

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

14/05/2021

Dear Parents

We are determined to try and have our Theme Week this term and have pencilled it in for the week beginning 12th July. For those of you who were new to the school this year or last year, Theme week is a long-standing St Anselm's tradition which normally takes place at the end of the spring term. We base the week on a theme and all the learning that week focuses on this theme. We generally have a range of different types of activities and the week culminates in a Theme Week assembly which includes a 'Big Dance'. We may have to make some adjustments this year and we probably won't be able to work across classes like we usually do, but we will have a great week none-the-less. Theme Week assembly is scheduled for the afternoon of 20th July. It is too early yet to know whether parents will be able to attend but we will certainly go ahead with the children all being well.

The theme will be 'Planet Hope' which is the theme we had planned for our aborted Theme Week in March 2020. It is a topical subject, which will focus on the preservation of our environment. We have noticed a certain anxiety amongst the children about the future of our planet as they are exposed to lots of mixed messages from the media. As a result we feel that we have a responsibility to give the children a clear, age-appropriate message about the concerns for our environment but, more importantly, we want to focus on the word 'hope'. We feel it is key that the children get a positive message about what we can do now in order to preserve our planet, and provide hope and sustainability for the future. This theme has a strong link with the Pope's Encyclical, Laudato Si. You will receive more information about Theme Week nearer the time.



We are very pleased with our new canopy which has been built in the reception outdoor area. This will allow the children to access their outdoor learning all year round and in all weathers.

Staffing

We will be losing some of our wonderful TAs in July. Whilst we will be very sorry to see them go, there is a silver lining as all three of the TAs are going off to train to become teachers and I'm sure they'll be an asset to the profession. We say goodbye to Miss Conneely, Miss Boreland and Miss Robinson and wish them the very best of luck in their new careers.

The children are very keen on our new 'Now Press Play' resource which is being funded by the PTA. The system



conveys stories, drama and first-person re-counts to the children through personalised headphones. There are a range of creative resources linked to all areas of the curriculum and it allows for immersive learning whilst developing listening skills and the imagination.



Don't forget that Monday is Culture Day! We would like the children to bring something to school on that day that represents their cultural heritage. For example they could bring a national costume to school to change into (no football kits please!), or bring an artefact, or a photo, or a piece of art, some food or some music.



Best wishes

H. Elwes

Headteacher

Dates

May

17th Culture day

21st Class photos

28th Break up for half term

June

7th Term begins

28th INSET day (school closed)

July

6th Sports Day

12th Theme Week

23rd End of Term



Mark 16-19: "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God"