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We Are Pilgrims on a Journey



Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope you have all enjoyed the break from routine and have been able to spend some quality time with family and friends? The children have come back looking refreshed, smart in their new uniform and ready for learning. Long may this continue. At the start of this New Year we renew our Mission to Catholic Education. We remember that each day in our work here at St Anthony's we are called to serve Our Blessed Lord in our words and our actions. We work together as One Body in Christ, modern day Disciples so that the beacon of Catholic Education shines for all to see. As the hymn 'The servant song' goes: *We are all pilgrims on a journey. We are brothers on the road. We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.* The journey is certainly a lot easier if you have someone with you. I hope we will all be there for each other this academic year.

Statement to live by:

The statement to live by this week is: 'We understand that we are all Called to Serve Our Blessed Lord'.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our new Parish Priest Father Simon Winn. I hope that he will be very happy within our school/parish community. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his new journey in life.

RE and Class Newsletters

Please watch out for these as they will be going home next week. All information can be found on our school website once staff have updated class and RE pages.

Class Saints

Each class has a class saint. They will be learning about this special person and praying for their guidance during this year. The Saints are as follows:

Year 6- Saint Teresa of Calcutta	Year 5- Saint John Bosco
Year 4- Saint Martin de Porres	Year 3- Saint Vincent de Paul
Year 2- Saint Bernadette	Year 1- Saint Therese of Lisieux
EYFS- Saint Anthony	

Eid Mubarak!

To all our families who celebrated this festival last week end I hope you had a joyous time with your family and friends.

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Keep up to date with events in school and in the classroom. We now have **310** followers! The numbers of followers are still rising. If you have not already informed us and you do not want your child to be on twitter please contact the school office and we will place this information on file.

Upcoming Events

Monday 4th September
Nursery Opens

Wednesday 13th September
Roald Dahl Day

Friday 15th September
Reception Intake Complete

Wednesday 27th September
Whole school Mass 9.30-
parents welcome

Friday 29th September
McMillan Coffee Morning-
9.30- All welcome

Let us do something beautiful for God

School Uniform- Wear Your Uniform With Pride!

All children should be in full school uniform. Please remember that the school colour for the polo shirt is **GOLD**. ALL items of clothing need to be labelled as school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged items. Hair needs to be tied back and jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn to school. May I also remind parent and carers that children should not have extreme hairstyles or tramlines. As per the school prospectus, black shoes should be worn not trainers. Full PE kit should be in school at all times including indoor footwear. In bad or wet weather all children will need to change into indoor shoes. Again thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Educational Visits

Please be aware that this academic year if school does not receive voluntary contributions from parent/carers to cover the cost of the visit /activity these may be cancelled. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Data Collection sheets

These will be sent home at the beginning of next week. It is important that we have up to date contact and medical details for all children. It is your responsibility to ensure that you advise us of any changes during the school year.

Wakey, wakey, rise and shine! Be in the line for 10 to 9!

Be in the line at 8.45am ready for the bell ringing at 8.50am. Learning begins promptly at the start of the school day. Children who persistently arrive late disrupt the learning of others. Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter.

Punctuality + Good Attendance = Success

Duty of Care

May I remind you that school takes over the duty of care of children when the bell rings. Children need to be supervised before school by parent/carers. Children should NOT be in the court playing football without adult supervision. If the doors are closed in the mornings after the bell has rung parent/carers must bring children to the main office. Children in main school should not be entering school through Nursery. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Holidays in Term Time

No holidays in term time will be authorised. Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter. Remember every day, every lesson counts. Requests for absence will be followed up by a meeting with myself and Mrs Langford.

School Nurse drop in sessions

The School Nursing Team will be available to speak to parents if they have any concerns on the following dates this half term:

- 15th September
- 29th September
- 13th October

If you wish to see the School Nursing Team on one of the above dates, please let the office know so that we can make sure the sessions are not too full.

Medicines in school

May I remind you all that **ONLY prescribed** medication is sent into school as per our medication policy. The appropriate forms need to be completed each day at the main office. Parent/carers need to ensure that the medicine is taken home each night. All medicines need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. I know we are trying to raise attendance but if children need medication 4 times or more during the day we have to raise the question are they fit to be in school? All medicines are stored in school in our medicine fridge. Please also ensure that if your child is asthmatic they have an inhaler in school that is within its expiration date- if you are unsure please check with your child's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Parking

Parents/Carers should NOT be parking in the staff car park at any time. Please also do not park on the zig zags on the main road- these are here to keep the area by the crossing clear and safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

I ask for blessings on this new academic year ahead. Help us to work together as one body, One Body in Christ. If we work together the success just may be more fruitful and we can rejoice that we have all played our part.

Have a great weekend
Mrs M T Bannister- Headteacher



In the Community

Parish Mass Times

All welcome at any Parish Mass. This week's Mass times are as follows:
Week Day Mass-9.30am
Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

Feast Days

Friday 8th September

The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 12th September

The Most Holy Name

Attendance Champions



Whole school attendance 2016-2017

96.2%

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