

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

13/11/2020

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support in helping us to improve the safety at the gate in the mornings and afternoons, through wearing masks and leaving promptly at drop-off and pick-up times. The crowds have reduced significantly at these times which helps to further mitigate the risks associated with spreading Covid 19.

Remote learning

As a staff, we have been working hard to have contingency plans in place for all the different scenarios that we may be faced with as a result of the pandemic, alongside the requirements to continue to educate the children. We are required to supply work for any child who is isolating as a result of the Covid 19 guidance, but not for children who are sick (this includes waiting for a Covid test result). The expectations for remote education have changed quite significantly since the first lockdown. At that time, the remote learning work was optional but now the government have made it clear that parents are required to ensure that their children complete the work set by the school daily. Children will need to submit their work by 3:30pm each day and it will be marked and returned by the teacher. If a child is not engaging, then we will have to follow that up.

If the whole bubble is closed, then the teacher will have a live check-in with the class each morning and there will then be access to learning through recorded lessons, and the use of other resources. If a child is self-isolating, but their bubble remains open, then obviously the teacher won't be able to have a live check-in, or record lessons, but work will be made available for the child on Google Classroom each day.

As mentioned already, it is really important that all families have logged their children onto Google Classroom already so that they are ready to access work immediately, should their child have to isolate.

Christmas

We are very sad that we won't be able to have our annual Christmas pantomime, reception nativity and key stage 1 production this year. They are such a fundamental part of our Christmas traditions and are yet another victim of the pandemic. However, the show must go on! We are planning some performances which will be filmed and all children will be involved. The following productions will be taking place:

Year 6 will be performing 'The Nutcracker' pantomime

Reception will be performing 'The Ragged Nativity'

Years 1/2, and Years 3/4/5, will perform short scenes based on a theme which will be joined into two short films

We extend our gratitude to two of our parents who have come forward and offered to film and produce these films for us, and these will be made available for parents to watch by the end of term.



During the PTA meeting this morning I was humbled by the enormous efforts that you are all going to, to continue to raise funds for the school. The creativity, passion and time spent on finding new ways to do things is remarkable and we are so grateful for all your hard work and support.

You have all been sent information about the Christmas Market, which is online this year, and the book stall. Do please have a look at them and consider using them to buy some gifts. There is a large range of products available and sellers will make a percentage contribution to the school. This is also a good opportunity to support local businesses.

Reception have used their creative skills to make Divas, ahead of Diwali celebrations this weekend.



Breakfast Club

This is just a reminder that, if your child is attending breakfast club, they must arrive at school by 8.30am at the latest. We are not able to allow children in after 8.30am so they will then need to wait for school to open.

If your child is attending breakfast club because you are volunteering on the School Street, please remember to let us know that they will be coming to the club.

We are continuing to have some problems with children racing down the road and pavement on their bikes and scooters. We are constantly reminding the children about this in school but do please supervise your child on their journey to and from school. For those who are coming to school on their own, please remind them that they still need to travel safely, and with regard to others, even though the road is closed. Thank you for your support with this.

November

18th Reception parent conference meetings

December

11th Christmas Jumper Day

15th Christmas lunch

16th Christmas parties



Our order of thirty new Chrome Books arrived in school this week which has further increased our capacity to integrate ICT into our curriculum. The children are becoming very adept at using both the iPads and the Chrome Books, and they are making good progress with their computing skills.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of H. Elwes in black ink.

Headteacher