

Newsletter



St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

30/9/2022

Dear Parents

This morning, I took our Pupil Chaplains up to St. George's Cathedral, Southwark for the Beginning of the Year Mass. It was a lovely occasion, with representation from the majority of both primary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Mass was celebrated by The Most Rev. John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, who spoke to the children about the importance of using the words from the bible to help us to live our lives in the way Jesus wants us to.



I will be returning to the Cathedral in a few weeks time, with the Pupil Chaplains, to spend a day learning about how to develop chaplaincy within our school.

As previously mentioned, teachers and TAs have been reviewing our Behaviour Policy in order to make sure that we are able to consistently manage the behaviour of a minority of children who misbehave, alongside reinforcing the good behaviour of children who behave well. Next week, we will be launching our new policy to the children and staff during assembly, and we will also be communicating with parents, so that all stakeholders are familiar with the policy. As always, we rely on parents supporting us, and working with us, when their child demonstrates inappropriate behaviour, so that improvements can be made. Communication and team work is key in maintaining high standards of behaviour.

Are you able to help?

We would like to be able to design a professional looking poster/graphic that shows our new school values, alongside our logo, and wondered if anyone has the skills to do this for us? Please get in touch if you think you can help.

PTA Family Social: 5 – 7pm on 8th October

We are delighted to be able to hold our PTA Family Social this year, having had to cancel it for the last couple of years. This is a chance for families to get together and enjoy a fun evening together, as well as raise money for the school.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult (this includes Year 7 and Year 8 siblings). This event is not supervised by school staff and therefore, please be reminded that supervision of the children is the parent's responsibility. In order for all families to have fun, it is important that parents keep an eye on their children to make sure they're safe, and behaving appropriately.

PTA and parental support

During the PTA meeting this week, parents spoke about the best ways of recruiting more parents to help to run the PTA, and help out at events. It was felt that often, people didn't volunteer, as they weren't quite sure what they were volunteering for, or the time commitment. As a result, the PTA has started to think of ways to communicate the different roles, in order to get a better representation of parents. This will start with a coffee morning for Reception and Year 1 parents on Monday 10th September. The **PTA AGM is on 12th October at 7pm**, in the school hall. This is a chance for all parents to have a voice in the running of the PTA, and for parents who have been nominated, to be elected into the elected posts.

This term, we are again competing in the netball league matches against local schools, that are taking place at Chestnut Grove. We have also introduced a girls football club, and we will be taking a group of girls to compete in a girls football festival next week. We will also be taking part in the Wandsworth Cross Country fixture for Year 5 and 6 next week. It's great to be able to take part in these events again, post COVID.



Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

Dates

October

5th Year 4 Family Learning 9:00
6th Year 1 Family Learning 9:00
7th Year 5 Family Learning 9:00
8th Family Social 5:00 – 7:00pm
10th Reception and Year 1 coffee morning
11th Year 1 and 6 parent teacher meetings
12th PTA AGM 7:00pm
13th Year 3 and 4 parent teacher meetings
14th Year 2 assembly
17th School photos
18th Year 2 and 5 Parent teacher meetings
19th Reception family learning (phonics)
21st Year 3 assembly
Break up for half term

31st INSET

November

1st Term



'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.' 2 Corinthians 5-17