

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

19/11/2021

Dear Parents

During a meeting between some of our governors, and the school's link inspector this week, we discussed the school's equality objectives and we shared that our main aim focusses on this statement from a document produced by the diocese (The Education Commission's Statement of Commitment on Racism).

'We aim to promote inclusion and a culture of respect. We believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and we uphold fairness and justice for all people'.

We continue to work on educating the children about equality and diversity, both through our curriculum, and through discussions with them that relate to their own experiences. During both the Year 3 and 4 class assemblies this term, there has been a focus on the roles of particular people in the past whose impact was not recognised due to their race or gender. Year 3 taught us about the female palaeontologist, Mary Anning, and the Crimean War nurse Mary Seacole. Year 4 talked to us about Walter Tull who was the first black officer to lead white soldiers into battle, and Edith Cavell who was a British nurse who supported soldiers without discrimination in the first World War. We are continuing to look at how we can improve our approach to diversity through our curriculum and this remains one of our school priorities this year.



During a recent pupil survey, we rather liked this comment from a child who was asked whether the school encouraged them to respect people from different backgrounds, and treat people equally:

'The school is doing perfectly fine with that sort of stuff'.

Christmas productions

We would like to welcome parents to come and watch the children in their Christmas productions. In order to try and keep numbers down, we will be limiting the number of guests (adults or children) to **two per child or family**.

7th December at 2:15pm: Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production

9th December at 2:15pm: Reception Nativity

15th December at 2:00pm: Key Stage 2 Pantomime – Year 3 and 4 parents only

15th December at 7:00pm: Key Stage 2 Pantomime – Year 5 and 6 parents only

If you have children in more than one KS2 class, please only attend the performance once. If you have more than one child in a performance, we are limiting to 2 guests per family.

These arrangements are of course dependent on our COVID status at the time, and we may have to make changes if the number of cases rise again. The productions will not be filmed, unless we reach a stage where we can't have visitors on site and have to stop parents attending.

The children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper, or a Christmas accessory, to school on Friday 10th December. We will be asking for a donation to charity on this day and will send out further details nearer the time.



Year 6 have done some wonderful artwork based on COP26. They have made cardboard sculptures showing the impact of global warming and what is being done to reverse these effects.



Dates

November

25th Y3 concert at Fairfield Halls

29th Advent Mass (church) 10:00

Parents invited

December

7th Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance
2:15pm

9th Reception nativity 2:15pm

10th Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas activities

14th Christmas lunch

15th KS2 Pantomime 2pm and 7pm

16th Christmas parties

Best wishes

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