

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

31/03/2021

Dear Parents

We are very grateful to you for the financial support that you give to the school, both through the PTA and our St Anselm's Friends' Fund. Without this support, we simply wouldn't be able to access a lot of the resources, maintenance and development that we undertake.

Many of you make regular donations to our Friends' Fund. The main purpose of this fund is to support building projects and maintenance, beyond what is achievable with the capital funding that we receive. Each year, as a voluntary aided Catholic school, we are able to apply for a grant to fund an essential project. Two years ago, a new boiler was installed and we put in our new gate and path, and last year we started a three year project to repair our roof. The costs of these projects runs into hundreds of thousands of pounds. Whilst we do receive a grant, the school has to pay 10% of the costs which amounts to quite a lot of money. The Friends' Fund allows us to proceed with these projects and contributes to the 10% payment. In addition, we have used the fund for some other projects which most recently includes the redecoration of the hall in the summer. Over the Easter holidays, we will be installing a much needed canopy structure in the reception outdoor area which will allow the learning environment to be used all year round. Once again, we will be relying on the Friends' Fund, and a PTA contribution, to help us to fund this project.

Thank you to all of you who make a contribution so that we can continue to develop and maintain our provision. If you would like to contribute to the Friends' Fund, a mandate form and Gift Aid form can be found on our website. Some parents have also been able to generate contributions from their companies via match funding and we can link you up with parents who have achieved this if you think your company may be able to match fund. Thank you for all your support.

Staffing

Mrs Patterson will be starting her maternity leave on 27th April and I'm sure you'll want to wish her well before she goes next term. Mrs Patterson's absence has necessitated some changes, alongside some internal promotions. I would like to congratulate Mr Dobson who will be our acting Assistant Headteacher, and Mrs Varyawa who will be our acting SENCo. There will be some changes to the classes which are as follows:

Year 5: Mrs Carter will teach Mondays to Thursdays and a temporary teacher will teach the class on Fridays. We will let you know the name of the teacher as soon as possible.

Year 1: Mrs Varyawa will teach Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Thomson will teach Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 6: Mr Dobson will teach for four days a week and Mrs Varyawa will teach on the fifth day.

Mrs Arcus-Simpson will be leaving us on 21st April and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school.

Parents continue to mention to me, their concerns about children's road safety on Louisville Road. This morning I had to speak to two children who walked straight out onto the road, between two parked cars, without looking. Please continue to supervise your children, and don't allow them to scoot or ride bikes at speed in the middle of the road. There are still cars on the road.

The children enjoyed another great science week last week.



The children have been updating our Stations of the Cross frames and we will use these when we come together to reflect on the Stations tomorrow morning.



Dates

April

19th Term begins

23rd PTA meeting 9:45am

w/b 26th April Parent meetings

May

3rd Bank Holiday (school closed)

10th INSET day (school closed)

Sports day provisionally booked for 6th July



We wish you all a happy and blessed Easter

Best wishes

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