

Newsletter

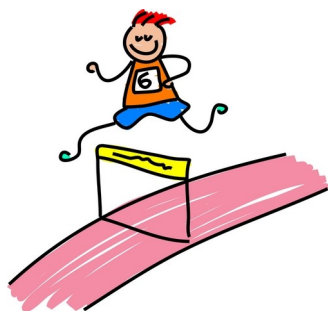


St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

16/06/2021

Dear Parents

The children are currently undertaking assessments, to help us to see how they have progressed since returning to school in March, and to plan for future teaching. It is important that we don't look at the past year as a deficit model, or talk too much about 'catch up'. Instead, we are focusing on what the children have achieved, and where they are now. This is allowing us to plan a curriculum that prioritises needs, for both individuals and the class, and will, in time, allow for gaps to be closed. The most important thing to focus on is ensuring that the children have firm foundations to their learning, rather than trying to rush to cover everything that has been missed.



We understand that there is disappointment amongst some parents about not being able to attend sports day. This is out of our hands as The Tooting Bec Athletics Track are not permitting any parents to attend any school sports days. The requirement to ensure that adults remain in consistent bubbles of 30 throughout the day is too difficult to implement and sustain and they feel the risks are too great. We think this is a wise decision and we'll do our best to make sure that the children still enjoy the day.

We have recently enrolled in TfL's STARS programme. This is an accredited scheme that inspires young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. We are working towards the bronze accreditation and will be rewarded points for activities related to travel. Our School Street counts towards this, and we will also be undertaking a 'Walk to School' week during Theme Week. As part of this work, I am also currently working with the local authority to try and secure a grant to install some more bike racks in the playground as the number of children cycling to school has increased significantly. We don't have a huge amount of space for racks to be installed, within planning guidelines, but we will hopefully be able to increase our current provision.



Teachers for next year's classes

We will be welcoming Miss McKenna to our school in September. Miss McKenna comes to us from another Wandsworth school and we look forward to her joining the team.

Reception: Miss Brereton

Year 1: Miss McKenna

Year 2: Miss Ogilvy

Year 3: Mrs Kelly

Year 4: Mrs Carter (three days) Mrs Varyawa (two days)

Year 5: Miss Cowan

Year 6: Mr Dobson

The children will visit their new classes, and meet their new teacher, before the end of this term, and there will be a thorough handover between teachers.

Marathon Kids



Thank you to Mr Ollie and Mrs Varyawa who have organised for the children in Years 1 to 6 to run the equivalent of a marathon over the last few weeks. The children are also engaging in an inter-house running competition to see how many laps can be run in 8 minutes. The laps are being added up and the winning house will be announced on Friday! All of this running is aimed at developing the children's fitness and stamina and we have definitely seen an improvement in their ability.

Miss Thomson will be going on maternity leave on Friday 25th June and we wish her the best of luck.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Allard, who some of you may remember, who will be covering most of Miss Thomson's maternity leave until the end of this term.

Dates

June

28th INSET day (school closed)

July

6th Sports Day

12th Theme Week

21st Year 6 Leavers' Mass at 4:30 in the church

23rd End of Term

12:00 Year 6

1:30 Years 2, 4 and 5

1:45 Reception, Year 1 and Year 3



Best wishes

H. Elwes

Hattie Elwes

Headteacher