

# Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

3/4/2020

Dear Parents

This is certainly the strangest last day of term that I have ever experienced in my teaching career. It seems bizarre that, only a few weeks ago, school was functioning as normal yet now we are experiencing a very different way of life. My heartfelt thanks go out to the teachers who have learnt and embraced a completely new way of teaching in just a week. Their dedication to the children, both those in school and those at home, is to be commended. During some virtual leadership training that I engaged in yesterday, humility was identified as a key attribute for leadership. This has been very evident amongst the teaching staff who are all classroom leaders and who continue to keep the children at the forefront. Thank you also to the office staff who have kept the school running and particularly to Mrs Hodgson who has had to manage all the financial demands that are required at the end of March, without the usual level of support from the Wandsworth finance team. I am also grateful to our first aiders who are coming into school on a rota to ensure that we are looking after the children's welfare. Whilst we have not experienced the physical exhaustion that normally goes with the end of term, the staff are none the less in need of their two week break in order to recharge their batteries, and I wish them all a restful and well deserved break.



The children who have been in school this week have had lots of fun!

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter, and we hope that you and your families remain fit and well. We will be in touch at the beginning of next term.

Hattie Elwes,  
and all the staff



I hope that you have all managed to access Google Classroom. If you have any difficulties, please remember that you need to contact us by the end of the school day today using the admin email address:

admin@stanselms.wandsworth.sch.uk

Please do not try and contact teachers via the children's Google accounts. As we said before, there is no expectation for any child to do all or any of the work set on Google classroom. It would be nice though if they could all login and engage on some level. The streams and comments will be switched off during the holidays and will open again on 20th April. You should also receive your Doodle logins over the next few days which you may find useful. Another maths link which is recommended for KS2 is

<https://www.q1e.co.uk/home-learning/>

If you need to contact the school in an emergency during the holidays, please use the admin address above.

During Lent we always decorate our Lenten crosses and display two per week, starting with the younger classes. Some of these were completed before school closed. The theme this year was based on a prayer written by Pope Francis as part of his encyclical, Laudato Si. It seems all the more poignant now.



*All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. (Reception)*



*Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. (Year 1)*



*Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. (Year 2)*



*O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. (Year 3)*

*Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.*

*Amen*