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JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Staffing

We are sorry that Dan and Amy Getty will be leaving St Anthony's in July. They are re-locating to East Sussex, we wish them every success and happiness in the future and are grateful for their hard work and dedication during their time with us.

We are pleased to welcome two new teachers to the staff. They are Laura Whooley and Shannon Kelly.

In September the organisation of classes and teachers will be as follows:

Nursery	-	Debbie Buckley
Reception Lisbon	-	Katy Laws
Reception Padua	-	Abbie Clark
Year 1 Lisbon	-	Hannah Mitchell & Helen Sparksman
Year 1 Padua	-	Ann Power
Year 2 Lisbon	-	Amy McMahan
Year 2 Padua	-	Megan Brogan
Year 3 Lisbon	-	Laura Whooley
Year 3 Padua	-	Aimie Peacock
Year 4 Lisbon	-	Shannon Kelly
Year 4 Padua	-	Sarah McCabe
Year 5 Lisbon	-	Natalie Grimshaw
Year 5 Padua	-	Frances Nicholson and Frankie Fairlie
Year 6 Lisbon	-	John McGinn
Year 6 Padua	-	Martin McDermott

Cover for teachers' PPA time, continuing professional development and co-ordinators' release will be provided by Catherine Elliott, Frankie Fairlie, Rachel Smith and Eva Thomas on her return from maternity leave.

Elaine will be responsible for helping to raise standards through the school and supporting teaching and learning. She will therefore not have a class responsibility but will spend time working closely with all classes.

Jennie Martin, a member of our Senior Management Team, will continue in her role as Inclusion Co-ordinator (INCo) also without any class responsibility.

Melanie Habashi, a member of our Senior Management team, will be spending more time working with classes as KS1 coordinator to support teaching and learning. She will also be working closely with Jennie, who is reducing her hours, to raise attainment across the school by supporting and managing the work of CAs who deliver interventional strategies to individual, and groups of children.

Summer Fayre

You will have received a letter from the PFA regarding the Summer Fayre which will take place on Thursday 5th July.

One of our teachers has obtained matched funding from Barclays Bank, so we hope to raise as much money as possible. Barclays will double the first £1000.00 profit we make.

This year our Summer Fayre will involve all classes taking on the responsibility for one of the stalls. Please read your child's weekly update for further information and offer your support

Book Fair

I am very pleased to report that £459.66 was made at the book fair. This money will be used to replenish class libraries. Thank you once again for your generous support.

KS2 and Y2 Theatre visit (Years 2 to 5)

If you have not yet responded to your letter about The Little Princess performance we would be grateful to receive your donation of £2.50 per child towards the cost of this workshop and production.

Late Children

If your child arrives late for school, please ensure that you sign them in through the Inventory System in our main reception. This is important as registers will have already been completed. In the event of a fire evacuation we need to know everyone who is in school. You also need to notify the school office if a lunch is required.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please encourage your child to visit their local library this summer. Children are challenged to read six library books of their own choice during the holidays. There are additional collectable incentives and it's all free! Mischief Makers packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries from Saturday 14th July while stocks last, finishing on Saturday 9th September.

Further information on the Summer Reading Challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to the Mischief Makers website can be found at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

It is very important for children to continue the habit of reading during the holidays. I look forward to seeing many 'Mischief Makers' certificates and medals in September, for those who completed the challenge.

It is also very important for all children to continue to practise their writing during these long holidays, especially those children who are at the early stages of writing. Any opportunities you can provide for them to do this will help, for example, keeping a diary, writing postcards, thank you notes, birthday cards, shopping lists etc.

We would also recommend using the www.oxfordowl.co.uk site which offers a collection of over 150 free eBooks for children aged 3-11 years old.

Annual Questionnaire

Every year we consult the children, parents, staff and other groups of people on various aspects of school life. We use their views and ideas to inform our provision. Please find attached to this newsletter our parents' questionnaire. We would be very grateful if parents would complete this and return it to school by Friday 13th July at the latest.

Headlice

We have had two cases of nits reported to the school. Please remember to check your children's hair every week, treating ONLY when necessary.

Attendance

We are now required to inform the local authority of any pupils who are regularly absent from school, have irregular attendance or have 10 or more days unauthorised absences. If this applies to your child please be aware that this is now in operation. We have a safeguarding duty to investigate these absences. You may be contacted by the Attendance Improvement Officer if further action is required.

