

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



21/9/18

Dear Parents

Attendance at the class meetings this week has been very high which is an indication of the strong link between home and school. I hope you found the meetings beneficial, and that the interaction with your child's teacher was useful. As always, if you are unsure about anything to do with school, such as homework or playground issues, your child's teacher is always your first port of call. All teachers are in the playground at the end of the day for a quick word, or an appointment can be booked via the school office.

We formally welcomed our reception families during the Welcome Mass last night. It's lovely to see the reception children coming into school happily in the mornings and they are being well cared for by their buddies, as well as the Early Years' staff!

## Attendance this term

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| Year R | 99.7% |
| Year 1 | 99.5% |
| Year 2 | 99.5% |
| Year 3 | 98.7% |
| Year 4 | 99.7% |
| Year 5 | 100%  |
| Year 6 | 100%  |



## Attendance

I have sent out a copy of the attendance policy with the newsletter this week. The policy is also available on our website. Attendance at our school is generally very good and our overall attendance figure at the end of last year was 97.7%. We begin to get concerned about a child's attendance if it drops to 95% and this is when we may involve our Educational Welfare Officer to try and support a family in order to improve attendance. Inevitably children get ill from time to time, and have to be kept off school, but it is when absence becomes more regular, or has a pattern, that we become concerned.

Routine appointments for the GP, dentist or other medical professionals need to be made outside of school hours. We recognise that hospital appointments are less flexible so these are allowed during the day. Any planned absence from school must be requested using the 'Request for Absence' form available in the office, rather than via email to the office or to me. We will need to see proof of medical appointments. Other absence requests will need to be discussed with me once the form is submitted and will only be authorised in exceptional and unavoidable circumstances.

Congratulations to all our new Head Boy, Johnny Gardner, and Head Girl, Elizabeth Anghenica, and to all our other Year 6 prefects, our school councillors and the new pupil chaplains. We look forward to working with them, and hearing their ideas, this coming year.



*Pupil Chaplains*

Clubs – if you booked a place via Parentmail then you have a confirmed place. We won't be putting up lists for these clubs.

We had a visit this week from Dr Simon Hughes who is the new director of The Southwark Education Commission. Simon is responsible for all the schools in the diocese so we were very privileged to have a visit so early in the term. He very much enjoyed seeing the school in action and hearing about the work we do.

### Wednesday Word

Don't forget to remind your child to return their completed Wednesday Word on Monday mornings (named) so that they can enter the prize draw



Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

### Family learning

We started our maths family learning workshops this morning with Year 2. Initial feedback has been very positive from parents and we look forward to running a workshop for all classes over the next few weeks.



### Autumn Term Dates

24<sup>th</sup> After-school clubs commence  
25<sup>th</sup> Family learning **Year 1** 9:15am  
26<sup>th</sup> Year 6 class assembly 9:30am  
Year 6 family learning 10:00am  
28<sup>th</sup> Family Learning **Year 3** 9:15am

### **October**

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