

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



7/9/18

Dear Parents

Welcome back. As always, it was lovely to see the children and families flood into the playground on Tuesday morning, keen to start the new school year.

In our first assembly I revisited our school motto with the children:

We are called to serve, to walk humbly with God.

We spent some time reflecting on what it means to serve, and to be humble. We also talked about who we can serve, remembering that by serving others we are serving God. We looked at a quote from the bible (Romans 12:6) which talks about the gifts God has given us and we thought about how we can use our own gifts to help others. The children left assembly thinking about how they can live out our motto this year.

During September and October we will be running our family learning sessions for the first time. The focus this term is on maths, and how to support your child at home.

The teachers will share methods with the parents, who will be able to work alongside their child during the session. Dates of these workshops are in the school calendar. They will start a little later than stated, at 9:15am.



Class introductions for parents: 3.45pm

Monday 17th September: Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 18th September: Years 1 and 2

Thursday 20th September: Year 4

Friday 21st September: Year 3

Reception's meeting will be at 6:30pm on 20th September, before the Welcome Mass at 7.00pm in the school hall.

Uniform

The children have come back to school looking very smart! We are in the process of changing our uniform provider and hope to switch over in January. In the past there have been some problems with stock and so we have allowed some items of uniform without logos. Once we have switched to our new provider, we will expect the children to have jumpers, PE shirts and polo shirts with logos. We will also be introducing cardigans with logos. We are happy to have a period of time when old uniform is allowed but when you buy replacements please ensure that you buy the correct uniform.

There will be a second hand uniform sale after school on Friday 14th September.

Nuts

Please remember that we are a nut free school as we have a number of children with nut allergies. This includes coconut and sesame.

Safeguarding

As always, safeguarding remains a priority in our school and we make sure we are fully up to date with changes in legislation and that staff receive regular training. If you have any concerns about a child, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Miss Elwes, and the deputy DSLs are Miss Thomas and Mrs Carter.

I attach with the newsletter this week, a guide for parents who kindly volunteer to help on school trips.

Secondary transfer

There will be a meeting about the process on 12th September. Any parents in Year 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.



Staffing

We welcome Mrs Arcus-Simpson to our support staff team and Miss Toft who will be teaching netball on Fridays. We also welcome Mrs O'Flynn to the mornings as she is now working full time in the office. Unfortunately the additional admin officer that we appointed did not take up her post and therefore, we are currently under-staffed in the school office. Please bear with us whilst we try and recruit a replacement.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

Place2Be

We welcome our new school based manager, Tania Bazell. For those of you who are new to the school, Place2Be is our in-school therapeutic service, offering emotional support and advice to both pupils and parents. Tania is here on Monday mornings and Thursdays. If you would like to contact her, her email address is: Tatiana.Bazell@place2be.org.uk

Autumn Term Dates

September

- 10th Mass for Y1-6 10:00am (church)
- 12th Secondary transfer meeting 6:00pm
- 13th PTA meeting 7:00pm
- 17th Class meetings **Y5 and Y6** 3.45pm
- 18th Class meetings **Y1 and Y2** 3.45pm
- 18th Individual and sibling photos
- 20th Class meeting **Y4** 3.45pm
 - Class meeting **Reception** 6:30pm
- 20th Welcome Mass 6:30pm (school hall)
- 21st Family learning **Year 2** 9:15am
- 21st Class meeting **Year 3** 3.45pm
- 24th After-school clubs commence
- 25th Family learning **Year 1** 9:15am
- 26th Year 6 class assembly 9:30am
 - Year 6 family learning 10:00am
- 28th Family Learning **Year 3** 9:15am

October

- 2nd Family learning **Year 5** 9:15am
- 3rd Year 1 class assembly 9.30am
- 5th Family learning **Year 4** 9:15am
- 6th Family Social 5:00-7:00pm
- 9th Year 6 and Year 1 parent conferences
- 10th PTA AGM 7:30pm
- 10th Year 2 class assembly 9:30am
- 11th Year 3 and Year 4 parent conferences
- 16th Year 2 and Year 5 parent conferences
- 17th Family learning **Reception** 9:15am
- 22nd School closes for half term
- 29th School opens



Guidance for parents who support on school trips and visits

We are very grateful to parents who support us with trips and events outside of school. Without this help we would not be able to give the children these experiences

The teacher that you are accompanying will give you details about the trip and which group you will be supervising. Whilst the teacher has overall responsibility, you will be responsible for the safety and well-being of the children in your group whilst they are with you.

There are, therefore, certain procedures that must be adhered to for the safety and protection of children, parents and staff. The following must be maintained in the interest of all.

1. Mobile phones may not be used by parents whilst they are supervising pupils. The focus must be on the children
2. Parents will not be solely left in charge of a group without a member of the school staff being present
3. Photographs may not be taken of the children during the trip using personal cameras or phones. Photos may only be taken using school equipment
4. Parents must remain confidential. If there is a concern about a child on the trip, it is the teacher's responsibility to address this and speak with their parent if necessary
5. Parents will not be expected to administer any medicines or first aid. This will be the responsibility of the school team

Please do not buy anything for the children in your group, or drink hot drinks whilst you are amongst the pupils.

If you have any concerns about your role as a helper, please speak with the class teacher.