

# ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



22nd September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week in school, with the children working hard and achieving progress. It is lovely to see how well children have now settled into the routines of their classes. We are in the process of beginning to review the class pages on the school website to celebrate more of what is happening in school. Please do have a look at these parts of the website over the next few weeks.

Mr Hamilton and I met with Father Keiron this week to plan the revised programme for sacramental preparation. I have printed out the full details of the programme on the back of our newsletter. I shall write to you again after Christmas asking you to enroll your children onto the relevant programmes.

## **Elections of class representatives to the Mini Vinnies/RE council**

We shall be holding elections next week to form a new Mini Vinnies group/RE Council. We will be electing two representatives from Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5. Please have a chat with your children to encourage them to put their names forward. The council will be responsible for supporting all of the charity fundraising events, support for those in need and link with the SVP in church. The council will meet once every two weeks. There will be a chairperson and secretary. The results of the election will be announced in our celebration assembly on Friday 29th September.

## **Achievement Awards:**

*Class 1: **Summer Brogan** for her fantastic work with numbers and **Jake Townend** for brilliant phonics work.*

*Class 2: **Scarlett Brogan** for her super work and **Harry Taylor** for his improved attitude towards learning.*

*Class 3: **Thomas Taylor** for super addition & subtraction work and **Megan Elliott** for fantastic science work.*

*Class 4: **Jakub Pobozy** for his improved attitude to his learning and **Lorna Brown** for a lovely poem.*

*Class 5: **Jacob Watson** for fantastic attitude and effort in all subjects.*

*Congratulations to all of the children.*

## **Fire Evacuation**

We held a fire evacuation practice this week. The children were amazing. They exited the school quickly and sensibly, lining up in the playground to be registered. The safety of the children is our highest priority. We have also been asked to develop 'invacuation' procedures. This is when it may be unsafe to leave the building. I shall keep you informed as we develop these new processes.

## **Class Assembly Date**

I would like to remind you that next week we shall be having the first of our class assemblies. Year 1 will lead this on Wednesday 27th September at 3.10. All are welcome.

We are expecting to have some warm weather this weekend. I hope that you will be able to enjoy a final bit of 'summer'!

Best wishes

Mrs Snelling

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## Sacramental Preparation Programmes for 2017-2018

You may be aware that last September Bishop Marcus announced that he was making significant changes to when and how children receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. These changes will be introduced this year. I met with Father Keiron to plan the programmes for our school and parish.

Children in Year 3 will prepare and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent 2018 but **not** their First Holy Communion until they move up into **Year 4**. They will make their First Holy Communion in the **summer term of 2019**.

Children in **Year 5** and, for this year only, **Year 6** will prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation in **June and September 2018**.

This table shows when and where the various preparation sessions will be held.

### RECONCILIATION

Date	Session	Venue	Time	Who needs to attend the session
Tuesday 27th February	Session 1	St Anthony's School	3.30pm 4.30pm	Children only
Tuesday 6th March	Session 2	St Anthony's School	3.30 -4.30pm	Children only
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 3	St Walburga's Church	6.30pm	Children with a member of their family

Services of first Reconciliation:

Monday 19th March at 11.00am in St Walburga's Church

### CONFIRMATION

Date	Session	Venue	Time	Who needs to attend the session
Thursday 14th June	Session 1	St Anthony's School	6.30-7.30pm	Children with a member of their family
Thursday 21st June	Session 2	St Anthony's School	6.30-7.30pm	Children with a member of their family
Thursday 28th June	Session 3	St Anthony's School	6.30-7.30pm	Children with a member of their family
Thursday 5th July	Session 4	St Anthony's School	6.30-7.30pm	Children with a member of their family
TBC	Session 5	St Anthony's School	6.30-7.30pm	Children with a member of their family
TBC	Session 6	St Anthony's School	6.30-7.30pm	Children with a member of their family

The date of the service of confirmation is still to be confirmed.

I appreciate that these are significant changes to how we have been used to preparing children for the sacraments. I shall be writing to you again after Christmas to ask you to enrol your children. I am happy to answer any questions you may have so do please get in touch with me.

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