

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



19/10/18

Dear Parents

It seems amazing that we have reached half term already! As always, it's been a busy term and I am grateful to the staff who continue to work so hard. In a small school, the teachers have to take on many different roles as there are less people to share the load, and we are lucky to have such a capable team. All teachers are responsible for a different subject area and these are listed below:

Miss Brereton: Art and DT
Mrs Varyawa: PE
Miss Ogilvy: English
Mrs Fraser: Computing
Miss Cowan: History and geography
Mrs Carter: Science
Mr Dobson: Maths
Miss Thomas: SENCo and assessment
Miss Elwes: RE

Thank you for the very positive feedback about the family learning workshops that the teachers led. Next term, we will run some sessions on helping to support your child with reading. Dates are on the calendar.



Tania, from P2Be, and I are increasingly hearing about children who are playing Fortnite at home. As this game contains some violence, and has a recommended age of 12+, we have a duty to be concerned about this, and to monitor the situation. The NSPCC raises the following safeguarding concerns:

- There is a chat feature in the game that allows users to talk to other people using voice or text. (You can disable voice chat in the game by selecting the 3 lines in the top right of the screen, select the settings icon, choose the 'Audio' tab at the top of the screen and go to the 'Voice Chat' option, where you can select 'Off')
- There is cartoon violence in the game. You can use a variety of weapons to kill other players, such as guns and axes.
- There are in-app purchases, which can become expensive.

The NSPCC advise that parents talk to their children regularly about how to stay safe online, that they explore their child's online activity with their child, and that they set family rules around usage of the internet and games.

A number of you have raised concerns about school dinners over the last few days. I called the area manager in from Edwards and Ward yesterday and we had a long meeting to look at the issues you have raised. She has taken immediate action to address these points, and in particular, making sure that both lunch choices are available to all children. She, and I, will be monitoring the situation carefully and we hope to see an improvement. She will also be speaking to the school council later in the term to get their views.

Scooters

Please remind your child that they are not permitted to ride scooters on the playground, or to scoot in or out of the gate.



Have a happy and healthy half term and we look forward to seeing you on 29th October (no INSET day).

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

Thank you to one of our parents who kindly helped us to put together our new school prospectus. It is now on the school website if you would like to view it.

Autumn Term Dates

October

29th School opens

November

9th PTA meeting – 9:10am

12th November INSET day: School closed

14th Year 3 class assembly

23rd PTA coffee morning – 9:00

30th Senior Citizen's Party

December

3rd Advent Mass 10:00 – all welcome

5th KS1 Christmas Production 2.15

7th Clubs finish

Reception Nativity 2:15

12th Y3 Winter Sounds concert 7pm

13th Christmas Lunch

KS2 Panto: 7pm

14th Christmas activities

Christmas Jumper Day

21st End of term