

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



8/9/17

Dear Parents

It is always lovely to see the children running into school so happily as a new school year begins. They have all grown over the summer and we are still getting used to the fact that they are in new classes! We have also enjoyed welcoming our new reception children into our school community, as well as Emma and Hamish who have joined us further up the school. We hope that all our new children and families enjoy their time at St Anselm's.

During the INSET day on Monday, staff and governors had a very productive morning working together. We looked at our Mission Statement and updated it, and then thought about how this is lived out in the school. We then went on to look at our vision which highlights what we aim to achieve in our approach to teaching and learning at St Anselm's. Finally we celebrated our achievements from last year, and looked at how we would like to continue to develop the school in the coming year.

Our Mission Statement

As a Catholic school and community, we share a common vision where Christ is at the centre of all our work. Our school ethos embodies principles of love, service, respect and reconciliation. We endeavour to recognise the dignity of each member of our school community and to nurture, encourage and challenge our pupils to be lifelong learners.

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.

Welcome to our new teachers:

			
Miss Thomas Assistant Headteacher SENCO Year 5 teacher on Thursdays and Fridays	Miss Fraser Year 3 Teacher	Miss Brereton Reception Teacher	Miss Perriman Year 1 teacher on Thursday afternoons and Fridays

Governance

We have two new Co-Chairs of governors: Mike Keoghan and Annette Figueiredo. If you would like to contact the Co-Chairs, please do so via the school office. The list of our current governors is on our website.

Class introductions for parents: 3.45pm

Monday 18th September: Year 6
Tuesday 19th September: Year 5
Wednesday 20th September: Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 21st September: Year 4
Friday 22nd September: Year 3

Reception's meeting will be at 6:20pm on 21st September, before the Welcome Mass at 7.00pm in the school hall.

Safeguarding

As in all schools, safeguarding continues to be a priority. A copy of our safeguarding policy is on our website. If we have any concerns about your child, one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) will discuss them with you. Our DSLs are Miss Elwes and Mrs Carter. There may also be times where we need to involve outside agencies to offer further support.

PTA

Do join us for the first PTA meeting on 15th September. All parents are automatically members and it's a good way to get involved with the school.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

Place2Be

For those of you who are new to the school, Place2Be is our in-school therapeutic service, offering emotional support and advice to both pupils and parents. Our School Based Manager is Anders Granberg who is here on Monday mornings and Thursdays. Anders will be running a question and answer workshop in the hall, after drop off, on 28th September. All parents are welcome to attend.

Autumn Term Dates

September

15th 7:00pm PTA meeting
18th 3:45 Y6 intro meeting
19th 3:45 Y5intro meeting
19th Individual photos
19th 6:00pm Secondary transfer meeting
20th Saxophone starts - Y4/5
20th 3:45 Y1 and 2 intro meetings
21st 3:45 Y4 intro meeting
6:20pm Reception meeting
7:00pm Welcome Mass in the hall
22nd 3.45 Y3 intro meeting
27th Year 5 intro assembly
28th Place2Be workshop for parents - 9:00

October

4th Y1 assembly
7th 5:00pm Family social
10th Y1 and Y2 Parent Conferences
11th Reception and Y3 Parent Conferences
11th PTA AGM - 7:30pm
11th Year 2 assembly
12th Y2 and Y4 parent Conferences
17th Y5 Parent Conferences
18th Y6 assembly
20th INSET day - school closed
23rd Half term
30th INSET day - school closed
31st School opens