

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



1/12/2022

Dear Parents

It was lovely to celebrate the beginning of Advent with our school Mass on Monday. Fr Louie spoke to the children about the significance of Advent, and the wreath, and each class presented their own wreath as part of the offertory procession. The children sang beautifully, despite the fact that Mrs Simmonds was unfortunately absent, and there was a festive feeling in the air! It was particularly lovely to hear Year 3 sing one of the songs they will be singing at the Winter Sounds concert at Fairfield Halls next week.



Some parents have come forward to raise concerns about some dangerous driving in Louisville Road, at the beginning and end of the day. It appears that some people are driving into Louisville Road from Balham High Road and parking. Once they have collected or dropped off their child, they are then doing a U-turn in the street, whilst children and families are trying to cross. I think this is a valid point and hope that parents will avoid doing this in order to ensure the safety of the children and families.

School dinners

Our caterers, Edwards and Ward, will be running a taster and Q and A session, for parents at 2.30 on 24th January. Parents are invited to come along and taste the school dinners. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.



We have our lovely book swap cupboard in the playground, under the break shelter. It would be great if we could get more use out of it, with families invited to swap books. It is rather empty at the moment so, if you are able to donate any good quality books, that would be appreciated.

Next Friday, 9th December, we invite the children to wear home clothes to school, which can include a Christmas Jumper or festive accessory. In exchange, we will be asking for donations (suggested donation of £1) towards the **Catholic Children's Society**, who provide support for disadvantaged children and families in crisis in London and the South East.

Best wishes

H. Elwes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher



Medication in school

This is a reminder that we are bound by strict DfE guidelines about staff administering medication in school. In most cases, we are unable to give children medication. The only exceptions are prescribed medications that need to be taken four times a day, as well as asthma inhalers and emergency medication such as epi-pens. The administration of medication is only possible if we have written consent from a parent, as well as clear details about dosage. Medication must be provided in the original containers, with the prescriber's instructions. We are happy to discuss details with you if you are unsure. More information can be found in our Medical Policy on our website.

Hot drinks are not permitted on the school premises, which includes the school playground. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates

December 2022

1st After-school clubs finish
6th Year 1 and 2 Christmas production 2:15pm
8th Reception nativity 2:15pm
9th Home clothes (Christmas Jumper) day
14th Key Stage 2 Pantomime 7:00pm (all KS2 children to attend)
16th Mass 10:00
End of term at 2:00pm

January 2023

3rd INSET (school closed)
4th Term starts
6th Whole school Mass
9th Clubs start
11th Reception family learning



'The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.' John 1:9