



# St Anthony's Newsletter

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CAFOD

## St Anthony's loves reading!

We were thrilled to celebrate World Book Day and Reading throughout the past week. Children and staff members looked fabulous dressed as their favourite characters and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing of all the books that were being celebrated. On Monday and Tuesday, FOSTAS kindly paid for World Book Day Storybook Workshops and a West End theatre group facilitated drama workshops with each class. The children were very enthusiastic about the workshops.

Miss Yohuno is continuing to celebrate reading and storytelling by running two competitions until 16 March. Children can create a story in a box and/or write a 100-word story. Please encourage your child to take part as we all know the power of reading and storytelling.



*These children in Y5 have already entered the reading competitions. Closing date 16 March.*

In addition, our EYFS team have asked for volunteers to be their Mystery Storyteller. This is an opportunity where a visitor (a surprise to the class) will visit school and read a book or share a story with the children. If you have some time to spare, please let Miss Nitulescu know. We would particularly like parents and grandparents who can read a story in another language or who could use their drama skills.

If you are struggling to know what books to recommend your children, there is a lovely list available on <https://clpe.org.uk/books/corebooks>. Unlike the limited range that children often see in supermarkets, this booklist gives parents (and teachers) a wealth of rich literature which can be enjoyed by the whole family. Living in Southwark, also means that parents can request these books from their local libraries.

Another useful resource is <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/> This website gives parents tips on encouraging reading at home. Please remember that children will copy the adults in their home and if they do not see you read then they will be less likely to read themselves.

The Scholastic Book Fair (Thurs 16 March-Wed 22 March) will be open at the beginning and end of each day.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

These will be by video link after school on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March. Online booking is now open and details for booking were emailed to parents on Thursday 2 March. If meeting on one of those days will be difficult, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a more convenient time.

## Lent Appeal 2023

Help us this Lent to support the essential work of CAFOD. We have a dedicated fundraising page



to make donating as easy as possible online. The money will go directly to CAFOD but we will be able to see how much of it has come from the St Anthony's community.

We have set a target of £2,500 and so far we have raised £229 which is great but **we still have a long way to go**. Remember, if you are a UK taxpayer, to gift-aid your donation (this costs you nothing extra but the government will add 25% to whatever you pledge)

[St Anthony's CAFOD appeal](#)

## Do you walk your dog to school?

Many of our families keep a dog, and travelling to and from school is an ideal time for 'walkies'. We do, however, remind dog owners that some children are frightened of dogs and ask that they **do not block the pavement** near the school gates. A number of families had to walk on the road to avoid dogs this week.

## Industrial Action

**15 and 16 March 2023**

Parents have been emailed if their child's class is likely to be affected by industrial action next week.

We will keep you updated of any changes or developments.

## KEY DATES

**21/22 Mar (T/W):** Parent/teacher meetings (online)

**Tues 28 Mar 2pm:** Lent liturgy in church (led by Y5)

**Fri 31 Mar 2pm** End of spring term

**Thur 20 July 2pm:** End of academic year

**Tues 5 Sept:** Start of new academic year (2023-24)

See our website for next year's term dates.

# Faith Life



- This Sunday is the **3rd Sunday in Lent**, Gospel: John 4:5-42 ('Anyone who drinks the water I shall give will never be thirsty again.')
- **Stations of the Cross** on Friday mornings during Lent, 08:35-08:45 in the hall—everyone welcome
- Year 4 children (who were eligible) received the **sacrament of reconciliation** this week; next it week it will be available to Years 5 and 6 (for children who have made their first Holy Communion) - thanks to Fr Bart for making this possible
- The **Wednesday Word** this week is **GOD'S LOVE**
- Next Wednesday, **St Clare** class will join **St Thomas More** parish for the **09:30 Mass**; the following week will be St George; parents are welcome to come along.

**Plant in us Lord,  
seeds of love, for you,  
for creation  
and for all people.**

**Help us to grow, each day,  
to be more like Jesus,  
so that our words and our lives,  
show people your love.**

**Amen.**

*CAFOD prayer for Lent 2023*



## St Thomas More Parish

**Mass times for Sunday:** Vigil 17.30 (Saturday); 08.30, 10.00, 12.00 & 17.30 (Sunday)

**Stations of the Cross:** 19:30 every Friday during Lent

**Baby and toddler group:** Monday mornings (book through parish office)

### Southwark Caritas (inaugural Mass)

Caritas is an international organisation founded on Catholic Social Teaching, providing support to the most vulnerable members of society; a diocesan group has been established and will be officially launched at a Mass in St George's Cathedral on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm, followed by a reception in the Amigo Hall next door; all are welcome to attend.

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## Food and Fun Holiday Programme

This Easter Southwark Council's Food and Fun holiday programme continues following a fantastic winter programme.

The programme is designed to help local families who are in need of additional support during the school holidays to access free, healthy food and fun activities and is aimed at children and young people aged between 4 and 16 years who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

**The Easter of Food and Fun will run from Monday 3 April – Thursday 6 April 2023.**

More information will follow later this month,

**FOSTAS snack sale: after school every Friday this term to raise money for Y6 leavers' 'hoodies'**

## Attendance and Punctuality

Children are expected to be on site at **08:45**. Note: the **school gates close at 08:50**. Children arriving after that time will receive a late mark.

This week's attendance: **93.73%**

Best class this week: St Bernadette (97.28%)

Best class this term: St Bernadette (97.5%)

**Parents must send a note or email** to the school office when their child returns from absence (in addition to contacting the school on the first day of absence)

## Free cycling workshops

Southwark Council is providing free cycle training courses to all children who live or go to school in the borough during the Easter holidays. Locations are Dulwich Park or Burgess Park. This is suitable for children from 4 years. Cycles are available to borrow at Burgess Park but not at Dulwich Park. Children must be able to attend training for every session. Places are limited and can be booked online on a first-come-first-served basis. To secure a place, parents and carers need to book on the Cycle Confident website <http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>

## Safeguarding

Any safeguarding concerns about children, current or historic, should be raised with the safeguarding team: **Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Hawthorne and Mr Croft.**

## Challenge

Which gives the largest answer, multiplying all the numbers from 1 to 10 together or all the even numbers from 1 to 16?

*Solution to the last challenge: 8 hens and 5 rabbits*

*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.*