

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



9/9/16

Dear Parents

I am delighted to have joined St Anselm's School as the new headteacher and I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks and months. During assembly on Tuesday I spoke to the children about the feelings associated with new experiences and they talked about how they were feeling excited but also a little nervous, about being in their new classes. We talked about how they, and I, can embrace the new challenges ahead of us and drew strength from this shared experience. Having spent time with the children this week it is clear that they are very proud of their school and I am sure that this year will be a successful one for us all. Do please come and say hello to me in the playground before and after school so that I can start to learn who everybody is. I am always happy to meet with parents who have any concerns about their children.

We finished assembly on Tuesday with a prayer inspired by St Teresa of Calcutta as we thought about how we are also able to help others in need. I'm sure I will see examples of this over the coming term.

New staff

We welcome some new members of staff.

Mr Cronin is joining us to lead music in the school. He will support music lessons and will lead whole school singing and the choir.



We also welcome Anders Granberg who is our Place2Be school based manager. Place2Be will be working in school to provide emotional and therapeutic support to our pupils. More details will follow. Finally, we welcome Ms Todd who is joining our support staff as a TA in Years 5 and 6.

You are invited to join us for coffee, before Mass, on Wednesday 14th September. This will take place in the school hall straight after drop-off.

Welcome to our new newsletter format! We will aim to send out newsletters every two or three weeks. Please make sure that we have your up to date email address as, after half term the newsletter, and most letters, will only be sent out electronically. There will also be copies on our website which is currently being updated.



Choir

Choir will now be after school on Mondays and is open to KS2. There are 30 places which will be given on a first come first served basis. More details will be in the clubs letter. I hope we have a good take up as I would like our choir to represent the school at an increasing number of concerts and events.

End of the day

As PE lessons are now going on a little longer, the gate will be opened at 3.25pm each day instead of 3.15pm.

Class introductions for parents: 3.45pm

Monday 19th September: Years 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 20th September: Year 4

Wednesday 21st September: Year 1

Thursday 22nd September: Years 2 and 3

There will be supervision for the children, and their siblings, in the playground, during these meetings.

Reception's meeting will be at 6:45pm on 20th September, before the Welcome Mass at 7.30pm in the school hall.

Please ensure that you do not park on the yellow zig zags outside school. They are there to keep our children safe. Wandsworth Council will be sending parking enforcement officers to schools on a rota, at the beginning and the end of the day, to issue penalties to any cars that are on the zig zags, or double parked.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

Changes to calendar dates

Year 5 assembly will now be on Thursday 29th September instead of 28th September.

Year 4 assembly will be on 23rd November (not Y6 as written on the calendar).

30th June 2017 is no longer an INSET day and therefore, school will be open as normal on this date. We will let you know the new INSET date when we have it.

Autumn Term Dates

September

14th 9am Coffee in the hall

10am School Dedication Mass

15th 7:30pm School Association meeting

16th 9:00am Reading meeting

19th Clubs commence

3:45 Y5/6 meetings

20th 3:45 Y4 meeting

6:45 Reception meeting

21st 3:45 Y1 meeting

22nd 3.45 Y2/3 meeting

27th 7:30 Secondary transfer meeting

29th Year 5 assembly

October

5th Y1 assembly

8th 5:30pm Family social

11th 8pm School Association AGM

12th Y2 assembly

19th Y6 assembly

