisms, First Communions, etc., and has always been most helpful when organising school-parish events. We wish her a very happy retirement.

Online safety

Children love going online for lots of reasons – chatting with friends, learning new things, having fun. Whatever your child enjoys doing online, you can help them stay safer by focusing on 3 key areas:

- Viewing
- Sharing
- Chatting and friending

Thinkuknow has produced a guide for parents to help with this.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>

Punctuality

Please arrive at the correct time in the mornings so your child can be in class for registration. Arriving after registration results in a late mark!

FOSTAS

The sale of Christmas cards, designed by the children, raised £323.29—thank you! The children today received party bags from FOSTAS for Christmas.



Oscar and Ciara read beautifully during the online liturgy and Loulou-Belle and Kehinde have made delightful Christingles.

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**.