

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



3/11/2023

Dear Parents

We have been very touched by all the lovely comments we have received since our OFSTED report was published. We are delighted with the outcome and were pleased and relieved that we were able to showcase the many aspects of our school during the two day inspection. Our inspectors took the time to look carefully at the teaching and learning, but also clearly saw the vision and ethos of the school, which we feel is lived out daily.

As always, the children were our greatest advocates and the inspectors were so impressed at how eloquently they spoke, and how proud they are of their school. In some cases, they spoke with effusive enthusiasm, such as when one of the inspectors asked a child about how we teach about democracy, and he gave her a full blown account of the origins of democracy in Ancient Greece!

Thank you also for your responses to the parent questionnaire. Whilst we didn't get access to the comments that were made, some of them were read out during the feedback and we found them very moving. We feel very blessed to work in such a lovely school.

We welcomed Geoff Simmonds back to school on Monday. He came to talk to the children about our rich and diverse local community, as part of our Black History Month.



## Anti-bullying Week

This year, Anti-bullying Week will take place from Monday 13th November. The theme is 'Make a Noise' and it is aimed at encouraging children to speak out if they, or anyone else, is being bullied. We will be doing some activities during the week to help the children to better understand what bullying is, and to know the importance of speaking out if anything is making them feel uncomfortable.

In order to mark Anti bullying Week, we are inviting the children to wear **odd socks to school on**



**Monday 13th November.** This is an opportunity to highlight that we are all unique and different, and that that should be celebrated.

Congratulations to St Anne's House (Blue), who won the house points last term. The children in St Anne's House may wear home clothes to school next Friday, 10th November.

Fruity Club has also received a visit from OFSTED this term, and their report has also just been published. You can find a copy on our website.

This half term, we shall be focussing on the value of **'respect'**



Best wishes

H. Elwes

Hattie Elwes

Headteacher

## E-safety Dates (all sessions are 9:00 – 10:00 am)

**November 8th** Online safety (Rec, Year 1 and 2)

**November 15th** Online safety (Year 3 and 4)

**November 22nd** Online safety (Year 5 and 6)

**November 29th** Using technology to support learning across the curriculum

**December 6th** Accessing Digital Support and resources for children with SEND

## Home time

It can be very busy in the playground at the end of the day, with all the children and parents moving around. It is really important that the teachers know where the children in their class are, and who has collected them. We have noticed that some parents are taking their children from the line, as the teachers leave the building to walk onto the playground, and we ask you to please not do this.

Please wait for your child to get to the place they are dismissed from, and then collect them, so that the teacher is clear about where their children are, and who has collected them. Thank you for your support with this.

## Dates

### November

8th Open day for prospective parents 1:45

E-safety workshop 9:00

10th Year 4 assembly 9:30

13th Wear odd socks to school

15th Reception parent conferences

E-safety workshop 9:00

17th PTA Christmas Market 8:30

20th Individual and sibling photos

22nd E-safety workshop 9:00

24th Senior Citizens' Christmas Party 4:00 – 6:00

30th Last day of clubs

### December

4th Advent Mass in the church 10:00 (all parents welcome)