Current Attendance Figures

EYFS	Attendance	KS1	Attendance	KS2	Attendance
Nursery	90.76%	Year 1L	96.04%	Year 3L	97.17%
Rec Lisbon	95.69%	Year 1P	95.88%	Year 3P	97.29%
Rec Padua	95.36%	Year 2L	96.37%	Year 4L	97.71%
		Year 2P	97.33%	Year 4P	96.01%
				Year 5L	95.46%
				Year 5P	97.08%
				Year 6	97.21%

- Last year our attendance was 96.6%
- The national average was 96%
- This year we are aiming for 97%

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Lisbon

Denzel BA who achieved the ASA 5m distance award for swimming

Arty D who achieved the Level 7 British Gymnastics Proficiency Award and Stage 2 of the ASA learn to Swim Award

Year 1 Lisbon

Olympia W who achieved Stage 2 of the ASA learn to Swim award

Luca M who achieved the ASA Puffin award for swimming

Year 1 Padua

Marianna T who achieved the ASA 5m distance award for swimming. She also received a Star of the Day certificate for Street Dance

Michael DG who won the Star Performer trophy for Multi-Sports

Debbie DB who received a Star of the Day certificate for Street Dance

Year 3 Lisbon

Filip S who achieved the ASA 20m distance award for swimming

Heidi B who won the 'player's player' trophy from Garston Ladies FC

Neenumaria M who achieved the ASA 5m distance award for swimming

Esme BA who achieved the ASA 10m distance award for swimming

Jamie G who received a star of the day certificate for cheerleading

Lola V and Nicole F who each received a star of the day certificate for Street Dance

Jan K who received a football medal for good passing

Lilianna M who received a certificate for performing in a Watford School of Music concert

Year 3 Padua

Danita DB who received a football trophy
Deborah D who won two football trophies for 'top goal scorer' and participation
Michal R who won a gold medal in a Jujitsu Championship
Nicola P who achieved Stage 4 of the ASA learn to swim award
Renato H who received a certificate for mastering 100 skills in maths and literacy
Aiden N who received a FC trophy for winning a tournament
Andres SB who achieved an 'excellent' grading in his Spanish Supplementary School exam

Year 4 Lisbon

Freya R and Mia I who each won a bronze medal for synchronised swimming in the ASA East Region Championships
Mia F who won a trophy in a Thai Boxing Competition
Nico T who received a football trophy from West Herts Youth FC
Mercedes D who received a 'Race for Life' medal
Dougie F who won two football tournament medals
Seth F who won a trophy from Croxley Green FC

Year 4 Padua

Malika M who received a certificate for performing arts
Mia F who received a certificate for a great act of kindness
Elizabeth P who won two gold swimming gala medals
Cameron McG who received a medal for completing the 5K Fun Run

Year 5 Lisbon

Angel B who achieved the ASA 25m distance award for swimming
Mariella C who won a 3rd place trophy and a 4th place medal in an Irish dancing feis.
Olivia BN who received two trophies from Watford Girls FC – the Managers Award and one for participation

Year 5 Padua

Harry C who received two football trophies for participation and 'Manager's Player'
Samuel D who received a medal and trophy for 'most improved' player from Bushey and Oxhey FC

Year 6

Alannah R who received three trophies from Garston Ladies FC – player of the week, Best Attitude and the third for participation
Silvia SMB who achieved A+ in her Spanish Supplementary School Exam

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	2 nd July	Y5 Science morning at St Michael's School
Tues	3 rd July	Magistrates visit for Y6 Meeting at 9.15am for parents with children new to Nursery in Sept '18 Y5 Outdoor Athletics competition Maths Family Learning 1.30pm Y6 Inter schools spelling competition
Wed	4 th July	Year 4 classes retreat day at Aylesford Priory Meeting at 9.00am for parents with children new to Reception in Sept '18
Thurs	5 th July	Summer Fayre 3.30pm
Tues	10 th July	Theatre show 'The Little Princess' for Y2-Y5 classes Meeting at 9.00am for parents with children starting Y3 in Sept '18 Maths Family Learning 1.30pm
Wed	11 th July	Year 6 leavers evening
Thurs	12 th July	Year 6 Secondary School transition day
Thurs	19 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly.
Fri	20th July	Year ends at 2.30pm
Mon	3rd Sept	INSET day – school closed
Tues	4th Sept	New school year begins
Wed	26 th Sept	Individual and family group photographs