

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



13/11/19

Dear Parents

You may be aware that Cardinal Nichols has launched 'The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word'. This initiative focuses on celebrating, living and sharing God's word throughout the Catholic Church in England and Wales from 30th September until the end of December 2020. This is a great opportunity for us to encourage our children to celebrate, share and live out their faith through deeper Scriptural engagement.



We will be organising some activities within our Catholic Network of schools to celebrate The Year of the Word. This will include a special Mass at the Cathedral for our Year 4 children in the Wandsworth Catholic schools, celebrated by the Archbishop, at the end of the Spring Term. As well as this, Year 5 will be joining the other schools in the diocese for a Year of the Word Mass at Aylesford Priory in June, also celebrated by the Archbishop. All our children will be involved in The Year of the Word activities across the year – more details to follow.

You will have also seen that we will be running a parent prayer group on the last Friday of each month, after drop-off. This is a further opportunity for reflection and engagement with the scriptures.

Our sport continues to go from strength to strength, and last week Mrs Varyawa was presented with the Gold School Games Award for 2018-19. This represents a real achievement for the school as a large number of criteria have to be met in order to secure this award.

Last week our girls' football team competed in the Wandsworth tournament. Our netball team are continuing to take part in the weekly netball league against other Wandsworth schools, and on Friday, Year 4 will play a netball match against Belleville School. Our netball team competed against Telferscot School last week and further class matches are organised for this term against Belleville and Holy Ghost School. We will also be taking part in the Wandsworth tag rugby tournament at the end of November. Good luck to all our teams!



As we get closer to our Christmas productions, please be reminded that, whilst we do still allow parents to take photos and/or videos during the shows, these must not be posted onto social media (including WhatsApp) if they contain photos of other people's children. For further details, please read the letter that has been sent out with this newsletter.

We hope that you can join us for our Advent Mass in the church at 10:00 on Monday 2nd December.



Upcoming Dates

November

22nd PTA Christmas shopping event for parents 8:30am-10:30am

29th Senior Citizens Christmas Party

29th Prayer group for parents

December

2nd Advent Mass (parents welcome)

4th Key Stage 1 production 2:15

10th Reception nativity 2:15

12th Christmas lunch

13th Wear something festive to school. Children's Christmas activities in the afternoon (PTA)

17th Key Stage 2 Pantomime (all KS2 children to attend) 7:00pm

One of our school development priorities this year is to develop our teaching of IT and to move towards a 21st century curriculum which can incorporate the latest developments in IT into all aspects of teaching and school life. We are receiving ongoing support and training across the year. Last week the children really enjoyed their IT learning in school, led by the teachers, and supported by IT consultants.



Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher



A reminder that entry **to breakfast club closes at 8.30 am.** Children can not be admitted after this time. All bookings for breakfast club must be made in advance, via Parentmail.