

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



6/01/18

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and a happy new year to you all.

The staff enjoyed some excellent training from the Wandsworth City Learning Centre (CLC) on Tuesday which further developed our computing skills with a particular emphasis on using the iPads with the children to access the computing curriculum. We all made great progress! The CLC will continue to work with us this term to further develop the use of the iPads and they will be focussing on teaching in some year groups each week until Easter.

It is hard to believe that we are a third of the way through the school year. This term will undoubtedly be as busy as ever with various class trips to look forward to, as well as World Book Day and Theme Week. We will also be taking the choir to the Catholic Choirs Festival in March and CAFOD will be coming in to lead an assembly during Lent.

The teachers will meet with each of you during parent meetings this term, to share the children's targets and to look at their mid-term report. Further details about booking appointments will go out next week.

World Book Day - 1st March 2018

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this year and are busy planning for it. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a book character for the day. It doesn't have to be an elaborate costume. Do consult us if this may be difficult for you as we have some costumes in school.

We would also like to invite the parents of reception, year 1 and year 2 children to come into the hall at drop-off time, for about 40 minutes, to read and share books with the children. Don't worry if you can't make it. There will hopefully be plenty of adults available to read with all the children!

Are you an editor, or a publisher or a journalist or are you involved in books in any way and are willing and able to come and talk to a class about your job or run a workshop? Please contact Miss Ogilvy if you think you can help.



Attendance figures so far this year

Rec: 97%

Y1: 98%

Y2: 96%

Y3: 99%

Y4: 98%

Y5: 99%

Y6: 98%

Whole school attendance: 98%



We will be using some of our sports grant this term to develop the teaching of gymnastics. We have appointed a gym teacher for a term to work with some classes, and class teachers, as part of the teachers' professional development, and development of skills for the children.



In amongst all the lovely Christmas cards that we received, we found an envelope marked 'For the school'. Inside was some cash. We're not sure whether this was a payment for something or a donation. Please let us know if this money was from you so we can deal with it accordingly. Many thanks.

Dates

Our final INSET day will be on Friday 22nd June 2018. School will be closed on this day.

Sports day is on 5th June 2018.



Well done to **Green House**, the winners of the house points last term. They may wear their home clothes on **Friday 12th January**.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher



Spring Term Dates

January

8th Whole school Mass
Clubs start
12th Green House home clothes
15th Y6 trip to The Museum of London
17th Y3 assembly
19th Y4 trip to The Globe
24th Y4 assembly
31st Y1 assembly
Y3 and Y6 parent meetings

February

3rd Valentine disco 5:00pm
6th Y1 and Y5 parent meetings
7th Reception parent meetings
8th Y2 and Y4 parent meetings
9th Half term
19th INSET day
20th School re-opens
28th Y5 assembly

March

1st World Book Day
7th Reception assembly
9th PTA meeting – 9.00am
14th Y2 assembly
16th PTA social event
19th-23rd Theme week
23rd Last day of clubs
28th Theme week assembly at 2.15 followed by open event at 3.30
29th End of term – 2pm

In assembly today we compared the shepherds and the wise men and discussed how God welcomes everyone, regardless of their background.