

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



29/11/19

Dear Parents

We had a wonderful time at Fairfield Halls in Croydon last night, at the Winter Sounds concert. As part of their singing project this term, Year 3 joined other Year 3 children from other Wandsworth schools on stage, and sung and danced with great enthusiasm, alongside Mrs Kelly, Mrs Ireland and Ms Elwes! My thanks go to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Ireland who have worked hard on the project, and who were happy to give up their evening and work until late so that the children could take part in this valuable experience. Without this type of dedication from our staff, who all go above and beyond, our children would not be able to take part in such events.



Our netball team have had a fantastic time competing in the Wandsworth Primary Netball League this term. We have seen their game develop week on week. We don't have the final results of the league yet but we are thrilled with how they performed. Below is a report from some of the team:

This term we competed in the Wandsworth Netball League. We had a lot of fun and we learned from one another and become better players. We had a match against a different school each week and we were very proud to represent our school. One of the things we enjoyed the most was our group warm-ups, where we worked together as one big team. The matches we played were fun too.

A lot of the other schools were really supportive during our matches and we made friends with some of the people we played. The teachers were very supportive too and were always proud of us whatever our score. One of our highlights was being given our St Anselm's netball kit. They are really cool and super comfy! One of our biggest victories was when one of our players scored against the toughest team.

We will never forget our experience and the people who helped us along the way. We will leave St Anselm's on a high thanks to the netball league.

By Lila, Sophie, Holly, Ludwik, Tyreece and Ryan.

We hope that many of you are planning to assemble a backpack for 'Mary's Meals'. A few reminders:

The listed items are on the flyer which is being sent again with this newsletter.

Please bring the backpacks to school on **11th December**. Unfortunately we can't accept backpacks before this date as we do not have space to store them.



On 13th December, the children are invited to wear one Christmas item (eg hat, jumper) with their uniform, and bring a donation of £1:00 to school. The money raised will be donated to CAFOD.



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



Upcoming Dates

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
18th Christmas parties and talent show
19th Mass 10:00
End of term at 2:00pm

January

6th INSET day (school closed)
7th First day of the Spring Term



Governance

Following our recent election for a new Parent Governor, I can now confirm that we have appointed Mr Ed Brennan onto our board of governors. Ed has two children in the school and I'm sure he will put his skills to good use.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mike Keoghan who has been a Parent Governor for the previous four year. Mike has been a highly effective governor and has been instrumental in the development of the board over the last few years. We are extremely grateful for all his hard work and support.

The role of the governors is a strategic one and they are not permitted to become involved in the day to day running of the school, or deal with individual concerns. As always, if you have a concern, please raise it with your child's teacher, or a senior member of staff.

If you would like to find out more about our Governing Body, details can be found on our website, including information about the governors' five year Strategic Development Plan.

Year 3 visited Ronald Gibson Care Home this week to sing to the residents. It was a very successful trip, even though two of the keys on the piano didn't work! Today we welcome our Senior Citizens into school for a Christmas party led by the Year 6 parents and children.

Next week, Year 6 will be singing carols in the Tube station and we hope that some of our Senior Citizens will join us for a production of the Reception Nativity. It is lovely to see our school community reaching out into the wider community.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

