

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



23/11/18

Dear Parents

I have had the privilege of observing some of our teachers teaching RE this week and I am reminded of the high calibre of teachers that we are fortunate to have. As a school we have been working hard on developing our pedagogy, ie, the methods we use to teach our children. This is in line with our vision – 'We want our children to grow in their faith and to be enthusiastic, life-long learners who are able to discuss, share and use their knowledge and skills.' We focus not just on the content of the lesson, but also on teaching the children how to be good learners, and we help them to develop the skills they need to do this. You will have heard your children talk about 'Talk Partners'. This approach is very much embedded in the school and it is an opportunity for children to talk through their thoughts with another child - to discuss, negotiate, explain and conclude. We are also developing the children's ability to problem solve and reason, across all subjects, and the teachers constantly encourage them to explain their thoughts with an emphasis on the process sometimes being more important than the answer. In addition, we teach the children to be reflective, allowing them to self-assess their outcomes and to identify how to improve. Sometimes they fall in the learning pit but they know that ultimately this is a good thing as it is the challenge of climbing out of the pit that results in the best learning of all.

Thank you to our Year 3 parents for organising and running another very successful PTA coffee morning this morning. Not only does it raise a lot of money, but it also brings parents together, both old and new!

We've had a very positive response to our Saints election! The deadline for votes was today but, as the date was incorrect on the form, we will extend the deadline to Monday and hope to announce the result in assembly.

Well done to the girls football team who had some very successful matches last week. We are waiting to hear how our tag rugby team got on today at their tournament!



Don't forget help raise funds for St Anselm's Catholic Primary School whenever you shop online! Use **Easyfundraising** to shop with over 3,300 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, and Booking.com - and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy!

Help support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanselmsprimary/>

**Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening:** The St Anselm's Social Events Committee warmly invite the ladies of the Parish to our Christmas Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 23rd November from 7:30pm in the Upper New Hall. £5 per head to be paid on entrance to cover the cost of your first glass of wine and all nibbles for the evening. Contact Mary K for more information

**Little Angels' Christmas Party and Santa** for the under 5s will take place at 9.20 on 12/12/18. Further details can be obtained from Tanith, a reception parent, or from Little Angels on Wednesday mornings.



Thank you for the positive feedback that we have received regarding the changes to our uniform and uniform provider. We are aware that the John Lewis duffle coat is expensive. Children may wear an alternative as long as it is a dark grey, long duffle. One suggested model which is cheaper is made by Beau Brummel and is available on the 4direct Uniforms and Sportswear website. As before, if your child currently has a duffle coat that isn't one of these models or similar, it's fine for them to use it for now but please replace with the correct model when the time comes.

I have been liaising with Lidl about the large lorries that sometimes deliver to the shop at the beginning and the end of the school day, putting our children at risk. They have apologised for this and have promised it won't happen moving forward.

If you are dropping your child off at breakfast club, please make sure you bring them all the way to the door, and pass them into the care of one of the staff.

The children will be invited to wear a Christmas accessory on 17<sup>th</sup> December, such as a Christmas jumper or a hat or something else festive! A contribution of £1:00 will be donated to charity.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

### Autumn and Spring Term Dates

#### **November**

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

#### **January 2019**

7<sup>th</sup> INSET

8<sup>th</sup> Start of term

14<sup>th</sup> After school clubs start

16<sup>th</sup> KS2 Family Learning 9:00

18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Family Learning 9:00