

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

11/12/2020

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see and hear all the Christmas events that have been going on around the school. Whilst we have had to do things differently this year, the sense of excitement and celebration can still be felt amongst the glitter and the nativity costumes! Year 3 have completed their singing project and their performance has been filmed. Year 4 and 5 have also had their saxophone concert filmed. All these films will go out to their parents and some of their performances will also feature in the Wandsworth Music Service's annual Winter Sounds Concert which will be streamed live on 16th and 17th



Year 6 successfully took up the challenge of performing this year's pantomime which has been filmed, alongside Reception's nativity. Shorter festive performances have also been performed, and filmed, by the other classes. This means that all children will have taken part in at least one performance. These films will all be available to parents and will undoubtedly become a fond keepsake.

We continue to get reports of, and witness, children cycling at speed, unsupervised, on Louisville Road. This seems to particularly be the case with the younger children. I have received feedback to say that sometimes the volunteers are having to stop children and supervise them at the Elmbourne Road end whilst they wait for their parents. Whilst the road is closed, it is not closed to all traffic and it is essential that the children continue to be taught to ride their bikes on the road safely, and adhere to the rules of the road. To see young children speeding down the road unsupervised, and unaware of road safety, is a real concern and we continue to ask parents to please supervise their children as they would on a busy road. We don't want the children to develop a false sense of security.

Once again, thank you so much to the volunteers who are doing such a great job on our Safer Street. The current arrangements are likely to continue into the Spring but we are continuing to work with the council to develop a more sustainable plan longer term.

The Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday and the PTA have kindly bought the party food for us. As part of the parties, we will have our virtual talent show, with the finalists performing in the hall to the rest of the school via Google Meets.

School calendar

When we wrote the calendar in July we were perhaps a little ambitious in hoping that things may be back to normal in January. It remains unlikely that the government will relax the current Covid restrictions in schools any time soon and, therefore, the school based events listed won't be taking place until further notice.

We have dates in our diary for virtual class assemblies which will be available for parents to watch. More details will follow.

It was lovely to see so many Christmas jumpers in school today. Please remember to make your donation via ParentMail. Hopefully the children have managed to sacrifice something this week in order to make their contribution. It was lovely to hear that one child has donated the contents of her piggy bank!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Patterson who are expecting a baby in June.



Please join us virtually on Thursday 17th December for our end of term Mass. It will be broadcast on the St Anselm's Church YouTube account. As it is a private Mass, parents will not be able to attend in person.

A reminder that we will be having our first 'culture day' on Thursday 7th January and we are inviting children to bring something that represents their culture into school. This could be costume (no football kits), some food, an item, some music, a photo etc. We will be focussing on each person's personal journey, and their family's, and how we all have our own identity as well as a shared identity.

December

15th Christmas lunch

16th Christmas parties

17th Whole School Mass (virtual) 10:00

Term ends at **1:45 – Y2, 4 and 5**

2:00 – Rec, Y1, 3 and 5

January

5th INSET

6th Term begins



As we prepare for the coming of Christ on Christmas day, we would like to show our thanks and appreciation for all the support we have been given this term. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes,

Miss Elwes and all of the staff

