

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 week we returned to 'live' assemblies in the hall, after many months of streaming through Google Classroom. Wonderful as the technology is, it is no substitute for the sense of community felt when we are able to gather together in the same space. We were, therefore, also greatly encouraged by the number of parents who stayed for our coffee morning this week (pictured). If you were unable to attend, we have emailed the resources we used for our discussion on keeping children safe.

There will be another **coffee morning for parents on Wednesday 23 March at 09:00**; the theme will be helping your child with their learning, but it will also be a good opportunity for parents to meet up socially. Mark the date in your diary!

Have a good weekend!

Parents Meetings

These are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday online after school. The link for booking an appointment has been emailed to parents and carers (Parentmail 02/02/22).

If these dates are inconvenient, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.



Parking

When parking, parents must only park in permitted areas.

Do not block drives, use disabled bays

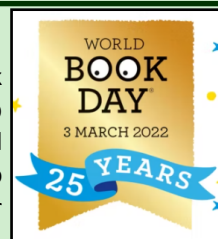
(unless you have a blue badge) or park in the flats car-park on Friern Road.

Thank you.

World Book Day

Next Thursday (3 March) is World Book Day. Children are encouraged to dress up for the day as a character from a book and also to submit (via class email) a photo (**#shelfie**) of themselves in front of their book collections at home.

We encourage children to be inventive when dressing up and make use of whatever can be found at home (*there is no need to buy an outfit for the occasion – consider the planet please!*)



Air Filters

Thank you so much for raising the money needed to buy air filters for our school. We currently have one working in an infant classroom and two more are soon to be purchased.

Should you wish to contribute please go to

<https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/917662/>

Collections will close on Monday next week. Special thanks to Henry's (Y3) mum for organising this.

Safeguarding

The UK Government has launched a new advice and support site to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. The site includes advice for parents and carers on spotting the signs of sexual abuse and speaking to children about relationships and safety.

The website can be accessed via <https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk/>

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

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

Tues 22/Wed 23 Mar 08:30-09:00: 'book-look' for parents

Wed 23 Mar 09:00: coffee morning for parents

Fri 1 April 2pm: END OF TERM

Faith Life



- This Sunday is the **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**; Gospel Luke 6:39-45 (Take the plank from your own eye first)
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **ACTION**
- Next Wednesday is **ASH WEDNESDAY** (the start of Lent): there will be a short Ash liturgy in school for the children
- Year 6 will join the parish for the 09:30 Mass at St Thomas More Church on **Wednesday 9 Mar** (there will be no classes going to the Church next week because of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in school)



Thanks to Isaiah (Y5) for this lovely painting of his favourite saint, St Thomas the Apostle.

Who is your favourite saint?



St Thomas More Parish News

Archbishop John Wilson to visit St Thomas More

On Sunday 6 March Archbishop John will be visiting St Thomas More Parish and has asked St Anthony's School to be represented at 12.00 Mass. During that Mass Fr Bart will be inducted as parish priest. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration and a reception afterwards in the parish hall and garden. The parish would appreciate some help in preparing food and drinks for this occasion. This weekend, after every Mass, the organisers will take note of any food and drink offers. Non-perishable food will be collected in the parish hall on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 March, while freshly cooked food may be brought on Sunday 6 March after every Mass. All help is greatly appreciated.

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Book talk

One of our parents has written a book about raising a child on the autistic spectrum. She will be giving a talk about her experiences on Saturday 5 March at 29 Peckham Rd. For further details, see the flier by the school office.

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.

Year of Pilgrimage



Jovita (Year 5) visited Portugal over the half term break and while there she made a pilgrimage to the shrine at Fatima, where she offered prayers for our school community.

This year children are making virtual pilgrimages during their class prayers, finding out about holy places around the world.



Congratulations to Alex (Y5) and Julia (Y4) on gaining their Grade 1 piano certificate this term. Contact details for our music tutors are available from the school office.

Uniform

We have plenty of second-hand uniform available for free. Please contact the office if you would like some.

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance this week is **95%**.

Congratulations St Anne's Class for 100% attendance!

Children should arrive at school by 08:45 for 08:50 registration.

Dogs

A dog brings great joy to a family and many people now combine the walk to school with an opportunity to give their pet pooch some exercise. Please be mindful, however, that some people (children and adults) are nervous around dogs.

Sad news

We were sorry to hear that Anna (Y6) and Luke's (Y4) Nanna died recently. Our prayers and sympathy are with the family.

Puzzle Corner



A dog, a kitten and a rabbit together cost £20. If the rabbit costs three times as much as the kitten, and three dogs could be bought for the price of four rabbits, what is the cost of each animal?

Solution to last puzzle: 85 BC