

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



1/10/2021

Dear Parents

This morning I attended The Beginning of the New School Year Mass at St George's Cathedral, alongside Clare Bradbury, our Chair of Governors, and some Year 6 children. The Mass was celebrated by The Most Rev John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark. In his homily he reflected on St Therese of the Child of Jesus who taught us to follow Jesus with a little bit of love each day. He reminded the children of the importance of having an eye in our hearts for others in need and to walk with Jesus in order to serve. This reflects our own school motto, and serves as a reminder of how we should all aspire to behave within our school community.



It was lovely to have the parents back in school to watch the Year 6 assembly. The children gave us a strong message about the Pope's Encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, and reminded us about the importance of working together for a shared dream.



We have once again had a complaint raised by a parent about children riding their bikes and scooters at speed along the pavement, unsupervised. This is a constant problem for us, and we have had complaints from our neighbours in the past who worry about being knocked into as they walk out of their house.

I therefore ask you again to please supervise your children and teach them how to be safe, for the sake of our community and our neighbours.

We are still awaiting the installation of the ANPR camera at the top of Louisville Road in order to enforce the School Street restrictions and I keep chasing the council about this.

## Nate Holder

We had an inspiring visit from author, Nate Holder last week, who came to share some of his books with reception, and Year 5 and 6. The older children were fascinated to learn about a number of successful black composers. Following his visit to our school, we were moved by Nate's Tweet:

*Visiting @stanselms\_toot today, one of the children asked me who one of my favourite people in my book 'Where Are All The Black Female Composers' was. I replied with telling them about Emahoy Tsegué-Maryam Guèbrou, a 97-year-old Ethiopian nun whose music really speaks to me. A little girl in Y5 put her hand up and told me that her family are from Ethiopia, and that she can speak a little bit of Ethiopian (Amharic). Afterwards, I showed her Emahoy's page in the book, and you should have seen the look on her face! Was a mix of utter delight and amazement that I was talking about someone from her culture in this context. She told me she wants to listen to her music and find out more about her! I can't stress enough how much representation matters in children's books!! Who knows what this may have triggered in her, knowing that someone who looks like her has made incredible music on an instrument she plays! [#RepresentationMatters](#)*



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A couple of reminders about school rules which relate to health and safety on-site:

- Children (including pre-schoolers) may not ride their scooters/bikes/balance bikes on the playground and, when leaving, they should push them until they are out of the gate
- Parents are not permitted to have bring hot drinks onto the school site. This is in line with rules for staff who are also not permitted to have hot drinks when they are amongst the children

Best wishes

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## Dates

### October

5th Year 4 Maths Family Learning 9:15  
6th Year 1 Maths Family Learning 9:15  
7th Year 5 Maths Family Learning 9:15  
8th Year 6 and reception Mass (church)  
12th Year 1 and Year 6 parent conferences  
13th Year 2 assembly 9:30  
14th Year 3 and Year 5 parent conferences  
19th Year 2 and Year 4 parent conferences  
20th Reception Family Learning 9:15 – parents invited  
22nd Break up for half term

### November

1st INSET day (school closed)  
2nd Term starts