

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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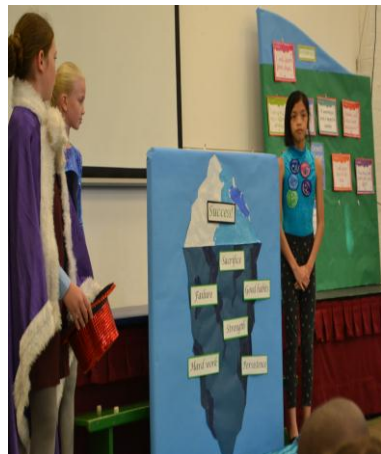
Dear Parents

We watched a lovely assembly prepared and presented by Year 6 this week. They focussed on the concept of 'Growth Mindsets'. They reminded us that we must move away from having a fixed mindset ie, instead of thinking 'I can't do it', trying to think 'I will give it another go'. Instead of saying 'I've made a mistake so I'm going to give up' we should try and think 'I will learn better if I make mistakes'.

Through acting out stories they showed what can happen if we are able to persevere and keep trying, if we can deal with disappointment and move on. Their portrayal of the parable of the Unforgiving Servant reminded us that we must try to forgive others and to support those who make mistakes.

These are attitudes that we try to embrace within school, allowing the children to develop growth mindsets which will enable them to succeed in school and in life.

Thank you to Mr Dobson and Ms Todd for the lovely assembly, and to all the staff who have worked so hard to present class assemblies this term.



John Johnson, the Deputy Director of Wandsworth Children's Services, visited our school on Thursday morning. He enjoyed meeting the children and he commented that the use of growth mindsets and positive attitudes was evident across the school. He also admired the professionalism of all the staff.

The Christmas Coffee Morning for parents, run by the School Association, will take place after morning drop off, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. All parents are warmly invited.



### Harvest

Thank you very much for all your generous donations to our harvest collection. Year 2 did a lovely assembly about harvest, the theme of which was that small actions can lead to great things. This was evident in the donations made by you, which were welcomed by Spires.



### Parent Governors

A reminder that we have two parent governors, Mike Keoghan (Y2 and Y5) and Clare Bradbury (Y1 and Y6). Part of their role is to listen to other parents' opinions and take account of them as they contribute to governors' decisions about the strategic leadership of the school. If you would like to contact them, this can be done via the school office.

Our website has been updated – take a look! The website is a useful place to go to check dates, and find out information about the school.



I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, when we will be attending Mass to celebrate the feast of All Saints.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher



There will be a meeting for **Reception parents** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, at 9.05am. The meeting will focus on helping your child to read, and phonics.



Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be able to receive the flu vaccination in school on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Consent letters went out to these children earlier in the week. The school nurse will be here on 11<sup>th</sup> November with leaflets and information about the vaccination. She will be able to answer any questions you may have.

### Autumn Term Dates

**31<sup>st</sup> October is an INSET day.**

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Children return to school
- 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Open Evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Reception assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> YR Open Class
- 15<sup>th</sup> Y1 Open Class
- 16<sup>th</sup> Y3 assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> School Association meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y2 Open Class
- 17<sup>th</sup> YR parents meeting – reading/phonics
- 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Christmas Coffee Morning
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y3 Open Class
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y4 Open Class
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Y5 Open Class
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Y4 assembly
- 24<sup>th</sup> Y6 Open Class
- 25<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations (Y1, 2 and 3)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Advent Mass – whole school event



#### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Citizens' party – 2pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas play – 2:15pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> YR nativity – 2:15pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas play – 7pm