

# 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.

Happy New Year and welcome back for the Spring Term! Despite disruption caused by the Omicron Variant, we have been pleased to see the vast majority of our children return this week and to hear that so many of you had an enjoyable, if slightly quieter, Christmas. We are conscious that we must continue to be vigilant in limiting the impact of Covid, and measures that remain in place at school include keeping all rooms well ventilated, regular hand-washing and staff (not children) wearing face-coverings in shared areas such as corridors and cloakrooms.

We look forward to being able to resume more activities this term, such as swimming, library visits for Years 3 and 4 and joining the parish for Mass at St Thomas More. We hope also to begin trips further afield and will let you know when this is possible.

Wrap-up well this weekend and enjoy all that this season has to offer.

*Have a good weekend!*



## Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to our new Pupil Leaders: Filippo (Head Boy); Trinity (Head Girl); Cian (deputy Head Boy) and Isla (deputy Head Girl). These pupils were selected to be this term's leaders because they always demonstrate and encourage others to live up to our school CARE values (Consideration, Achievement, Respect and Effort). Thanks go to our outgoing leaders, Vincent, Laudine, Adrian and Na'imah, who set such a high standard across the school.

## School Uniform

Pupils from Reception to Y6 should be wearing Winter Uniform this term: white shirt, school tie, school jumper, grey trousers/skirt, black shoes (not trainers). Hair bands/ribbons should be in the school colours of gold/green, earrings should be studs or sleepers and watches should be simple devices for telling the time (not smart watches).

During the cold weather, you are reminded that your child should bring a warm coat, hat and gloves for times when they are outside. We also recommend wearing a vest and thermal underwear as we keep the windows open for good ventilation.

PE kit should be brought to school on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.

All uniform and belongings are to be clearly marked with your child's name and class. Please check that this has not faded!

Lost property is kept in a covered box in the bike-park area near the school gate. Any unclaimed property will, eventually, be disposed of.

## 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.

## 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**.

## KEY DATES

**Thurs 13 Jan: Eye tests for Reception children**

**Tues 8 Feb: Safer Internet Day**

**14-18 Feb HALF TERM BREAK**

**Tues 22 Feb: Class group photographs**

**Wed 2 Mar: Ash Wednesday**

**Wed 2/Thurs 3 Mar: Parent-Teacher meetings**

**Thurs 3 Mar: World Book Day**

**Tues 8 Mar: International Women's Day**

**Fri 1 April 2pm: END OF TERM**

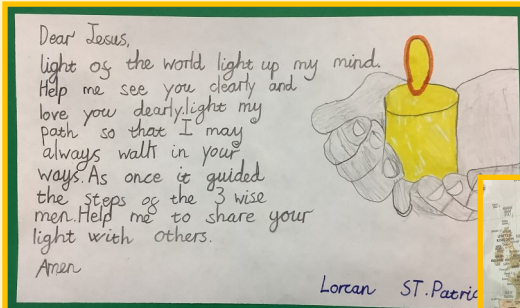


## Faith Life



- This Sunday will be the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**; Gospel Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 *"Someone is coming," said John, "someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."*

- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **BAPTISM**
- Year 3 will join the parish for the 09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church on Wednesday next week; parents are invited to join them.
- Thursday this week was the **Feast of the Epiphany**—children found out more about the visit of the Wise Men from the East and Fr Bart celebrated Mass which was streamed (still available on the parish website); all children also received a chocolate to mark the occasion and parents were offered a house-blessing kit (thanks to Fr Bart and the parish for these kind gifts)
- Children have started a new topic in RE this week: **Local Church and Community**



Thanks to  
Lorcan (Y4)  
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

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### Good news!

Congratulations to Cushla, St Julie's Class, on the birth of her baby brother. Our best wishes go to the whole family.

### Gymnastics club (mornings)

Places available on Mondays and Fridays (08:00). Contact the office if interested.

## We need your help!

Swimming lessons will restart next week with Years 3 and 4 on Thursday and Years 5 and 6 (St Paul) on Friday. This can only happen if we have parents to help with the walk there and back. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to join them and say which weeks you are available.

Swimming takes place at the Dulwich Leisure Centre on Crystal Palace Road and is about a 20 minute walk from school.



### Epiphany Challenge

Fr Bart has challenged children to **name the gifts** the Wise Men brought for Jesus and **tell us the meaning behind them**. Answers may be submitted to Mr Croft on Monday, either on paper or by email via the school office. It should be the child's own work and some prizes will be given to the best entries (winners announced next week).

## Free Swimming (adults)

If you are a Southwark resident, a non-swimmer and aged 16 or over, you can book free swimming lessons. Lessons are available in all Southwark pools.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/leisure-and-sport/free->

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.

## Did your child receive 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

You ask a flock of birds, "How many are you in all?"

They reply, "If you double our amount, keep it aside then halve our amount, then add it to the doubled amount, keep that aside then quarter our amount then add 1, you get 100."

How many birds?

**Thanks to Keziah in Year 6 for sending this question in.**

**Solution to last puzzle: 78 presents**

