

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



4/11/16

Dear Parents

I'm sure you will have seen that our new 'hut' has arrived in the playground. This will be one of the rooms that will be used by Place2Be. P2B already feels well established within the school. The children are making good use of 'Place to talk'. They are able to self-refer for this support which then allows them to have an allocated time spot to speak with Anders about any worries that they have. They can go alone, or invite some friends to go with them. These discussions are confidential, but if there is anything that we feel parents would need to know, we would communicate with them. Anders is also working with some classes to help with friendship groups. As the service embeds itself at St Anselm's we will also start to offer more in depth support through the use of therapists. This part of the service is done via referrals and will be done in full consultation with the family, who will need to give consent.

Safeguarding continues to be at the top of OFSTED's agenda and is a high priority for all schools. Every school has a Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) who is trained regularly in how to ensure that we are following all the correct procedures. I am the DSL in our school, and if you have any concerns about safeguarding, do come and talk to me.

Congratulations to Blue House who are the first winners of our new house point system. The children in Blue House managed to earn more house points than the other teams, by being awarded merits for hard work, good behaviour, good effort or demonstrating good manners and respect for others. Their prize is to wear home clothes, and have an extra playtime, on **Friday 11th November**. Children in Key Stage 2 hopefully know if they are in Blue House. The younger children in Blue House are:

Year 2: Alexander I, Tyrone, Alexander MD, Alexander M, Isla & Lewis

Year 1: Sophia, William, Gabriel, Dominic, Layla, Bethany, Dora, Morgan

Reception: Olivia, Gabriel, Evelyn, Kitty, Lewis, Tyrell Michelle



Please talk to your children about being aware of others when they are using their scooters outside school. We have had reports of children racing down the pavement in Louisville Road which can be potentially dangerous for other people on the pathway. I would also like to remind children that they are not allowed to use their scooters in the playground, or to scoot in or out of the school gate. They need to wait until they have left the premises. Thank you for your support with this.

This is the last newsletter that will be sent out as a hard copy. From next week, the newsletter will be sent via Parentmail, and will be available on our new website. Please make sure that we have your up to date email, and that you are registered with Parentmail, so that you receive all our communications.



The date of the KS2 Christmas panto has been changed to the evening of Thursday 15th December (oh yes it has!).



Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

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



Attendance

It was noted that a number of children were collected early on the last day of the half term, mostly due to travel arrangements. Please can I remind you to make sure that your travel arrangements fall outside the school day. In accordance with government policy it is not possible for me to authorise these absences, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable circumstances. This is case for all requests for absence.

Autumn Term Dates

November

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



December

2nd Senior Citizens' party - 2pm
7th KS1 Christmas play - 2:15pm
9th YR nativity - 2:15pm
13th Xmas lunch
15th KS2 Christmas play - 7pm **date change**