

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



10/10/17

Dear Parents

Over the last few months, I have been working with the Wandsworth City Learning Centre (CLC) to look at how we can develop the teaching of computing in our school. The requirements of the computing national curriculum are increasingly sophisticated and we need to ensure that we have the right tools to teach the children effectively. It is likely that most of the jobs that our children will do in the future have yet to be invented and so it is crucial that we are equipping them for the current, and future, expectations of the world we live in.

We hope to be able to buy new mobile technology over the coming year and we will be asking the PTA to support us with this. The staff will also receive training so that they are able to use it effectively in ICT lessons.

As part of our drive to develop ICT, the CLC, supported by Goldman Sachs, came to St Anselm's to run a day long project for Year 6 last week. The children achieved so much in one day, learning how to programme a device, create a website and make short films. If they can achieve that in one day, then their potential is endless!



During the INSET day in September, staff and governors worked together to agree on our school development priorities for this year. They are:

1. To improve standards in writing at expected levels, with a particular emphasis on the teaching of spelling, and to continue to increase the number of children achieving 'greater depth'.
2. To develop leadership capacity and capability in order to raise standards, focussing particularly on the new senior leadership structure, and middle leaders
3. To improve governance in order to ensure sustained and effective leadership
4. To review and develop ICT provision in order to improve outcomes in computing
5. To continue to develop the use of assessment data in order to effectively monitor the progress and attainment of all groups
6. To continue to develop the Catholic life of the school and to implement the new assessment framework for RE

Nuts

We have some children in school who are allergic to nuts. Therefore, we are a 'nut free' school. Please do not send any food into school that contains nuts.

Uniform

We have a mountain of lost uniform, both in the lost property box, and in the cloakrooms. We have returned labelled uniform to children. However, the majority of the clothing is unmarked and will therefore be sold at the second hand uniform sale. Please do mark your children's clothes. We have a few blazers and duffle coats with no name - expensive items to replace!

Parent meetings

We had autumn parent meetings for the first time this term, following feedback from parents last year. I hope that you have found them useful.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates

October

17th Y5 Parent Conferences

18th Y6 assembly

20th INSET day - school closed

23rd Half term

30th INSET day - school closed

31st School opens

November

1st Flu immunisations (YR, 1, 2, 3 + 4)

Mass: All Saints

8th Year 4 assembly

9th Open Day 1:45

15th Year 3 assembly

17th Year 4 trip

PTA meeting 9:00am

22nd Reception Assembly

24th PTA coffee morning

