

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



27/01/17

Dear Parents

I'm sure you will be very sad to hear that Ms Diver will be leaving us at half term. Ms Diver has been teaching at St. Anselm's School since 1991 and has been responsible for the education of hundreds of present and former pupils. More recently she has taken over the role of SENCo in the school, and she has been running intervention groups. She is a huge part of the school community and she will be greatly missed by parents, staff and children. We wish her well as she takes early retirement.

We were very pleased that at least 70 parents were able to attend the e-safety talks given by Steve Carrick-Davies yesterday. Steve focussed on the responsibility that both parents and school have to educate our children about making the right choices when they are online. He emphasised that technology can't be avoided as it is part of our lives and so we need to develop the children's understanding of 'the three R's'. These are:

Risk: Helping children to think before they act. What could go wrong? What are the risks?

Reputation: Thinking about the consequences of their digital footprint and the impact it may have in the future on them, and those around them. How does it affect what people think of you?

Responsibility: Children need to take responsibility for what they do. Are they playing age appropriate games? Are they using sites or apps that are for children aged 13 and over (Snapchat, Whatsapp, Instagram etc)? Are they talking to adults about what they are doing?

Steve reiterated again the importance of parents overseeing their children's use of technology and taking the time to talk to them about how to keep safe. It becomes much harder when they go to secondary school so take the time now to help your child to develop good habits.

A request from Fr Phil

Fr Phil will be preaching on the Sermon on the Mount gospel at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday and he would love it if the children could come dressed as either a mountaineer or an angel. Just something simple, to help the catechesis.

Year 6 had a great time at The Ragged School this week. I'm sure it's helped them to appreciate all the benefits of being a 21st century child!



We had a very useful presentation from Anders during our recent Place2Be coffee morning. Anders was able to explain how well the children are using the service and the different levels of support that are available. He was also able to reassure parents that, when children visit Place2Talk, this takes place inside the building and not in the playground hut, and so the meetings are confidential. The hut is used for one to one counselling sessions which do not take place during playtime or lunchtime. During assemblies this week I have reminded the children how they can refer themselves to Place2Talk. I have also reminded them that they can attend on their own, or in a group, and that they do not have to discuss their conversations with their friends on the playground after their session. All children have been told that they must not ask anyone about their visit to Place2Talk, unless someone wants to talk about it. Anders also reminded us that he is available to support parents who need a listening ear. He is always on the playground on Monday and Thursday mornings, or, if you would prefer a meeting, you can contact him via the school office or by email: Anders.Granberg@PLACE2BE.ORG.UK

The Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme 2017 is now up and running. We use this scheme to update our PE equipment each year so please support us by collecting vouchers and putting them in the box in the office downstairs.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher

We are noticing that the number of children arriving late to school is increasing. I am referring particularly to the children who rush into school, just a minute or two late. Whilst this may not seem to be too big a problem, it does have an impact as the children arrive in a rush and do not have a calm start to the day. When children arrive more than five minutes late, not only does it impact on their attainment, it also disrupts the whole class as the teacher has to stop and explain what the child has missed. The bell in the morning goes a couple of minutes before 9:00am so that the children can line up and walk into school with their class. If you find that your child is running in after the lines have gone, then please make sure that you arrive five minutes earlier so that you are in good time. We shall be monitoring lateness carefully.

Spring Term Dates

31st Y4 parent meetings

February

1st Y1 class assembly
2nd Y4 meeting about Aylesford - 3.45
4th Valentine's Disco - 5:00
8th Y2 class assembly
9th Y4 trip to Morden Hall
10th Finish for half term - 3.45 cake sale

March

1st Ash Wednesday Mass
7th Y6 Tate Gallery
8th Y5 class assembly
16th Reception assembly
16th Y4 Ragged School trip
20th Theme week
24th Catholic Choir festive - pm
24th Social event
27th Music concert

