

# Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



3/3/2023

Dear Parents

We are very busy at the moment, organising this year's Theme Week, which is during the week of 20th March. For those of you who are new to the school, Theme Week is a long standing St Anselm's tradition. During the week, all learning centres on one theme, and we endeavour to have a creative and fun week. Children work in 'family' groups for some tasks, which include a child from each year group. There will also be a home project, as well as trips and visitors.

This year our theme is 'Tooting'. Our aim is to give the children a real understanding of their local community, its heritage and its rich diversity. Mrs Varyawa is working hard to come up with activities during the week, and more details will follow soon. If you feel you could contribute in any way, do let us know. Perhaps you grew up in Tooting and can talk to the children about how it's changed? Or maybe you know people in the community who would be able to come into school to talk about what they do. Or perhaps you have a link with a shop or business who could come and talk to the children or run some sort of activity or workshop. Do let Mrs Varyawa know if you think you can contribute.

One area that parents can definitely help us with is volunteering to accompany a class when we take the children out into the local area as part of this Theme Week. We will be contacting you soon about this, so please do volunteer, so that we can undertake all the activities that are planned.

Theme week will culminate with an assembly for all parents on the playground (weather permitting) at **2.15 on Wednesday 29th March**. There will then be a chance for parents to go into the classes to look at the work the children have produced during Theme Week, as well as the home projects.

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## Parent helpers – is this something you'd consider?

As you'll be aware, we have been taking part in lots of sporting events, and are also undertaking school trips again. All of this, however, is dependant on parents being willing to accompany us on trips. We find that we are relying on a very small bank of parents who volunteer. Whilst we understand that many of you aren't able to help, due to work or family commitments, we are appealing to those of you that may be able to help but are unsure about putting yourself forward. Do please offer if you are able as we are often put in the position of not having enough parent helpers. This then means that we have to take TAs out of other classes which inevitably impacts on the teacher and children in that class. We may also have to cancel trips if we don't have enough adults, so we are very reliant on parents coming forward.

Thank you to Miss Ogilvy for organising this year's World Book Day, and for all your support.



Year 4, 5 and 6 children will all have the opportunity to go to confession during Lent.



We are pleased to welcome Milli from Place2Be back to work, on a part-time basis. Milli will be with us on Monday afternoons, and Cath Tinker will continue to work all day on Tuesdays for the time-being.

Best wishes

H. Elwes

Hattie Elwes  
Headteacher

## Dates

### March

1st Year 1 and Year 3 parent meetings  
2nd World Book Day  
6th Year 2 and Year 5 parent meetings  
8th Reception parent meetings  
10th PTA social event for the school community  
20th – 24th Theme Week  
16th Last day of After School Clubs  
29th Theme Week assembly  
31st Whole School Mass (10:00am)  
End of term 2.00pm

Additional INSET: 6th July

Sports day: 8th June



*'At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights and afterwards was hungry' Matthew 4 1:11*