

# **St Anthony's Newsletter**

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This week, as well as school reports being sent home, sports days and children meeting their new teachers, we also had our Leavers' Evening: a night of celebration and song for our Year 6 pupils about to move on to secondary school. They gave a fantastic performance of **Olivia** (a musical written for children), after which they received their leavers' Bibles, yearbooks and trophies. Thanks to the staff and the pupils for making it such an enjoyable evening. Next week we will continue with the end of year traditions, including school Mass, end of year CARE awards, and the leavers' parade at the very end.

We received the results for the **end-of-year school assessments** (SATs) earlier in the week. As yet, these are in an unvalidated format but they are very encouraging and suggest that **the school achieved** <u>15% higher</u> than the national average. This truly reflects dedication and high expectations of the school team, that enabled all our children to achieve their best. We will share results for all the assessments, including early Years and Key stage 1, with parents next week

The achievements of our children over the year are too numerous to count in this final newsletter of the academic year, though you will have read about lots of them over the year and seen just how many opportunities the children have had to shine. We are grateful to the staff for all they do, including the often unseen admin, premises and catering teams. We also know that we would not be able to do our job with out the continued support of parents. To anyone who has helped in any way this year—thank you.

Finally, our good wishes go to all who are leaving us this summer. Some are moving overseas, some moving to other parts of this country, while many moving on to secondary schools to start the next chapter of their school lives. We ask for God's blessing on all of them.

Have a good weekend!

## Thank you and farewell

At this time of year, as we wave farewell to the children who are leaving us, we also say farewell to some of our staff members. Ms Crowhurst, Miss Brown and Ms Gauron are all leaving us this July. We wish them all well for their future plans and are very grateful to them for their support and commitment during their time at St Anthony's.

We also say farewell and thank you to the agency staff who have supported individual children or classes this year. With all teachers and teaching assistants, we are incredibly grateful for your professionalism, flexibility and positivity.

In September we will be welcoming new members to our teaching team: Ms Carserides (Reception); Ms Twigg (Y2); Ms Mahabir (Y4) and Mr Dewar (Y6).



Farewell Year 6!

# Arrangements for the end of term Monday 17 July

• Children bring carrier bags from home to take everything home on Wednesday

### Wednesday 19 July

- Leavers may bring an old white shirt for signing
- Books etc go home (in carrier bags)

### Thursday 20 July: 2pm finish

- Mufti day: Children to wear own clothes (no need to bring school bags either)
- 2pm Leavers' parade with school bell 'ringing them out'; parents of leavers permitted on site from 1.45pm and gather in the small playground
- 2pm, summer holidays begin; parents can collect their children from the main playground

## **FOSTAS** news

**Summer Fair** - well done to everyone who supported us at the Summer Fair - you all raised a fantastic  $\underline{\textbf{£3,607.07}}$ ! This will go a long way in helping us pay for equipment and experiences for our children.

**Easyfundraising Prize Draw** - well done to Jovita who won the £100 Sticks n Sushi restaurant voucher. We appreciate all our Easyfundraising supporters. Please get involved and sign up if you haven't done so already

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostas/

**Uniform donations** - please donate any good quality uniform you no longer need. You can place it in the green bins by the bus shelter or hand it over to the school office. We cannot accept any uniform with holes or pen/paint stains that cannot be removed, so please recycle these items elsewhere.

### **KEY DATES**

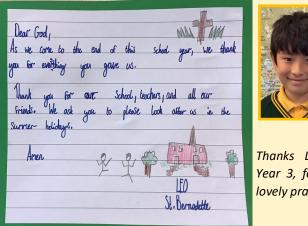
Monday 17 July:End of Year MassThur 20 July 2pm:End of academic yearTues 5 Sept 8.30am: Start of new academic year (2023-24)

See our website for next year's term dates.

# **Faith Life**



- This Sunday is 15th in Ordinary Time (A), Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9 (the parable of the sower)
- The Wednesday Word this week is LISTENING
- End of Year Mass: parents are welcome to join us for the end of year Mass, which will be celebrated by Fr Joseph from St Thomas More Church on Monday at 09:15.



Thanks Leo in Year 3, for this lovely prayer.



# St Thomas More Parish

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

### Youth Group invitation to all Year 6 students

You are warmly invited to attend a taster session of St Thomas More Church's youth group.

It runs every Friday from 7pm (term time) and from September it will open to all years of Secondary School. It will be a great way to stay in touch with old friends from St Anthony's school.

Please join us on Friday 14th of July from 7:00-8:30pm, we will play games and there will be pizza for all! Please book via the parish website.

Parish Priest: Fr Bart Dudek Assistant Priest: Fr Joseph Gulliford Tel: 020 8693 5070 Email: dulwich@rcaos.org.uk Website: www.stthomasmorechurch.co.uk

## **Music tuition**

In the new school year we will continue to offer the following music tuition: piano, guitar, violin, brass, music theory

We also have a school orchestra that practises every Tuesday morning before school. Any child who can read and play at least eight notes on any instrument may join.

Please contact the school office in September for tutor details and fees.





Lucy and Adam, from Dulwich Library, visited school this morning to launch this summer's reading challenge. Children are encouraged to read lots of library books over the holidays and will receive a special medal and entry into a prize draw if they meet the challenge.

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

### Attendance and Punctuality

This year's attendance (Y1-6): 96%

Best class this week: St Thomas 99%

Congratulations to St Thomas Class, who have the best attendance this term at 98.65%. Children in that class were allowed to come in mufti today as their prize.

After the holidays we will continue to monitor attendance closely. Our target is for all children to be in school at least 97% of the time.

## Safeguarding

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

Should you be concerned about a child's wellbeing over the holidays, you can call the Southwark Safeguarding Hub for advice on making a referral.

Southwark MASH: 020 7525 1921 / 020 7525 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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## Challenge

On this day (14 July) something important happened in France. What was it?

Solution to the last challenge: N and T (the initial letters of the numbers 1-10)

#### Summer events

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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.