

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

18/03/2021

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to have our pupils and staff back in school. The children all seem happy to have returned, to have structure and purpose to their day and, of course, to socialise with their friends. We have spent some time assessing where they are, so that we can look at how best to continue their learning. Our focus is not so much on 'catching up' with national benchmarks, but more about looking at individual gaps and making sure that there are firm foundations in the children's learning. It's important that we don't rush, and that we pace the teaching correctly so that the learning is consolidated and built on.

One of our main focuses now is getting the children back into 'school mode'. We have spent the last couple of weeks allowing them to reconnect with their friends, and find their feet again at school. However, we now feel it is time for them to be reminded of the high expectations that we have here at St Anselm's. In assembly this morning, Mrs Patterson spent some time going through the expectations in school in terms of behaviour, application and attitude. This starts with them coming to school dressed smartly, in their correct uniform which needs to be worn properly. We expect them to have school shoes on, hair tied back if shoulder length or longer, ties tied right up, and there should be no additional accessories. We want them to remember how to be respectful in school and how to apply themselves to their work in class.

Another important reminder is our school focus on Growth Mindset. We want the children to remember that it's ok to make a mistake and in fact, the best learning comes from mistakes and perseverance. When we are stuck in the 'learning pit', it's the journey out of the pit that instils good learning habits, and deeper understanding.

Dates

March

31st School Mass 10:00am (virtual)

April

1st End of term 1:45 Y2, Y4 and Y5

2:00 Rec, Y1, Y3 and Y6

19th Term begins

23rd PTA meeting 9:45

INSET day on 10th May

Sports day provisionally booked for 6th July



St Patrick's (green) won the house points back at the end of the Autumn term. The children in this house (Y1-6) may wear their home clothes to school on Friday 26th March. Reception children will be put into houses ready for next term.

Virtual parent meetings

26th April Year 4 and Year 6

27th April Year 3 and Year 5

28th April Reception and Year 1

29th April Year 2

Best wishes

H. Elwes

Headteacher

