



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 is the last newsletter for this term. Looking back over the past calendar year, we have a chance to see out the old as we prepare to welcome the new. 2021 began with many children and their families working from home, and many of us rapidly acquiring the skills necessary for zoom calls and Google classroom. By the summer term we were able to welcome everyone back to our site, so long as we maintained very stringent measures (remember separate playtimes and lunch in the classroom?). As the new school year started in September, it was wonderful to reintroduce so much of what we had been missing: trips, swimming, and lunch in the hall, to name three. On top of all that we have had an Ofsted inspection as well!

Now we are facing new challenges; we have made adjustments to school routines to keep everyone as safe as possible, including online nativity plays and carols.

We may not know how the year ahead will unfold but we can, however, be certain that the goodwill and resilience of our families and staff will mean that our children will continue to have the best opportunities afforded to them. We would like to thank parents and children for all their efforts over the past twelve months and take this opportunity of wishing all families...

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Be vigilant

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has alerted us to a rise in reported thefts in the area, including on public transport. This is mostly items such as mobile phones. We have reminded children to be more aware and to keep phones, if they have them, safely away in their bag or a secure pocket.

Goodbye

Ms Donald will be leaving us at the end of term. She has been supporting children with their learning in Year 5 this term we would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.

Fri 17 Dec 2pm: END OF TERM

Wed 5 Jan: start of Spring Term

Decorate your jumper!

Next Wednesday we will be serving Christmas Lunch and children may wear a different jumper for the day (it does not need to be a Christmas jumper). Everyone is welcome to add a little decoration (some tinsel or a badge perhaps!)

From us...

The School Council suggested, as an alternative to Christmas Crackers this year, that children receive a Christmas bookmark instead. This will reduce our impact on the environment (less landfill!) and give children something they can keep beyond Christmas. The book marks have a photo of our school crib and a special message. Look out for them next week!



Pupil Wellbeing

This term the school introduced **TAG** and **RAG** (see newsletter 12/11/21) to further empower children to help themselves and each other. This was shared by our assistant head, Mrs Macdonald, at the annual **Empowering Communities** conference this week, attended by Harriet Harman MP, Colin Wingrove (Borough Commander) and cabinet members from Southwark Council.

We are pleased to report that in the recent OFSTED survey for parents, **100%** of respondents said that their child was happy and felt safe at school.

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**.

Should you be concerned about a child's wellbeing over the holidays, you should contact the **Southwark Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**. They can be contacted at any time for enquiries, advice or to make a referral.

- **020 7525 1921**
- **020 7525 5000** (out of hours)

All local authorities have a safeguarding team that can be contacted at any time.

Faith Life



- This Sunday will be the **3rd Sunday of Advent**; Luke 3:10-18 (*John the Baptist urges various groups of people to works of justice and charity*)
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **MERCY**
- Next week Years 5 and 6 will have a **penitential celebration** in school; this is in place of a planned service in the church
- Our Nativity Play, the Reception Nativity with Carols and Nursery Carols will be shared with the school through Google Classroom this year

Dear God,
We hope that you will guide us through Advent and the coming of Jesus. Help us to follow in your footsteps as the time of Advent passes by.
Amen



Thanks to Mudia and Ace (Y5) for this lovely prayer.

St Thomas More Parish News

Mass Times

- Sunday: Vigil 5pm, 6.30pm (Saturday); 8.30am, 10.00am, 12 noon & 5.30pm
- Monday–Friday: 9.30am

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

The plan for Christmas 2021 will be subject to revision on **18 December**. Where required, booking available via the parish website and parish office. All other Masses and celebrations will take place as usual and will not require booking.

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Good news!

Congratulations to two of our families who have had recent new arrivals.

Iyinoluwa (Y1) on the birth of her baby brother, Jaiden; and Lovi (Y2) and Louise (Y1) are celebrating the birth of their baby brother, also called Jaiden!

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.

Our latest prefect

Congratulations to Neveh in Year 6, who received his prefect badge in assembly this morning.



Christmas Messages



Our diocesan archbishop, John Wilson, has recorded a message for children as we prepare for Christmas. This has been shared with pupils in school and parents can see it by clicking this link https://www.dropbox.com/s/oxl7ypmmki3d5uw/IMG_4381.MOV?dl=0

Fr Bart and Fr Peter, from St Thomas More Church, have also recorded a Christmas message and blessing which will be on the school website next week.

Nursery and Reception places 2022

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2022**. Please remind your friends and neighbours if they are looking for a place for their child.

At St Anthony's we welcome applications from families of all faiths and none.

Christmas Craft at Dulwich Library

Make your own rocking snowmen and Christmas cards



Dulwich Library, Lordship Lane SE22
Monday 20 December 2pm-3.30pm
Free admission

Is your child receiving a new digital device this Christmas?

Parentsafe from LGFL (London Grid for Learning) has lots of useful information for parents to keep their children safe.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/home>

Puzzle Corner

How many presents would you have if you received all those mentioned in the **12 days of Christmas** (1 on day 1, 2 and day 2 and so on)?



Solution to last puzzle:
4x10p and 2x5p