

# Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

And so we come to the end of another school year. A year that brought us all challenges, but also many successes. My thanks go, as always, to our extraordinary staff who overcame their own anxieties and challenges in order to continue to do their very best for the children. Thank you to the support staff who stepped up without question to look after the children who needed us most during lockdown, and for their daily support in the classrooms. Thank you also to the office staff who continued to come to work every day in order to tend to the needs of the children and parents, alongside all the many other administrative tasks that they need to do. And thank you to the teachers who, once again, had to switch to teaching through a new medium. They embraced this and did their very best to continue to provide outstanding education for the children both remotely, and when they returned to school. When reflecting on the year, every member of staff can be confident that, when endless change and adaptability was required, they held their head high and did their very best.

## September

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we don't know what the restrictions will look like in September. We will just have to wait and see what happens over the summer. Please be prepared for the fact that school may return to normal timings, or we may have to continue with staggered starts and ends. We won't know the definitive answer, until we receive guidance from the DfE.

If school does return to 'normal', one change that we would like to keep is the children coming into school in their PE kit on PE days. This has saved a lot of time in school, which can then be used for learning, and I understand that parents have also found this easier. We will also expect our uniform policy to be followed in September, with the children returning to school in their winter uniform. A few reminders:

- No jewellery should be worn, except small stud earrings, and a watch
- Shoulder length, or longer, hair must be tied back
- Black shoes must be worn – no trainers or boots
- Hats, caps and scarves must be school uniform ones

Further details can be found in our uniform policy on our website.

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM CLEARLY

We had a lovely Theme Week!



During Year 6's Leavers' Mass last night, all of their previous teachers read a verse from The Desiderata to them. It was written 100 years ago, but remains very relevant:

*Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit.*

*If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.*

*Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.*

*Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.*

*Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*

*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.*

Wishing you a happy and peaceful summer break.

*H. Elwes*

Hattie Elwes, and all of the staff.

Dates

September

1st INSET

2nd Start of term for Years 1–6