

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



13/1/16

Dear Parents

I thought it may be beneficial to feedback to you about the arrangement of the after-school clubs, and to give you a bit of background information. Unfortunately we had to change the administration of the clubs towards the end of last term, with very short notice. Mr Ollie has done a brilliant job of organising the clubs over the previous few terms but the decision for the school to take over the organisation of the clubs was taken out of our hands. We have done our very best to maintain the after-school club provision, and organisation, within the short time-frame that we had. However, I'm aware that there are some shortcomings. It's a new system and there are some inevitable teething problems.

Thank you for the constructive feedback that some of you have given us. We will change the time that the bookings go live next term to try and accommodate working parents. We will also look at the days so that some KS1 and KS2 clubs run on the same day. I am very aware that we need sports that will appeal to girls as well as boys and I am looking into this.

We have a very small staff and therefore, our capacity to provide our own clubs is limited. The class teachers have decided that they are unable to commit to running clubs due to their workload. Their class teaching has to be their priority. Therefore, we will need to look to more outside providers for clubs, within the space limitations of a small school, and we hope to be able to do this in time for the summer or autumn term. Please bear with us.

It has also come to my attention recently that a parental survey went out last year about wrap around care. Unfortunately I haven't seen the survey or the outcomes but I understand that some parents were interested in after school care. This is a different provision to after-school clubs and is, in most cases, run by outside providers such as Kid's City. We currently offer after-school care through our link with Fircroft School. We would need to look carefully at whether we have the capacity and the space to provide this, and the impact it would have on after-school clubs, and I will need to discuss it with the governors. I will make sure that it is added onto the agenda for the summer term governing body

## Quiz Club

Congratulations to our two quiz club teams who went to Links School on Thursday to compete against a number of other primary schools. One team finished fifth and the other team won! They will now go through to the next heat.



An e-safety expert is coming to spend the day with us on 26<sup>th</sup> January. He will do a talk for parents just after drop off, which will be repeated at 6pm. I anticipate that the talk will be between 30 and 45 minutes. He will also work with staff, and will do a workshop with Y4, Y5 and Y6. Teachers will be focussing on e-safety with all children during that week.

Following a couple of concerns around children accessing inappropriate games and websites at home, please can I take this opportunity to remind parents to closely supervise their children's use of technology, to ensure that you have sufficient parental controls and to check search engine histories regularly. Do come and see me if you have any concerns.



Congratulations to **Red House** who won the fiercely fought team points competition last term! As their prize, they will be allowed to wear home clothes to school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. If you are unsure whether your child is in Red House, the list is up on the board inside just by the Tooting Bec entrance.



We welcome two new members of staff: Mr Evans who is a TA, currently working in Years 5 and 6, and Miss Ridsdale who has taken over from Mrs Johnson in reception, who is now on maternity leave.

### Spring Term Dates

#### January

- 16<sup>th</sup> SATs meeting for Y6 parents 3:45pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Clubs start
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 parent meetings
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y3 class assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y5 parent meetings
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Y1 parent meetings
- 24<sup>th</sup> Y2 parent meetings
- 25<sup>th</sup> Y4 class assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> Y3 and YR parent meetings
- 26<sup>th</sup> e-safety talks for parents
- 31<sup>st</sup> Y4 parent meetings



#### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Y1 class assembly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Y4 meeting about Aylesford - 3.45
- 8<sup>th</sup> Y2 class assembly
- 10<sup>th</sup> Finish for half term - 3.45 cake sale

Anders Granberg, our Place2Be manager, will be hosting a coffee morning after drop off time on 19<sup>th</sup> January. He will show a presentation about the service and what it can offer our children, and he can also feedback on the impact so far.



Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

