

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



16/9/16

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl, and to all our Y6 prefects.

I was very impressed with all the letters that Year 6 wrote to me, about which responsibility they would like. The senior staff, alongside Mr Dobson, spent a long time reading the letters and talking about which children should take on the different jobs. Whilst all our children have many qualities, we looked particularly at how they have conducted themselves throughout their time at St Anselm's, focussing on our school moto: 'We are called to serve, to walk humbly with God'. I am sure that these children will be great ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations also to our new school council who will represent the pupil voice in our school for the coming year.



## Snacks

We would like to issue new guidelines around morning snacks as it seems to have got a little out of control, with some children bringing mini picnics to consume at morning play! Therefore, from next week, the following procedures will apply:

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:** The government provides fruit for all children under 8, each day. The idea of this project is to promote healthy eating amongst children, and provide them with one of their '5 a day'. As a result, we ask that children do not bring in additional snacks for morning play. Parents sometimes come to say that their child does not eat fruit but I have found that, if there is only fruit available, children will start to try it if they are hungry. They also tend to copy their peers if they see them enjoying the fruit.

**Years 3-6:** The older children can probably last the morning without a snack but, if you would like your child to have a snack, then it needs to be either fruit or raw vegetables. Nothing in a packet please.

*Please remember that we have children in school with nut allergies so please make sure lunchboxes contain nothing that contains nuts or sesame seeds (including hummus).*



### **New office arrangements**

Mrs Patel and Mrs O'Flynn are now based downstairs in our reception area, rather than up in the school office, so that we have someone front of house at all times. They are there to welcome visitors and also, more importantly, to improve our safeguarding to ensure that no visitors enter the school unchecked. All office interactions with parents will now take place downstairs, instead of upstairs.

On this note I would also like to remind parents that they are not permitted into the main part of the school without prior arrangement, or permission from a member of staff. If you need to speak to your child's teacher then please write them a note, or pass a message through the office, or make an appointment. Class teachers will now all come out with their class at the end of the day so that is a further opportunity for you to talk to them. Safeguarding requirements for schools are much tighter than they used to be and we have to ensure that we adhere to them. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the coffee morning this week. Wherever possible, I will be in the playground at the beginning and end of the day so come and chat to me if you have any queries.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

### **Parent Mail**

Please make sure that we have your up to date email. After half term the newsletter, and most other letters, will only be emailed out.



### **Breakfast club**

Breakfast club starts at 8am and children must remain with an adult until this time. Children may arrive between 8am and 8.30am. I'm afraid we can't admit any children after 8.30am.

### **Autumn Term Dates**

#### **September**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Clubs commence  
3:45 Y5/6 meetings
- 20<sup>th</sup> 3:45 Y4 meeting  
6:45 Reception meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> 3:45 Y1 meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.45 Y2/3 meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 Secondary transfer meeting
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 5 assembly



#### **October**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Y1 assembly
- 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Family social
- 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm School Association AGM
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y2 assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y6 assembly

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 is no longer an INSET day and therefore, school will be open as normal on this date.**