

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents

It seems amazing that we are over half way through the school year! The children are continuing to work hard and there is a sense of excitement as we approach theme week, and Easter.

One of the things we have been working on this year is the use of 'Exciting Sentences' to help children to improve their writing composition and their use of punctuation. These are particular types of sentences which you may have heard your child talk about. Examples are:

**The 2A sentence:** This sentence has two adjectives preceding the first noun, followed by a further two adjectives preceding the second noun. For example: He was a **tall, awkward** man with an **old, crumpled** jacket.

**The BOYS sentence:** A BOYS sentence is a two part sentence. The first part of the sentence ends with a comma and the latter part begins with a coordinating conjunction. BOYS stands for Bt, Or, Yet and So which are the most common coordinating conjunctions. For example: He was a friendly man most of the time, **but** he could become hostile. It was a warm day, **yet** storm clouds gathered over the distant mountains.

**The 3\_ed sentence:** This sentence begins with three related adjectives, each of which ends in -ed. Each -ed word must be followed by a comma. For example: **Frightened, terrified, exhausted**, they ran from the creature.

**The De:De sentence:** This stands for description: detail. This is a compound sentence with two independent clauses which are separated by a colon. The first clause is descriptive and the second one adds more detail. For example, Snails are slow: They take hours to cross the shortest of distances.

There are plenty of other examples of Exciting Sentences. See if your child can tell you some more.

## PTA social event

Our 'Back to School' Quiz and Disco, on Friday 24th March, promises to be a fun, relaxed night out. Great raffle prizes, including a Kindle, to be won. Snacks, Fish & Chips and a drink or two will be provided!

Look out for news of our first Silent Auction, which will run the week of the Parent Social, to include prizes such as Chelsea Football tickets, Holiday accommodation in Florida, Hotel stay, restaurant meals, hampers, tea at the new Four Seasons Hotel, O2 tickets to big events and many, many more.

In addition to this being a social opportunity, this event also aims to raise much needed funds for our children's school, so please buy a ticket and do all you can to support us, even if you cannot attend the event. Tickets will be distributed by your class reps.

On Monday we had a visit from one of the RE advisors from the Southwark Education Commission. He dropped into a few RE lessons and spent some time with me, and Miss O'Brien who leads on RE in the school. He very much enjoyed seeing the children at work. Year 5 were looking at the impact of sin and how we can change. As they untangled knots on a piece of string, they were asked to consider these knots as the sins they commit. This was linked to one of the new the Pope's encyclicals about the 'knots of sin' and the children were encouraged to consider Mary and how she enables us to untangle these knots. In Year 4, the children were discussing Jesus' journey into Jerusalem and were looking at how different groups of people, eg the political leaders, the religious leaders, and the crowds, would have reacted to this situation.

In Year 3, we saw the children undertaking their final preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which takes place tomorrow. We will keep these children in our prayers continue on their journey towards making their First Holy Communion. Once the Year 3 children have all made their First Holy Communion, we will be having a celebratory school Mass at **10:00 on 19<sup>th</sup> June**. Year 3 parents will be welcome to attend if they are able.



Please can I remind parents that children need to arrive at school with everything that they need for the day. You'd be amazed how much time our office staff spend delivering items such as lunch boxes, saxophones and PE kits to children during the day. Obviously there is the odd occasion when something needs to be brought in late but please try to avoid it if you can.



Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

### Spring Term Dates

#### **March**

16<sup>th</sup> Reception assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> Y4 Ragged School trip  
Y5 National Gallery trip  
24<sup>th</sup> Catholic Choir festival - pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Social event  
27<sup>th</sup> Music concert  
27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Theme week

#### **April**

5<sup>th</sup> Theme week open afternoon - 2pm  
6<sup>th</sup> School Mass 10pm  
School closes at 2pm

24<sup>th</sup> INSET day

25<sup>th</sup> First day of the summer term

