



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.



Moving to year-group bubbles has been very successful and children have greatly enjoyed being able to mix in larger bubbles (set up by year-group, rather than class-group). We have also invested in additional equipment for recreation times, including table tennis (which we showed in the newsletter two weeks ago) and now lego-tables. Children using equipment during breaks wash their hands before and afterwards and regular handwashing/sanitising of equipment remains key in our Covid risk-assessment for the school.

Thanks to all of you who have expressed your views to the council about making Etherow Street safer. When we hear any more from the highways department, we will let you know. In the meantime, their email address is below, should you wish to contact them.

Have a good weekend!

Highways@southwark.gov.uk

<http://schoolstreets.org.uk/>

Parking

Please **do not park** in the car park of the flats; this is reserved for residents only.

Parking near the school is very limited and parents who drive are advised to park away from the school and walk the last part of the journey. This will mean setting off from home a few minutes earlier to ensure prompt arrival.

Thank you for your cooperation.

End of day arrangements

From Monday next week, the children will end the day five minutes later than they do currently and parents will **collect Year 1 and 2 children from the playground**.

- 3.15pm Y1/Y2 parents enter the playground from the Friern Rd gate and exit using the Etherow St gate
- 3.20pm Y3/Y4 collected from their usual gates
- 3.25pm Y5/Y6 collected from their usual gates
- 3.30pm Nursery/Reception collected from the 'drive' (main gates)

This is the first stage in returning to a 3.30pm finish for everyone. **Parents are to wear face-coverings** while on the premises, unless they are exempt.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance this week is **97%**. A good attendance level means that all children have the opportunity not only to make the best progress but also catch up on their social development.

Punctuality is just as important, because a good start to the day makes all the difference to what a child achieves. Please be in good time when bringing your child to school.

Staying safe

With the lighter evenings, parents of older children often allow their child to travel to school unaccompanied. The NSPCC has produced a resource to support parents in talking to their child about staying safe

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/#homealone>

Important dates:

31 May—4 June: Half Term

Monday 7 June: INSET

Thursday 22 July: End of Term (2pm)



Protect your friends and family

**COVID SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW.**



NHS
Test and Trace



Faith Life

Year of St Joseph

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

- The Wednesday Word this week is **GROWING**
- This Sunday is the **6th Sunday of Easter, Year B**, John 15:9-17 (*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.*)
- Next Thursday is the feast of the **Ascension**, children will be joining St Thomas More parish for streamed Mass
- May is the month of Mary: children will be invited to pray the rosary throughout the month



Thanks to Kemji, Adriana and Eve for this lovely prayer, looking forward to Pentecost

St Thomas More Parish News

Sunday Mass:

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

First Holy Communion Preparation 2021 postponed.
Please contact Fr Bart if you would be able to help as a catechist or catechist helper.

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek

Assistant priest: Fr Peter Ehinmiro

Tel: 020 8693 5070

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

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing or you have a question about safeguarding, please contact **Mrs Macdonald, Mr Croft or Mrs Hawthorne.**

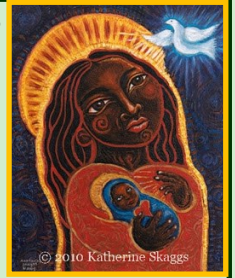
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The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations!

Psalm 97

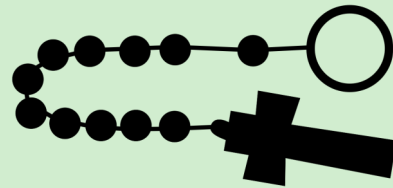
May is the Month of Mary



Traditionally, May is a month of devotion to Mary, Jesus' mother. One of the ways people show this devotion is by praying the rosary. This way of praying calls to mind all the important events (known as mysteries) in Our Lady's life. There are many online resources to give guidance on praying the rosary.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/catechesis/the-rosary/>

We are encouraging families to make a special area at home dedicated to Mary (this could be on a shelf or window ledge) with pictures and flowers to decorate it.



Please send in your photographs!



The Big Ask is an online questionnaire for children from the Children's Commissioner. It is an opportunity for young people to let the government know how they feel about the things that affect them in their lives, be it education, friendships, family life or their hopes for the future. If your child has yet to complete the questionnaire, go to <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Puzzle Corner

Maths: Can you add two square numbers to make another square number?

History: On 8 May 1945 (anniversary tomorrow), people across Europe were celebrating. Why?



Last week's answers

Maths: 91, 140 (keep adding square numbers)

Science: Algeria