

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



15/02/19

Dear Parents

We had a very successful e-safety day on Wednesday. Assemblies led by the Wandsworth City Learning Centre facilitated discussions which carried on in class and this was a good opportunity for all children to re-visit the positive aspects of the internet, as well as how to keep safe online. The main focus of the day was 'consent', looking at how we ask, give and receive consent online. We continue to remind children that they must be responsible users and that they should alert an adult if anything worries them or if something doesn't feel quite right. Monitoring internet use at home is undoubtedly a challenge for parents as new apps and concerns emerge regularly. We know that most of our parents set boundaries and monitor their children's use of the internet and this is the best way of keeping them safe. We will continue to work with the children on e-safety as part of the computing curriculum.

Theme Week 2019: 25th -29th March

Our Theme Week this year is entitled 'Happiness is....' and we will be focussing on wellbeing, looking at how to keep both our minds and bodies healthy. For those of you who are new to the school, the St Anselm's Theme Week is a long standing tradition. We come off curriculum for the week and the whole school works on a joint theme. Some of the work is done in 'family groups' which are groups made up of one child from each class, and we also have workshops and visitors in school working with the children. Another aspect of Theme Week is the home project. Children and their families are asked to make a model at home (about the size of a shoe box) and these are brought into school to display, towards the end of theme week. The theme for this year's models will be 'Happiness is....' which will allow the children to represent whatever happiness means to them. Theme week culminates with our Theme Week assembly at 2.30 on 3rd April, followed by an opportunity for parents to come into the school and look at the work that the children have completed during theme week.

We welcome any parents who may be able to come into school to work with groups of children during the week. Perhaps you may have some knowledge about healthy eating or you may be able to share some medical knowledge or therapies, or something to do with fitness? Do let me know if you are able to offer anything.

Lenten Crosses

Another tradition in the school is our Lenten crosses. We select a poem or a piece of scripture which is then interpreted by each class through their decoration of a large cross. Previously these have all been done in the last week of term and displayed in the hall. This year we will be decorating the crosses throughout Lent, with two crosses being completed and displayed around the school each week. The crosses this year are based on Matthew 25:35-40, with each class focussing on one line of the scripture.



*'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me.
Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Congratulations to St Francis House (Yellow) who won the house points this half term. The children in St Francis House may wear their home clothes on Friday 1st March. This includes Reception children in St Francis. They are: Finn, Scarlett, Luke, Aurelia, Finley, Jonathon and Beatrix

We will be taking Years 2 to Y6 to Mass on Ash Wednesday and Fr Phil will come into school in the afternoon for a short ceremony with Reception and Y1 who will also receive their ashes.

Have an enjoyable half term.
Best wishes,

Hattie Elwes

After-school clubs

This is a further reminder for parents to please let us know if their child is not going to attend their after-school club. We have a duty of care to children who are registered for a club and if they are not in attendance then we need to know where they are. The office are having to ring families quite regularly to locate children so do please keep us informed.

Spring Term Dates

February

18th - 22nd Half term

25th INSET day

26th Term starts

26th Y6 SATs workshop 3.45

March

1st PTA meeting 9:10

4th Y6 and Y4 parent conferences

4th Y5 and Y1 Class Mass 10:00

5th Y1 and Y3 parent conferences

6th YR and Y5 parent conferences

7th World Book Day

11th Y2, 3 and 4 Class Mass 10:00

15th PTA social event

25th Theme week

April

3rd Theme week assembly 2:30

5th Mass 10:00

End of term 2:00

Sports Day

13th June 2019

INSET

14th June 2019