

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



9/11/18

Dear Parents

We are continuing to look at the safety of our site to ensure that we comply with safeguarding regulations and to make sure our children are safe. One area that still needs improvement is access to the school from Louisville Road. We are conscious that, when the playground gate is closed, the only access is through the car park which presents a potential risk, particularly for children in breakfast club and Fruity Club, who are walking through the car park whilst staff are arriving and leaving. We applied for a grant from the diocese to improve this situation and fortunately we were successful. We are currently applying for planning permission to put in a pedestrian access point from Louisville Road. There will be a new gate, and a path running alongside the car park which will mean that the car park gate will only need to be used for vehicular access. The work will start once planning permission has been granted.

A group of our parents have also applied for a grant from the Greener City Fund, part of the Mayor's strategy to improve London's air, which is offering grants specifically for schools that have a problem with air quality. The aim is to help schools to 'green' their playgrounds to help protect children from air pollution. If successful, the grant will be for green screens, made of living plants, along the interior of the perimeter wall on Tooting Bec Road, and the wall separating the playground from the staff car park. We'll keep you posted on these two projects.

## School uniform provider

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019, our main school uniform provider will be Uniform 24/7 and all the St Anselm's uniform will be available online at [schooluniform247.co.uk](http://schooluniform247.co.uk). The only items of uniform that should still be purchased at John Lewis are the summer dresses and the grey duffel coat. We will continue to sell the hats, scarves and book bags in school until we sell our stock and these will then be available online too.

Most of the uniform is the same. We have introduced a Velcro tie for Reception and Year 1, and the blazer is slightly different but is cheaper and therefore more accessible to all families. There is also a new style of book bag for Reception and Year 1 but there is no need to replace the one you have. The cardigan will have the school logo on it, as well as the jumper. Many of you have asked if it is ok to keep using the old uniform, particularly if you have a stock from older siblings. That is fine - we will phase in the new uniform over time so that nothing is wasted. It is the intention that children do only have the logoed uniform (cardigan, jumper, polo shirt, PE top) eventually so, if you are buying new uniform, please bear this in mind.

A reminder that Year 6 are hosting the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm. If you know someone who would like to attend, please fill in the GREEN form which can be found at the back of the church or the Parish Office and return to Martine in the Parish Office by 23<sup>rd</sup> November. A letter will follow nearer the time asking for donations.

Well done to Blue House who won the house points last half term. They can wear home clothes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November (Y1-6). Reception will be put into houses at the end of this term, ready for the Spring Term.



### Appeal for help – school coats

School staff are wasting a lot of time looking for children's coats, and trying to locate their names. Please sew a name tape into the inside collar on the fleece side, or attach a label to the zip, so that the children are able to find their own coats. We are also surprised at the number of lost coats in school which have no name on them. I'm afraid we can't be responsible for lost uniform that is not clearly marked with your child's name.

School is closed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November for an INSET day.

We welcome Mrs Annette Quinn to our governing body. Annette has taken on the role of a foundation governor. More information about our governing body is available on our website.

### **A couple of reminders.....**

- We no longer offer a drop-in service for breakfast club. Children must be pre-booked so that we can ensure we have the right number of staff
- If you have any questions about homework, or any queries, please speak directly to your child's class teacher. All teachers are on the playground at the end of each day

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

### Autumn Term Dates

#### **November**

**12<sup>th</sup> November INSET day: School closed**

14<sup>th</sup> Year 3 class assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> PTA coffee morning – 9:00

30<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizen's Party – 2:00pm

#### **December**

3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Mass 10:00 – all welcome

5<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Production 2.15

7<sup>th</sup> Clubs finish

Reception Nativity 2:15

12<sup>th</sup> Y3 Winter Sounds concert 7pm

13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

KS2 Panto: 7pm

14<sup>th</sup> Christmas activities

Christmas Jumper Day

21<sup>st</sup> End of term – 2:00pm