

SPRING BRIEFING

INFORMATION ABOUT VARIOUS EVENTS ETC. WHICH HAPPEN DURING THE SPRING TERM AND THE YEAR.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

An opportunity to have a dedicated talk with your child's class teacher, usually Tuesday and Thursday evening after half term. Boards are put up in the hall for parents to sign up for an appointment.

During that week there is also a Book Fair.



BOOK FAIR

This is held during the parent evening week and is open until at least 6pm.



Dependent on how many are sold during the week, the school receives a number of books. If we sell £500 worth of books we might receive £300 worth of books from the fair. Class libraries benefit from this and children choose the books.

END OF TERM SERVICE AT ST ANSELM'S

The end of term service is held at St Anselm's on the last day of term at 10am. It is a service in which most classes participate. Last Easter all classes made a banner relating to the Easter story which they paraded down to St Anselm's. During the service each class displayed their banner and presented a poem on a similar theme. The banners were then displayed at the church during Easter and are now up in the main hall. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join us for the service.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL



The Bishop of Southwark (ABS is part of the Southwark Diocesan board) has a charity appeal each lent, usually for about 4/5 different causes, local & international. The school has a fete-type afternoon at the end of term when we raise money for the Appeal. Following the event, Year 5 take a purse with the money raised to the Lent Appeal Service at Southwark Cathedral.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENT TESTS. (SATs)

Each term (usually just before half term) Years 2 – 6 sit optional SATs in writing, reading and maths. During the summer term Year 6 sit official tests (which are posted to us & taken like proper exams). The regular tests are by no means the only way the children are assessed, but they support the teachers understanding of how the children are learning & give direction to further learning & any intervention they might need. At the same time as the SATs tests, younger children might have an individual reading /writing/phonics test and all classes are assessed on their science learning. We try to keep these tests very low-key so that children do not feel any pressure on them.



LENT & EASTER

In addition to the end of term Easter service, we mark the beginning of Lent with two special events. The first, a pancake race, will be held on Shrove Tuesday. This is followed on Wednesday morning by an Ash Wednesday assembly.



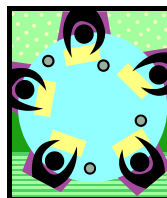
CHARITY EVENTS

Throughout the year we hold Charity events to raise money for Christian Aid, Red Nose Day, Bishop's Lent Appeal etc. Often we have a non-uniform day and charge the children £1 to come to school. In addition there are often cake stalls, games, bouncy castles etc.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council comprises elected children from every class (they do a presentation to the class and the class votes!) from years 2 – 6 and they meet on a weekly basis to discuss issues in the school. It is rotational to give at least 6/year a chance to represent their class.



VISITS AND TRIPS

The main trip this term will be for Year 6 at Into University. The children spend the week with the Into University leaders learning about 'politics'.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

There is one class assembly per term. They are an opportunity for the children to show the work they have been doing during the term and often include presentations of maths, writing, music, dance and drama. Parents & community are invited to join the whole school to watch them. They usually happen at 2.45pm on a Monday and Tuesday and the dates are given in the newsletter at the beginning of each term.



END OF TERM AWARD CEREMONY

Children receive a certificate for consistent good behaviour and hard work. Further certificates are awarded for progress, attendance and punctuality. These assemblies are held at the ABS Oakden site as the hall is bigger.

STAR PUPILS

Star pupils are nominated by staff for the Praise Book. The children's names are read out in the Friday assembly & they receive a Head Teacher's sticker. Each week the type of nomination is different dependent on the assembly theme of the week, eg standing up for the right, good manners etc.



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE EVENTS OR TERMS WHICH WE USE WHICH ARE NOT UNDERSTOOD AND WE WILL TRY TO REDRESS THIS.