

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



7/12/18

Dear Parents

In assembly a couple of weeks ago, one of our governors talked to the children about the charity he works for, Aid to the Church in Need. He showed the children pictures of his recent trip to Syria and the horror of cities that have been reduced to rubble. It is hard to imagine the lives of the people in Syria and the children were visibly shocked as they learnt about what these families face. It was encouraging to hear about the work done by Aid to the Church in Need and we would like to support them this Christmas. They have asked if we could donate money towards creating Christmas present boxes for Syrian children. On 14<sup>th</sup> December the children have been invited to wear a Christmas accessory to school in exchange for a donation. I spoke to the children and asked them to try and donate some of their own money (as well as anything that parents may also like to contribute). I think it's important that they sacrifice something of their own to support others in order to help them to really understand the concept of giving to those in need.

Thank you to Mrs Varyawa, Miss Ogilvy, Mrs Ireland, Mrs Arcus Simpson, Mrs Trarieux and Miss Conneely for the wonderful production of 'Michaelmas Mouse' on Wednesday, and to Miss Brereton, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Kleczkowski for the lovely nativity this afternoon. It's the children that remind us of the magic of Christmas.



### After school clubs

The list of clubs for next term will go out next week.

**If your child does an after-school club, and you decide not to send them one week then you must inform the school that you are taking them home please. A lot of time is wasted by staff trying to locate children who don't turn up for clubs and we have a duty to ensure they are safe.**



We enjoyed a very special Mass on Monday, welcoming the season of Advent.

Well done to the Year 3 children who joined the Year 3 and 4 children from Eveline Day School to perform the songs they have been learning this term as part of the Wandsworth Music Service singing project. We look forward to hearing them at the Winter Sounds concert next week where they'll be joined by hundreds of other children!



We look forward to the pantomime next week on 13<sup>th</sup> December. All Key Stage 2 children will need to return to school in uniform at 6.30pm. The gates will be closed until that time.

**Fruity club collection after 6:00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> December will be from the playground gate only.**

### Autumn and Spring Term Dates

#### **December**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Choir and Y6 to perform their winning songs in the hall. 3.10pm
- 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> Whole school Mass in the church
- 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 (reading) 9:00
- 18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Family Learning (reading) 9:00

#### **Sports Day**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2019



'This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace'

Pope Francis



Best wishes

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